

Minutes of the Budget Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Thursday, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM
Boardroom – City Hall – 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 Montgomery
Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager
Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager
Michael Borders, Assistant City Manager
Jessica Harmon, Assistant City Manger
J Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Bart Rowlett, Assistant City Attorney
Lisa Winkle, City Recorder/Treasurer
Scott Boyd, Fire Chief
Dale Phipps, Police Chief
Tyra Copas, Human Resources Director
John Rose, Economic Development Director
John Morris, Budget Director
Adrienne Batara, Public Relations Director
Michael Thompson, Public Works Director
Angie Marshall, Municipal Clerk/Deputy City Recorder


1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder/Treasurer Winkle.
3. **FY23 BUDGET REVIEW.** School Superintendent Jeff Moorhouse and Finance Director David Frye presented the general fund budget for the school system. Dr. Moorhouse pointed out the 3% pay increase for employees was dependent upon the city assuming the school resource officer position pay. Mr. Frye also talked about the school nutrition budget, pointing out it was self-supporting. He did mention the universal feeding program providing free lunch to all students would not be available next year. Discussion ensued regarding the Community Eligibility Program. Dr. Moorhouse noted the Board of Education approved this budget at their meeting earlier this week.


NOTE: At this time the board took a five minute recess.

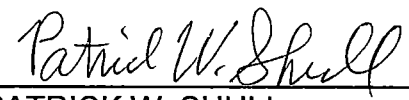
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City Manager McCartt presented additional information to answer some questions that arose after the discussion from the work session on Monday. He defined the gaps in the budget and why the city is in this position, highlighting key revenues and expenditures. Mr. McCartt then discussed revenue projections and the expected growth in regards to economic development, noting this is difficult to predict as there are many factors that contribute. He presented anticipated growth based on a 12 cent, 15 cent and 19 cent property tax increase through fiscal year 2025 as well as what those increases would potentially fund. The city manager stated he would like to have a general direction from the board on which path to move forward with so that the budget can be advertised in time for a first reading in June. After considerable discussion, the board was in agreement with the 12 cent property tax increase. The mayor commented this hasn't been his favorite meeting but appreciated the board's input and attention to this budget. Mr. McCartt pointed out this would be very impactful to the employees. The mayor thanked staff and expressed his appreciation.

4. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.




ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor