

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, December 14, 2020, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding

Vice-Mayor Colette George

Alderman Jennifer Adler (via zoom)

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager

Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

David Quillin, Chief of Police (via zoom)

Scott Boyd, Fire Chief

John Morris, Budget Officer

Ken Weems, Planning Manager

George DeCroes, Human Resources Manager (via zoom)

John Burkholder, Risk Manager

John Rose, Economic Development Director

Jessica Harmon, Assistant to City Manager

Hannah Purdy, Public Information & Communications

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
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. **KEDB/NETWORKS UPDATE.** Craig Denison, KEDB and Clay Walker, NETWORKS, presented an update on their respective organizations.
5. **DISPOSAL OF MIDLAND & IMPROVEMENT BUILDING SITES.** John Rose, the city's new Economic Development Director discussed this item and answered questions.
6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt gave a summary for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

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**VI.A.2 Amend Zoning of a Portion of the Brickyard Area from M-2 (General Manufacturing District) to PD (Planned Development District) (AF: 306-2020).** Planning Manager Ken Weems presented this item, pointing out this would help the greenspace and residential portions of this property.

**VII.1 Cancel the Board of Mayor and Alderman January 4, 2021, Work Session and the January 5, 2021, Business Meeting and Set a Work Session on January 19, 2021, for the Board of Mayor and Alderman (AF: 317-2020).** City Manager McCartt noted the strategic planning session on the 19<sup>th</sup> would be in the Tennessee Room at Kingsport City Schools Central Office location.

**VII.2 Consideration of the 2021 Joint Tri-Cities Legislative Policy (AF: 322-202).** Mr. McCartt stated it was Kingsport's turn to draft the policy and commended City Attorney Billingsley for his efforts. He further stated Bristol has already approved it and Johnson City would be voting on it later this week.


Ms. Cheryl Robinette asked the board to consider an ordinance against parking vehicles in yards. There was some discussion and she was encouraged to contact the Neighborhood Commission on this matter.

Mayor Shull commented on a recent editorial in the paper, providing details on a regional meeting regarding economic development. There was considerable discussion.

**7. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
PATRICK W. SHULL  
Mayor