

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, July 20, 2009, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

Alderman Larry A. Munsey

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

Lisa Winkle, Comptroller/Deputy City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:34 p.m., by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Gilbert. Absent: Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Board members asked about the status of the Netherland Inn Road Bridge and further improvements.
4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON JULY 21, 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 to Waive Receipt of a Portion of School Bond Proceeds Issued by Hawkins County in Consideration of Agreement to Receive an Equal Amount for City School Capital Projects (AF: 248-2009). City Attorney Billingsley explained the necessity for this ordinance to allow the schools to receive these bond funds legally. Mr. C. L. Overman of Knoxville's Morgan Keegan office spoke to the legality of this action and assured Board members that these Build America Bonds (BABs) are as safe and workable as any others.

VI.B.2 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Debt Service Fund, Regional Sales Tax Fund and MeadowView Fund (AF: 214-2009). Alderman Marsh requested, in the future, to have separate agenda items when dealing with different funds rather than considering all in one action.

At this time, Mayor Phillips asked if anyone in the audience was here to speak on any of the agenda's annexation actions and no response was received.

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VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution Amending a 2008-2009 Agreement with the Kingsport Chamber Foundation by Extending the Term of the KOSBE Agreement to September 1, 2009 (AF: 256-2009). Alderman Marsh asked why an extension is necessary on the annual agreement and City Manager Campbell responded that certain expectations have not yet been adequately defined. Mr. Campbell said the amount of funding is not being changed and the revised agreement for fiscal year 2010 will be ready for consideration no later than the second business meeting in August.

VI.D.10 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Greater Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for the Kingsport Convention and Visitors Bureau (KCVB) Program (AF: 258-2009). City Manager Campbell passed out an appendix to the KCVB agreement for Board members' review and reference.

Alderman Marsh asked Ms. Collette George of the KCVB Executive Committee if the committee had reviewed and discussed this agreement with the appendix. Ms. George indicated that KCVB Executive Director, Judd Teague, had received and reviewed the appendix today and related that the KCVB has no issues in providing the City with qualifications requested on the public funding received. She added that, while she and Mr. Teague feel very comfortable with the scope and reporting expectations included, those terms will be confirmed with the rest of the committee who had not yet had an opportunity to review and discuss.

Both Aldermen Munsey and Marsh would like to allow time for the affected groups to consider these additional expectations and express their views on the best solution, prior to the Board vote. Alderman Marsh also asked about the function and necessity of the new KCVB Oversight Committee being appointed under Agenda Item VI.E.1.

Mayor Phillips said representatives from both groups will be invited to attend tomorrow night's business meeting and he further explained that the proposed KCVB Oversight Committee is intended to be available should there be a need for any dispute resolution between executives of KCVB and the Chamber.

5. LIBRARY HOURS ADJUSTMENT. Ms. Helen Whittaker, Public Library Manager, gave the parameters of the library now staying open on Sundays, which will require closing earlier on Thursday evenings, documented as a slower time. The end impact is that the library will be open a total of 62 hours instead of the current 61 hours so this scheduling adjustment can be done at no additional cost to the City.

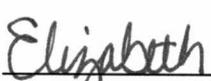
6. FUEL REPORT UPDATE. Fleet Manager Steve Hightower went over a PowerPoint presentation, a hard copy of which was provided to Board members. The report reflected a favorable fuel conservation report as a result of measures implemented and followed in the past fiscal year. Mr. Hightower's report included figures on fuel consumption over the past 12 months, reflecting fuel reduction of 1,168 gallons, taking into consideration annexation impacts and additional service increases.

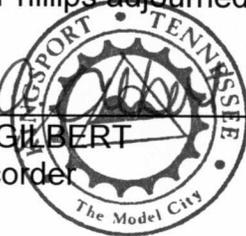
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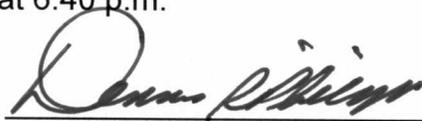
PRESENTATION ON BACKYARD COMPOSTING. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds provided a pamphlet on composting, using an 80-gallon container called *The Earth Machine*. Mr. McReynolds described the process to composting with which he has been experimenting over a period of time, recycling his family's food scraps and other trash materials such as grass and leaves. He explained the savings to the City by reducing solid waste and preventing the need to pick up small trash piles at every third house in the City. He sees this as a great public relations' initiative by involving the public to solve a public issue and described cost savings up to \$18,640 in a two-year period for 1,000 participants by diverting half a million pounds from the landfill.

He recommended the City move from a pilot program to implementation and asked for authorization to order 400 units at \$30 per unit. After further Board discussion on the charge per unit to the public, it was decided that the City will charge its cost of \$30 per unit.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.


ELIZABETH A. GILBERT
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor