

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, December 14, 2015, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Michele Mitchell

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman Tom C. Parham

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 Clark.

2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.

3. **ONEKINGSPORT SUMMIT FOCUS AREA REPORTS.**

Downtown Revitalization. John and Beverly Perdue gave details on their post-summit meetings thus far, the planning process they have adopted, and their next steps.

Destination City Investments. Assistant City Manager for Administration gave a presentation on the progress of this post-summit group.

At this time there was discussion about cancelling the first work session and business meeting in January on the 4th and 5th. Vice-Mayor McIntire pointed out it would push the post-summit updates scheduled for that work session to the next work when more updates are scheduled. The second work session is set for the same day as the second business meeting due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. It was proposed to have an additional called work session on the Thursday prior for the sake of time. City Manager Fleming stated staff would prepare a resolution to be added to the agenda tomorrow night to address this issue.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 15, 2015 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Fleming and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following are items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns.

VI.A.2 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Sign Ordinance by Adding Decorative Lighting Regulations (AF: 304-2015). City Planner Ken Weems gave a presentation on this item and answered questions from the board. Discussion followed. Alderman George pointed out this amendment did not address light size in regards to height. Mr. Weems stated that issue could be addressed later if that type of lighting becomes prevalent.

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VI.A.3 Public Hearing for Annexation Annual Plan of Services Report (AF: 306-2015). City Planner Corey Shepherd gave details on this item. Some discussion followed on getting the word out to the area residents that these plans are continually being worked on and completed.

VI.B.1 Amend the Fiscal Year Budget for the Addition of One (1) Position within the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department (AF: 291-2015). City Manager Fleming provided information on the necessity of this position as well as the cost benefit, pointing out it is unusual to present this during the middle of a budget year. Assistant City Manager for Operation Ryan McReynolds gave further details on this position. Discussion followed.

VI.D.3 Memorandum of Understanding between Bays Mountain Park and East Tennessee State University's Department of Biological Sciences (AF: 299-2015). Community Services Director Morris Baker gave information on this agreement and Ken Childress provided further details and answered questions from the board.

VII.6 Approve Issuance of Certificates of Compliance for Businesses to Sell Retail Alcoholic Beverages (AF: 311-2015). City Manager Fleming noted this was an annual process for the nine package stores. Development Services Director Tully confirmed the number of stores is based on population and Kingsport's limit it nine.

BOARD COMMENT. Alderman George commented on her recent experience where she is trying to relocate her business to a building downtown. She stated it has been a lengthy process that was not handled professionally and needs to be looked at. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


JOHN CLARK
Mayor