Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, March 31, 2014, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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

Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration
John G. Campbell, 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. CORRELATION OF TN STATE PRIORITIES AND KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS PRIORITIES. School Superintendant Dr. Lyle Ailshie gave a presentation on this item and explained how the school system's strategic plan is in alignment with the Tennessee SCORE report.
- **4. WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips commented the bids were out on the baseball and softball fields and the board should receive an update at the next meeting. Alderman George stated there was a good turnout for the recent Carousel fundraising event and groundbreaking. The mayor also mentioned the traffic building and selling that property. He stated if a public auction was held, it needs to be clear whether the city will accept the offer or not. He also pointed out this was a good opportunity to get residential property downtown, although he did state there was no interest in giving it to the housing authority.
- 5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 1, 2014 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided 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:
- VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of One (1) Full Size Paver to Power Equipment Company (AF: 69-2014). Streets and Sanitation Manager Ronnie Hammonds provided details on this item, noting the city's current paver is over 20 years old and has been out of service since October with a bad pump and a replacement cannot be found. He discussed the bid process, pointing out they came in lower than expected. Of the two eligible bids received, the Volvo bid had several deficiencies listed and will not be available for four months. Therefore, staff is recommending the paver from Vogele, with only four deficiencies and availability within 30 days.

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- VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Aegis ITS, Inc. for Traffic Signal Software Improvement and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 70-2014). Assistant Public Works Director Michael Thompson provided information on this item and answered questions from the board. He stated this will replace software that was purchased in 1999 and is now obsolete. He pointed out this system keeps all nine groups of traffic signals throughout the city in sync.
- VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Proposal with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for Purchase of the Right-of-Way on Wilcox Drive (SR 126) (AF: 75-2014). Assistant City Manager Jeff Fleming gave details on this item and answered questions.
- VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Contribution to KEDB for Economic Development and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Pertaining to Such Contribution (AF: 73-2014). City Manager Campbell requested for this item to be added to the agenda to provide a potential contribution to the KEDB of \$60,000 a year for a maximum of ten years for the sole purpose of economic development.

**BOARD COMMENT.** Alderman Shupe commented on his recent absences, noting he has started a new business and has not been on vacation. He pointed out he was present at over 90% of the meetings during his first seven years.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Deputy City

DENNIS R. PHILLIPS

Mayor