

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, November 17, 2014, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips	
Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire	Alderman Andy Hall
Alderman John Clark	Alderman Tom C. Parham
Alderman Colette George	Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
3. **PROJECT INSPIRE PRESENTATION.** Mr. Parker Smith, Vice President and General Manager for Eastman Chemical Company, gave an update on the construction progress of their new corporate headquarters. He stated they are expected to be “in the dry” by January and completely moved in by November 2015. He provided details on the interior and workspace design as well as the dynamics of the new facility, including the creation of more than 300 new jobs.
4. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Segelhorst noted his concern with parking at the new ball fields. City Manager Fleming confirmed for Alderman Parham there would be some handicap accessible. Mr. Segelhorst also pointed out there were only two injuries reported last month. Alderman Clark commented on revenue.

At this time, Ms. Carolyn Light, representing the homeowner’s association of Rosemary Villas, addressed the board concerning some paint that leaked from a garbage truck and stained the private drive that affects thirteen homes. Mayor Phillips stated he and Ronnie Hammonds went to look at it and the stain cannot be removed. The only solution is to have it resealed at a cost of \$1300. The mayor noted staff is hesitant to fix it, as previous similar occurrences, both on private and public property, have not been repaired. Assistant City Manager Ryan McReynolds confirmed that citizens are not supposed to put paint into their trash cans. He gave prior examples and provided details on the process these claims go through and why they have been turned down. City Attorney Billingsley stated it is a fact determinative situation and there is no negligence on the part of the city. There was considerable discussion. Mayor Phillips asked Mr. Billingsley to have the insurance company reconsider this claim. Vice-Mayor McIntire asked staff to try and find out who put the paint in the trash.

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5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming, members of staff and community members gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

NOTE: Item VI.D.3 and VI.B.5 were discussed first, out of order, to accommodate representatives in the audience. The regular agenda resumed thereafter.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Insight Public Sector for the Purchase of Laptops for Sixth Grade Students in the Kingsport School System (AF: 302-2014). John Payne, Kingsport City Schools, gave a presentation on this item, stating the school system would like to purchase 635 laptops at \$605 each for all the sixth graders at both middle schools on a one to one ratio. The cost does not include accessories. These students would keep the laptops through eighth grade and then they would be passed down to kindergarteners. The goal is a life of five years for each computer. Students are allowed to opt out of the program and provide their own laptop. There was considerable discussion and concern from the board regarding the long range plan as well as budgetary concerns to continually support it. Mr. Payne commented School Superintendent Lyle Ailshie can provide further details at a later time since he is not present. The mayor stated there needs to be commitment and a game plan from the schools on how to keep this program going year after year. He asked that this item be deferred until more information can be obtained.

VI.B.5 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY15 General Purpose School Fund Budget (AF: 308-2014). David Frye, Kingsport City Schools, gave details on this item, stating this money was to fund a one-time bonus for all school employees at a cost of \$420,000. The Board of Education voted in favor of this at their last meeting. Alderman Segelhorst asked what the purpose behind giving this bonus was; Mr. Frye replied that one reason was there was no cost of living increase included in the budget. Dr. Randy Montgomery, BOE President, stated it was also a way to reward employees for their efforts in Kingsport City Schools being recognized as the top system in the state. Mr. Frye did confirm their employees received step increases in 2014. Alderman George stated she was concerned because of previous funding given to schools in this budget, the city isn't in a position to reward city employees who don't work for the school system, pointing out the fire department and public works recently received significant awards too. There was considerable discussion.

VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 114, Article VI, Parking and Loading, by Adding a Bicycle Parking Requirement (AF: 304-2014). City Planner Ken Weems gave a presentation on the benefits of this item and answered questions from the board. Lynn Tully provided further details, confirming this is targeted more towards new developments. Some discussion ensued.

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VI.B.3 Consideration of an Ordinance Implementing a Community Notification System for Sexual Offenders and Establishing a Fee to be Paid by the Offender (AF: 285-2014). Police Chief Quillin discussed this item, explaining the process that is currently in place for notification. City Attorney Billingsley pointed out this would require five votes to pass, being a two thirds vote of the BMA body, not just those present at the meeting. Alderman George expressed concerns regarding the possibility of notification through the mail for future property owners. Mr. Billingsley stated this was copied directly from the statute. Chief Quillin commented it would be too labor intensive to do mail-outs at this time, stating there would be information on the website and maybe some posters at the police department. Ms. George asked that the written notification stipulation be removed. Mr. Billingsley stated he would prepare and amendment to remove the notification by mail or hand delivery.

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Updates to the City's Substance Abuse Policy Consistent with Federal Transit Authority Regulations (AF: 306-2014). Alderman Segelhorst stated he was surprised the city didn't have a random drug test program already in place. City Manager Fleming provided details on current testing procedures.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Cenergistic, Inc. for an Energy Management and Conservation Program for Kingsport City Schools and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 303-2014). City Manager Fleming stated BOE Chair asked for this item to be pulled.

VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with MetLife Insurance Company for FICA Remittance for Employee Long-Term Disability Insurance and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Same (AF: 298-2014). City Attorney Billingsley provided details on this item and its cost-effectiveness for the city.

VI.D.7 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement with Alex Stratton and to Allow the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary and Proper as They Pertain to the Lease (AF: 287-2014). City Manager Fleming gave information on this item, noting the lease restrictions limit the use of this property to a golf driving range.


VI.D.8 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a License Agreement with the Rotary Club of Kingsport Foundation Authorizing the Construction of a Storage Room in Order to Store Clothing Provided Annually to Kingsport City School Students (AF: 294-2014). Alderman George commented there are other non-profits who might be looking for space and this needs to be tied specifically to the school system. City Attorney Billingsley confirmed that stipulation was in the agreement as well as the resolution.

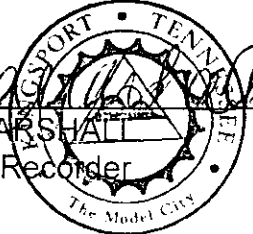
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BOARD COMMENT. Alderman Clark commented on the productivity of the debate during the work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

8. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder



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DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor