

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, February 2, 2009, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips  
Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote  
*(arrived at 4:52 p.m.)*  
Alderman Valerie Joh  
Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

Alderman Larry A. Munsey  
Alderman Patrick W. Shull  
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager  
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney  
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:36 p.m., by Mayor Phillips. The Mayor recognized the members of Girl Scout Troop 183 who were in attendance.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Gilbert. Absent: Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote *(arrived after roll call at 4:52 p.m.)*.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Marsh requested that Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds add the City's I & I (Inflow and Infiltration) program to the tickler to advise the Board of the progress as it nears completion.
4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009 REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

**VI.B.1 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Various Code Provisions Allowing Sidewalk Café Dining Facilities in the Downtown Business Area (AF: 29-2009).** City Attorney Billingsley provided background on this proposed ordinance to allow sidewalk dining. He explained the Beverage Board's involvement in reviewing and approving these Code amendments and he described the parameters of the "Downtown Business Area." He further described the permitting process, containment and signage requirements and confirmed that these provisions will provide a clear understanding to business owners of the City's expectations regarding outdoor seating.

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**VI.B.2 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Construction of the Rock Springs Fire Station to Trademark of VA, Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents and Consideration of an Ordinance to Appropriate the Funds to Complete the Project (AF: 28-2009).** Fire Chief Craig Dye described the location of this construction site. Alderman Marsh inquired about the \$200,000 overrun from the original bid on the project and was assured by City Manager Campbell that there are funds to cover that amount. Completion of the construction will, hopefully, be completed around the first September, close to the opening of the new John Adams Elementary School in the Rock Springs area.

**VI.B.4 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the General Project Fund Budget by Appropriating Public Improvement Bond Series 2009A, G.O. Bond Series 2009B and Local Option Sales Tax Revenue and Tax Bond series 2009C (AF: 36-2009).** Both Aldermen Shull and Marsh expressed a desire to have these three bond issues considered separately because not all issues involved were passed unanimously. City Attorney Billingsley advised that Board members could move to amend to separate this ordinance and redraft for consideration in three separate ordinances on second reading. He added this procedure would prevent reading the ordinances in their entirety because they could be "prefiled" prior to the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Mallicote pointed out that issuance of the bonds had already been approved and specified for specific purposes and Mr. Billingsley confirmed that failure to appropriate and use the funds as previously designated and approved could create an issue for the City in terms of future borrowing. He further explained that this action item is to appropriate the money for bonds already sold.

**VI.D.9 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract and All Other Documents Necessary and Proper to Effectuate the Purpose of the Contract with Lose and Associates, Inc. in Order to Develop the Programming, Schematic Design and Design Development Phase for the Kingsport Aquatic Center (AF: 24-2009).** Mr. Charlie Glass, CEO/Executive Director of the Kingsport YMCA, provided info about the YMCA facility and amenities to be included in this aquatic center. The YMCA facility will be located, physically, adjacent to the City's aquatic center to allow YMCA staff to operate the entire facility. No one came forward at Mayor Phillips' invitation to share public comment on this subject.

**VI.D.10 Consideration of Issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Kelley's Package Store to Sell Alcoholic Beverages (AF: 32-2009).** Mayor Phillips reported that he owns the property from which this business will operate and he will recuse himself from the discussion and vote on this item.

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**5. UPDATE OF IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN TRASH (YARDWASTE) COLLECTION.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds passed around a handheld PDA to allow Board members to see, firsthand, the device being used to improve trash collection.

Mr. McReynolds described a proposed trash collection schedule that would improve the efficiency of and guarantee trash pickup within one week and one day of each pickup. He went over a "route-based" Trash Schedule which he anticipates will result in fuel savings by reduction of fuel usage. He said there were potential hindrances such as small piles put out every week and he mentioned encouraging the public to compost rather than calling for or waiting for pick up by the City. Public Works has tested this composting system and found it will reduce the impact of trash pickup significantly.

Mr. McReynolds emphasized the need to spread the word, if the Board approves making these schedule changes, through newspaper coverage, Channel 16, Code Red Call out System and the information would be available on the City's new website.

On a different Public Works subject, Mayor Phillips has learned of a machine, at an expense of around \$180,000 that repairs potholes. He highly recommended the City consider purchase of this equipment before the next fall frost. Streets and Sanitation Manager Ronnie Hammonds said he tested the equipment and was pleased with the result. Mayor Phillips suggested renting it out to other nearby cities to assist with recouping the purchase cost.

**6. FUEL MANAGEMENT UPDATE.** Fleet Manager Steve Hightower went over a handout of information to update the Board on fuel expenditures, which currently are about 25.9% (approximately \$400,000) under budget due to lower fuel costs than expected.

Board discussion followed about the fiscal practicality of purchasing hybrid vehicles and whether operating "green" is beneficial, both environmentally and economically.

**BOARD COMMENT.** Alderman Marsh requested that the City Manager provide Board members with a profit and loss update on the MeadowView Conference Center in the near future.

**7. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

  
ELIZABETH A. GILBERT  
Deputy City Recorder



  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor