

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, August 16, 2021, 4:30 PM  
City Hall, Boardroom, 415 Broad Street

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding  
Vice-Mayor Colette George  
Alderman Betsy Cooper  
Alderman Darrell Duncan  
Alderman Paul W. Montgomery  
Alderman Tommy Olterman  
Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager  
Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager  
Michael Borders, Assistant City Manager  
Bart Rowlett, Assistant City Attorney  
Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder  
Scott Boyd, Fire Chief  
Dale Phipps, Police Chief  
George DeCroes, Human Resources Manager  
John Morris, Budget Officer  
Ken Weems, Planning Manager  
John Burkholder, Risk Manager  
Jessica Harmon, Assistant to City Manager  
Adrienne Batara, Public Relations Director


1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
3. **MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEARS.** Jason Booher, Sullivan County Election Commission, gave a presentation on the benefits of moving the municipal election from a standalone election in May to consolidate with the county and/or national election in August or November. These benefits include decreased cost and increased voter turnout. He pointed out that the statute that allows this change can't shorten the term of an elected official. He stated there is a national trend to make this move, noting all other municipalities in the region have made this move, including Johnson City, Bristol, Jonesborough and Bluff City. Some discussion ensued as he answered questions. The mayor asked the board to think about this issue and talk to citizens and it will be discussed at a later time.
4. **THIS IS KINGSPORT PRESENTATION.** Public Relations Director Adrienne Batara presented this item, providing details on the duties and responsibilities of the marketing department and the staff that handles it. She also discussed staffing and budgetary needs for moving forward. Discussion followed as she answered questions from the board.

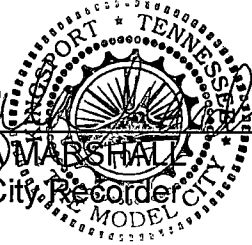
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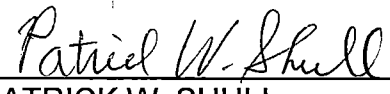
**5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE AUGUST 17, 2021 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt gave a summary for each item on the proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

The City Manager informed the board that Deputy City Manager McReynolds would be filling in for him at the business meeting tomorrow night.

**6. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
PATRICK W. SHULL  
Mayor