

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 PM
City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Boardroom

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding	
Vice Mayor Colette George	Alderman Paul Montgomery
Alderman Betsy Cooper	Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman Darrell Duncan	Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager
Bart Rowlett, City Attorney
Lisa Winkle, Treasurer/City Recorder
Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.

II.A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Ken Weems.

II.B. INVOCATION: Pastor Rick Meade, Lynn Garden Baptist Church.

III.A. ROLL CALL: By City Recorder Winkle. All Present.

IV.A. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation – Alderman Cooper (Kayla Sharp)
2. Pal's Employee Recognition – Alderman Phillips (Ralph Gilliam and Pat Gilliam)
3. Keep Kingsport Beautiful Beautification Awards – Sharon Hayes

IV.B. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS.

1. **Appointment to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission** (AF: 269-2022) (Mayor Shull).

Motion/Second: Montgomery/George, to approve:

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JERRY WOODS TO FULFILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM FOR SHANNON MORELOCK ON THE **NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION** EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Passed: All present voting "aye."

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: Phillips/Olterman, to approve minutes for the following meetings:

- A. August 22, 2022 Regular Work Session
- B. August 23, 2022 Regular Business Meeting

Approved: All present voting "aye."

VI. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

1. **Amend Zoning of Tax Map 022, Parcel 036.10 and a Portion of Parcel 036.06 Located Along University Boulevard from R-3, Low Density Apartment District and B-3, Highway Oriented Business District to R-4, Medium Density Apartment District (AF: 270-2022) (Ken Weems).**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM VI.A.1. None.

Motion/Second: Duncan/Olterman, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD FROM THE R-3 AND B-3 DISTRICTS TO THE R-4, MEDIUM DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT IN THE 1ST CIVIL DISTRICT OF HAWKINS COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

PUBLIC COMMENT. Mayor Shull invited citizens in attendance to speak about any of the remaining agenda items. There being no one coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public comment segment.

B. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FIRST READING.

1. **Budget Adjustment for the Sewer Fund in FY23 (AF: 242-2022) (Chris McCartt).**

Motion/Second: Olterman/George, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND, TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

2. **Amend the FY23 General Purpose School Fund and the General Project Fund Budgets (AF: 288-2022) (David Frye).**

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Motion/Second: Montgomery/Cooper, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND AND GENERAL PROJECT FUND BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting “aye.”

C. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION.

1. Amend Zoning along Browder Road from County B-3, General Commercial District to R-3, Low Density Apartment District (AF: 237-2022) (Ken Weems).

Motion/Second: George/Duncan, to pass:

ORDINANCE NO. 7037, AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG BROWDER ROAD FROM COUNTY B-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO R-3, LOW DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT IN THE 7TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Cooper, Duncan, George, Montgomery, Olterman, Phillips and Shull voting “aye.”

2. Budget Adjustment for Various Funds in FY23 (AF: 241-2022) (Chris McCartt).

Motion/Second: Duncan/Olterman, to pass:

ORDINANCE NO. 7038, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS FUND BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND, TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Cooper, Duncan, George, Montgomery, Olterman, Phillips and Shull voting “aye.”

3. Amend the FY23 General Purpose School Fund Budget (AF: 248-2022) (David Frye)

Motion/Second: Phillips/George, to pass:

ORDINANCE NO. 7039, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Cooper, Duncan, George, Montgomery, Olterman, Phillips and Shull voting “aye.”

4. Amend the FY23 School Special Projects Fund Budget (AF: 249-2022) (David Frye)

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Motion/Second: Montgomery/Cooper, to pass:

ORDINANCE NO. 7040, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2023 SCHOOL SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET; AND, TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Cooper, Duncan, George, Montgomery, Olterman, Phillips and Shull voting “aye.”

5. Amend Sections 155 and 157 of Article IV, Chapter 66 of the Kingsport Code of Ordinances Regarding the Composition of the Bays Mountain Park Commission (AF: 254-2022) (Michael Borders)

Motion/Second: Phillips/Montgomery, to pass:

ORDINANCE NO. 7041, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 155 AND 157 OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE, RELATING TO THE BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK COMMISSION; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Cooper, Duncan, Montgomery, Olterman, Phillips and Shull voting “aye” and George “abstaining.”

D. OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Authorize Purchase of Two (2) 2022 Autocar ASL Refuse Trucks Utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (AF: 275-2022) (Ryan McReynolds/Steve Leonard).

