

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, April 4, 2022, 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 Betsy Cooper  
Alderman Darrell Duncan  
Alderman Paul W. Montgomery  
Alderman Tommy Olterman  
Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager  
Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager  
Michael Borders, Assistant City Manager  
Bart Rowlett, Assistant City Attorney  
Michael Thompson, Public Works Director  
Lisa Winkle, City Recorder/Treasurer  
Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder  
Scott Boyd, Fire Chief  
Dale Phipps, Police Chief  
John Morris, Budget Officer  
Ken Weems, Planning Manager  
John Burkholder, Risk Manager  
Tyra Copas, Human Resources Manager  
Jessica Harmon, Assistant to City Manager  
Adrienne Batara, Public Relations Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
3. **LIBRARY PRESENTATION.** Chris Markley, Library Manager, gave a presentation on this item, noting this is National Library Week. She provided a brief history on their space and gave details on why renovations need to be made at the facility. She noted there are many constraints to programs provided as the services continue to change. There are also several concerns regarding ADA compliance. Some discussion followed as Chris answered questions from the board.
4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 5, 2022 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.1 Amend the Zoning Code by Removing Color Type Restrictions from the Decorative Lighting Ordinance, Section 114-537 (AF: 83-2022).** Planning Manager Ken Weems explained the premise behind this code amendment, noting there has been a lot of support and no opposition.

**VI.A.2 Consideration of the Draft Annual Action Plan for the Housing and Community Development Program and Conduct a Public Hearing to Afford Interested Citizens the Opportunity to Offer Input Concerning the Annual Action Plan (AF: 92-2022).** City Planner Jessica McMurray presented this item and explained the details of the application and funding process for the action plan as well as the structure for the city's allocations. Discussion ensued.

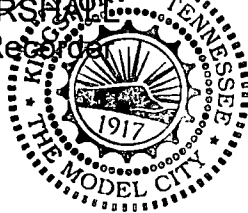
**VI.B.1 Amend the FY22 General Purpose School Fund and the General Project Fund Budgets (AF: 93-2022).** Vice-Mayor George commented on the costs that were not available at the recent joint work session. Alderman Phillips agreed pointing out he didn't feel like the BMA and the BOE were on the same page regarding facilities and needs. There was considerable discussion.

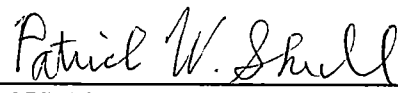
**VI.D.8 Bid Award for Purchase of Water & Wastewater Chemicals (AF: 79-2022).** City Manager McCartt commented there was over 150% increase to the costs of many of these items due to inflation.

Alderman Phillips commented we will be dealing with a lot of money for projects, schools and employee pay in the near future. He suggested more in depth discussion on each item before it actually comes before the board as they can affect other aspects of the city. Vice-Mayor George commented on the upcoming budget. Mayor Shull commented on the mayor's term being two years where the alderman are four and asked the board to consider changing the mayor's term to four years as well, stating it currently puts the mayor at a disadvantage. Vice-Mayor George mentioned the reasons behind the two year term, noting it is prevalent throughout the state and wanted to see what more cities do. Alderman Cooper pointed out it puts the aldermen on an uneven playing field.

**5. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
PATRICK W. SHULL  
Mayor