

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, May 4, 2020, 4:30 PM  
Large Court Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding  
Vice-Mayor Colette George (via zoom call)  
Alderman Jennifer Adler (via zoom call)  
Alderman Betsy Cooper (via zoom call)  
Alderman Darrell Duncan (via zoom call)  
Alderman Tommy Olterman  
Alderman James Phillips (via zoom call)

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager  
J Michael Billingsley, City Attorney  
Sid Cox, City Recorder/Chief Financial Officer  
Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder  
Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager (via zoom call)  
Scott Boyd, Fire Chief (via zoom call)  
David Quillin, Police Chief (via zoom call)  
John Morris, Budget Officer (via zoom call)


1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Cox.
3. A determination by the board that meeting electronically and prohibiting the physical presence of the public at the meeting is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of all concerned in light of the COVID-19 virus.  
**Mayor Shull made this declaration and each alderman verbally affirmed.**
4. **ELECTION REVIEW.** Jason Booher, Sullivan County Election Commission, joined the meeting electronically via zoom and answered questions from the board regarding the possibility of changing the stand alone city election date from May of odd number years to August or November of even number years to save money and combine with other elections. He discussed the pros and cons of August versus November, but pointed out the many benefits of changing to either one of those would save money and resources for the Election Commission office. He also reminded the board if they did not like the change they could move it back to May. Discussion followed. Mayor Shull stated he would not like the board to make a decision on this until the public could be present. Mr. Booher confirmed they would like a decision by October if possible.
5. **FY20 BUDGET REVIEW.** City Manager McCartt provided details on this item, thanking the staff who helped keep a conservative slant on the budget to keep it balanced during this difficult time.


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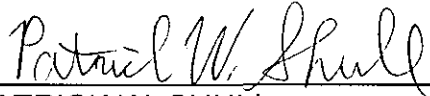
**6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MAY 5, 2020 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt gave a summary for each item on the proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

Alderman Phillips commented on the passing of R.D. Hubbard, noting his major influence on Kingsport. Alderman Duncan thanked the staff for their work on the budget and Alderman Adler noted she was looking forward to the budget work sessions next week. Vice-Mayor George stated she missed meeting in person and looked forward to moving back to a more normal schedule. Mayor Shull pointed out the electronic meetings allowance from the governor expires May 18 unless it changes.

**7. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Manager



  
PATRICK W. SHULL  
Mayor