

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, July 6, 2020, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding

Vice-Mayor Colette George

Alderman Jennifer Adler (via zoom call)

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman James Phillips

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

Ken Weems, Planning Manager

Jessica Harmon, Assistant to the City Manager

Scott Boyd, Fire Chief

David Quillin, Police Chief

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. **HOMELESS INITIATIVE.** Chief Quillin summarized the history of this issue and the steps that have been taken to date. He gave an overview of the three components needed to contribute to the success of this program, noting all three of these are now in place. The first is a social worker embedded in the police department, a position now filled by Erin Gray. Second is a liaison with the government and non-profit agencies which is Jonathan Anderson. Third is the dedication of a full time police officer, Jim Clark. He thanked the BMA for their support and their willingness to be proactive. Erin and Jonathan then presented information to the board on the work they've been doing over the last few months in the homeless community. They answered questions from the board and discussion followed.
5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE JULY 7, 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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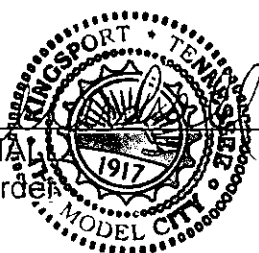
IV.B.3 Appointments to the Regional Planning Commission (AF: 188-2020). Vice-Mayor George commented on the actual number of Mr. Moody's terms and Alderman Duncan commented on the lack of board experience for Mr. Blackwell.


VI.D.4 Amend TDOT Grant Contracts for Phases 1 and 2 of the Stone Drive Multi-Modal Access Project (AF: 167-2020). Mayor Shull stated this project began six years ago, pointing out 95% of the funding comes from the state. The city is only liable for \$75,000 of the cost of the project to proceed and have the sidewalks installed. However, if we were to back out the city would have to reimburse the state \$225,000 of the money they have invested and no sidewalks. He also noted it increases safety and reduces the possibility of accidents. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Shull commented on the possibility of mask mandates being placed by county mayors in light of COVID-19. He stated there would be a press conference tomorrow. He also commented on the upcoming race at Bristol Motor Speedway, noting their staff has a plan.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor