Minutes of the <u>Regular Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, April 5, 2021, 4:30 PM City Hall, Boardroom, 415 Broad Street

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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

<u>City Administration</u> Chris McCartt, City Manager Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager Michael Borders, Assistant City Manager J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney Lisa Winkle, Treasurer/Interim City Recorder Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder Scott Boyd, Fire Chief George DeCroes, Human Resources Manager John Morris, Budget Officer Ken Weems, Planning Manager Jessica Harmon, Assistant to City Manager John Rose, Economic Development Director Chad Austin, Water Services Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull. The mayor recognized the candidates in the upcoming election who were present.

2. ROLL CALL: Interim City Recorder Winkle.

3. A determination by the board that meeting electronically and limiting 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. **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION UPDATE.** Jamie Jackson provided information on this item and answered questions.

5. AEROSPACE PARK UPDATE. Gene Cossey gave a presentation on this item and how this property is moving forward. The city manager commented on the importance of diversifying the economic base of the city, noting the great opportunity this project represents for workforce development as part of the land is in the city limits.

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6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 6, 2021 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.

VI.A.1 Annex and Adopt a Plan of Service for the Flagship Drive Annexation and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Zoning (AF: 111-2021). City Planner Elizabeth Rowe presented this item, pointing out it was at the request of the property owner and water and sewer already present. She stated there would be minimal cost to the city and the ultimate goal is to have the entire road in the city. She confirmed for Vice-Mayor George that nearby property owners were agreeable.

VI.B.1 Amend City Code, Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-440, Higher Education Advisory Board (AF: 09-2021). Mr. McCartt pointed out this change would remove the city manager as a voting member but he would still serve in an advisory capacity.

VI.D.13 Amend Agreement with Cartegraph Systems, LLC (AF: 105-2021). Deputy City Manager McReynolds gave a presentation on this item and the benefits this new service would provide. He gave details on the newly established branded app "Connect Kingsport" and how citizens would utilize it to contact the appropriate department with their concerns. Some discussion followed.

The city manager commented on the difficulty of building during a pandemic and the hard work that took place to be able to meet in the new city hall today. He recognized key staff and thanked them for their efforts.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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