Motion/Second: George/Montgomery, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-045, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT UTILIZING SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT NO. 091219-NWY FOR TWO REFUSE TRUCKS FOR THE KINGSPORT SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

2. Authorize Purchase of One (1) 2022 New Holland Boom Mower Utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (AF: 276-2022) (Ryan McReynolds/Steve Leonard).

Motion/Second: Montgomery/Duncan, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-046, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CHATTANOOGA TRACTOR UTILIZING SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT NO. 110719-CNH FOR ONE BOOM MOWER FOR USE BY THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

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3. Authorize the Purchase of One (1) CAT 308 Mini Excavator from the Tennessee State Contract (AF: 277-2022) (Ryan McReynolds/Steve Leonard).

Motion/Second: Phillips/George, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-047, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO STOWERS MACHINERY CORPORATION UTILIZING TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT #72872 FOR ONE CAT 308 MINI EXCAVATOR FOR USE BY THE STREETS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

4. Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport for the Use of Available Space for Kingsport City Schools (AF: 280-2022) (David Frye).

Motion/Second: Duncan/Cooper, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-048, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE USE OF SPACE AT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER KINGSPORT’S FACILITY BY KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

5. Amend Agreement with Energy Systems Group to Change the Scope of Work to Include Kingsport North Gym (AF: 279-2022) (David Frye).

Motion/Second: George/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-049, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH ENERGY SYSTEMS GROUP, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

6. Amend Agreement with Cain Rash West Architects to Include the Former Sullivan North High School Gym (AF: 287-2022) (David Frye).

Motion/Second: Montgomery/George, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-050, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CAIN RASH WEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE FORMER SULLIVAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

7. Accept Monetary Donation for Kingsport City Schools (AF: 227-2022) (David Frye).

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Motion/Second: Duncan/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-051, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MONETARY DONATION FOR FLOORING AT THE FORMER SULLIVAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

8. Authorize Reimbursement of Materials Agreement Funds to Hickory Ridge, LLC, Related to the Frylee Court Development (AF: 272-2022) (Ryan McReynolds).

Motion/Second: Duncan/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-052, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MATERIALS AGREEMENT FUNDS TO HICKORY RIDGE, LLC FOR THE FRYLEE COURT DEVELOPMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

9. Authorize Reimbursement of Materials Agreement Funds to HPV, LLC, Related to the Caymus Yards Development (AF: 273-2022) (Ryan McReynolds).

Motion/Second: George/Montgomery, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-053, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MATERIALS AGREEMENT FUNDS TO HPV FOR THE CAYMUS YARDS DEVELOPMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

10. Approve Tennessee Department of Transportation Matching Funding for Grant Contract FTA031-01 for the KATS Transit Garage Construction (AF: 253-2022) (Candace Sherer).

Motion/Second: George/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-054, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT NUMBER GG-22-73094- FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE SECTION 5307 CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT CONTRACT NO. FTA 031-01 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSIT GARAGE AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

11. Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Contract Between the City of Kingsport and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) (AF: 261-2022) (Ryan McReynolds).

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Motion/Second: Duncan/George, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-055, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT IN LIEU OF PERFORMANCE BOND WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR THE LANDFILL; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT OR THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

12. Authorize the Kingsport Economic Development Board on Behalf of the City of Kingsport to Enter into the Bidding Process for the Purchase of the Former Colonial Heights Middle School Property (AF: 58-2022) (David Frye/Chris McCartt).

Motion/Second: Montgomery/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-056, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

13. Enter the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System Hybrid Plan with Cost Controls as of January 1, 2023 (AF: 262-2022) (Tyra Copas).

Motion/Second: George/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-057, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 8, CHAPTERS 34 – 37.

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

Motion/Second: George/Olterman, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-058, A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, TITLE 8, CHAPTERS 34 – 37.

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

14. Implement the Bridge Benefit with the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System Hybrid Plan with Cost Controls as of January 1, 2023 (AF: 263-2022) (Tyra Copas).

Motion/Second: Duncan/Montgomery, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-059, A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE

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ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-211, AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-201(A)(2).

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

15. Adopt an Agreement for a 401K and 457 Plan Effective January 1, 2023 (AF: 264-2022) (Tyra Copas).

Motion/Second: Phillips/Montgomery, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-060, ADOPT AN AGREEMENT FOR A 401K PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

Motion/Second: Montgomery/Duncan, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-061, ADOPT AN AGREEMENT FOR A 457 PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

16. Approve the Purchase of Property Located at 124 Cherokee Street (AF: 274-2022) (Michael Borders).

Motion/Second: George/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-062, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 124 CHEROKEE STREET; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

17. Enter into Lease Agreement with H.O.P.E. Inc. (AF: 286-2022) (Michael Borders).

Motion/Second: George/Phillips, to pass:

Resolution No. 2023-063, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH H.O.P.E., INC. FOR THE USE OF SPACE AT THE V.O. DOBBINS SR. COMPLEX AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye” except Duncan and Montgomery “abstaining.”

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VII. CONSENT AGENDA. *(These items are considered under one motion.)*

Motion/Second: George/Cooper, to adopt:

1. Approve Stormwater Annual Compliance Report for TDEC (AF: 281-2022) (Ryan McReynolds).

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-064, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A STORMWATER ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT REQUIRED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

2. Authorize Assignment of All Employee Benefit Policies Under One Broker of Record (AF: 283-2022) (Tyra Copas).

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-065, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF ALL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POLICIES UNDER ONE BROKER OF RECORD, MARK III, AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

3. Authorize the Addition of Voluntary Benefits to the City’s Benefits Portfolio (AF: 266-2022) (Tyra Copas).

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-066, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRUSTMARK FOR EMPLOYEE PAID ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT OR THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-067, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STANDARD FOR EMPLOYEE PAID CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT OR THIS RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

4. Authorize Vacation Roll Over Exception for Calendar Year 2022 (AF: 267-2022) (Tyra Copas).

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Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-068, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-023,
VACATION LEAVE POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

5. Amend Personnel Policies (AF: 271-2022) (Tyra Copas).

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-069, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-176,
AN EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-070, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-033,
EMPLOYMENT POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-71, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-082,
PERSONAL LEAVE WITHOUT PAY POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

**6. Authorize Application for Voluntary Vision Benefits through
Davis Vision (AF: 284-2022) (Tyra Copas).**

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-72, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION WITH
DAVIS VISION FOR EMPLOYEE PAID VISION INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND
PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT OR THIS
RESOLUTION

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

**7. Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Letter of Agreement with the
Tennessee Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities to Receive a
Grant for Miracle Field (AF: 290-2022) (Michael Borders).**

Pass:

Resolution No. 2023-73, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF AGREEMENT
WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF
MIRACLE FIELD, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF
AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO
EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting “aye.”

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VIII. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. CITY MANAGER. Mr. McCartt thanked the BMA for the vote to return to TCRS, noting he had made that his goal when he became city manager three years ago. He commented this was the best path forward for the employees and would help the city become a more competitive work force. Mr. McCartt also mentioned the previously approved raises in the budget have also proven beneficial, noting the City of Kingsport is recognized across the state for taking care of its employees. Lastly, he pointed out he was wearing blue and gold along with Alderman Olterman and stating the ETSU Bucs were back in action on Saturday.

B. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS. Alderman Duncan commented on the Connect Kingsport app, noting it was a place for citizens to report concerns. He stated his appreciation for all the volunteers serving on boards for the city. Lastly, he mentioned the Chamber newsletter that is distributed weekly with lots of information. Alderman Cooper encouraged everyone to enjoy the fall weather. Alderman Montgomery stated he had asked for more information at the work session on using the ARPA funds for the Academic Village, noting he would still support the library project. He also asked the County for consideration on the school purchase in Colonial Heights. Mayor Shull provided details on the ARPA funding discussion from the work session. Alderman Phillips mentioned several upcoming fall festivals and invited citizens to participate. He stated it was also race week and pointed out there were many visitors in town. In conclusion, he acknowledged KCS Superintendent Dr. Moorhouse had announced his retirement and thanked him for all he has done for the schools. Alderman Olterman stated the DB Indians were still undefeated and encouraged citizens to come watch the next game. Mayor Shull remarked on the Tennessee Public Works magazine that recognized Wastewater Crew Chief B. K. Addington for receiving the Murphy Snoderly Award for outstanding performance. He commented to citizens who wanted to receive his weekly email to contact the city manager's office to be added to the distribution list.

C. VISITORS. None.

IX. ADJOURN. Seeing no other business for consideration at this meeting, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor