

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, June 1, 2020, 4:30 PM
Large Court Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding
Vice-Mayor Colette George (via zoom call)
Alderman Jennifer Adler (via zoom call)
Alderman Betsy Cooper (via zoom call) *signed on after roll call*
Alderman Darrell Duncan (via zoom call)
Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman James Phillips (via zoom call)

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager
J Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Sid Cox, City Recorder/Chief Financial Officer
Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder
John Morris, Budget Officer.
George DeCroes, Human Resources Manager (via zoom call)
David Quillin, Police Chief (via zoom call)
Jason Hudson, Economic Development Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Cox.
3. A determination by the board that meeting electronically and prohibiting the physical presence of the public at the meeting is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of all concerned in light of the COVID-19 virus.
Mayor Shull made this declaration and each alderman verbally affirmed.
4. **ELECTION DATE DISCUSSION.** The board had an extensive discussion on the pros and cons of moving the election date from May in odd years which is how it is currently set by Charter to August or November of even years to coincide with other local elections. Mayor Shull, Alderman Duncan and Alderman Olterman expressed interest in moving the election citing benefits of saving money and increased voter turnout. Vice-Mayor George, Alderman Adler, Alderman Cooper and Alderman Phillips did not want to change the date, citing public preference and the power of precedence. The mayor stated this issue will not be brought back up during this board's term and it could be readdressed in the future.
5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE JUNE 2, 2020 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt gave a summary for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

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VI.A.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Adopt FY20-21 Budget (AF: 129-2020). The City Manager gave a summary on the budget being presented for the upcoming fiscal year.

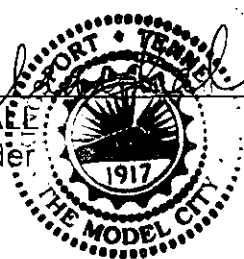
VI.D.2 Contract Renewal with MedFit Center for a Physical Wellness Program (AF: 122-2020). City Manager McCartt pointed out that safety is a priority and staff is constantly looking at data in an effort to reduce injury. He noted the only difference in this contract was additional money was being set aside for on-site safety coaching,

VI.D.11 Amendment to an Economic Development Contribution to the Industrial Development Board of Kingsport and Authorizing One or More Agreements Pertaining to the Same (AF: 144-2020). The City Manager provided details on this item and answered questions from the board. He noted the contribution was only if needed. He also pointed out this would reduce contingent liability which is a good thing with the auditors. There was some discussion.

City Manager McCartt provided details at this time on how the fireworks would be presented this year, noting they will be at two separate locations to allow people to spread out. He also stated he appreciated city staff for their work on the budget.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor