

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, August 14, 2017, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark	Alderman Betsy Cooper
Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire	Alderman Colette George (arrived at 4:42 p.m.)
Alderman Jennifer Adler	Alderman Tommy Olterman (left at 6:03 p.m.)
Alderman Joe Begley	

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 FY18 PROJECTS UPDATE.** Mayor Clark welcomed everyone and stated the objective of the upcoming presentations was for the BMA to receive the top recommendations for the last 22 months to achieve a higher quality of life in Kingsport. He then gave a brief history on the summit process. Ms. Jane Henry then gave an introduction to the purpose of the committee, noting there is no funding authority. She was followed by Rob Cole (Bays Mountain), Chris McCart (Downtown Playground), Bill Sumner (Product Creation Center), Charlie Nitschke (Neighborhood Commission), and Seth Jervis (Riverfront). Ms. Henry concluded the presentation, noting the projects are in the BMA's hands now. She answered questions and discussion followed. Alderman George stated since there was no cost to the neighborhood commission and suggested staff go ahead and move forward. Everyone agreed.
4. **PROJECTS STATUS.** Assistant City Manager for Administration Chris McCartt presented this item, highlighting the history of the property in regards to economic development in Kingsport, the recommendation being presented to the board [see Item VI.D.4 on the business meeting agenda] and the future vision for the property, including the next steps. Discussion ensued. Aldermen Olterman expressed concerns with purchasing land when there is other property that is not being used. Alderman George stated she was ok with the purchase as long as there was a firm commitment to take action and move forward. James Phillips and Lafe Cook provided further details.

[NOTE: The board took a ten minute break at this time.]

Upon reconvening the work session, City Manager Fleming stated there was a public hearing scheduled from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on August 21st for the Main Street rebuild. The hearing will be held at the RCAM building.

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5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 15, 2017 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 items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

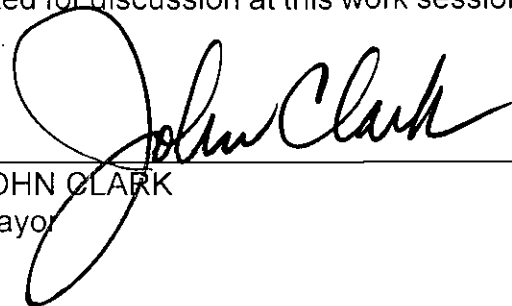
VI.D.2 Bid Award for the KATS Transit Center Project (AF: 221-2017). Assistant City Manager for Administration stated this project is on schedule to begin this fall with a plan to celebrate at the groundbreaking. He pointed out this would be a pivotal point in transit history in Kingsport, noting KATS is up to around 150,000 trips a year. Some discussion followed.

City Manager Fleming advised the board it was looking like Sullivan County would not approve the animal shelter, stating there could be a potential crisis situation soon.

Ms. Gail Cole, President of Engage Kingsport, asked the board what will happen after today's presentations. Discussion ensued and the Mayor stated there would need to be a called work session devoted to discussion of the ONEKingsport projects once each board member has received all the details, including funding.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Vice-Mayor McIntire adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


JOHN CLARK
Mayor