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The newly elected and re-elected local officials will gather at the Tennessee Theater Tuesday at 9 a.m. for the swearing-in ceremony hosted by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. The winners of the August Knox County general election races will be taking their oaths. The 9 a.m. ceremonies include the following re-elected or newly elected officials: Criminal Court Judge Kyle Hixon, Law Director David Busch, Public Defender Eric M. Lottgen and Assessor of Property John R. Whitehead.

Commissioners to take the oath are Dasha Lundy, Courtney Dunnett, Kyle Ward, John Schoonmaker, Terry Hill, Richie Baker and Carson Dalley. School board members to be sworn in include Jennifer Green, Daniel Watson, Susan Horn, Mike McMillan and student representative Aogall Lee.

Certification of the ballots was announced Tuesday morning after more than 75,600 people voted in the August 6th local general election and state and federal primary.

The new Knox County Commission will then meet in person or via Zoom at 4 p.m. to select their chair and vice chair. They will also select members for the Rules Committee, Court Subcommittee, Involvement Board, Legislative Affairs Committee and various other committees and



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Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon and other dignitaries cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of the Baker Creek Bike Park at Baker Creek Preserve, 1700 Lancaster Drive, in South Knoxville Thursday.

City celebrates opening of Baker Creek Bike Park

By Ken Lay

The City of Knoxville celebrated the opening of a South Knoxville bike park Thursday morning. The ribbon-cutting and opening ceremony culminated a project nearly two

The newly opened Baker Creek Bike Park is the first new feature to be completed as part of the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park project.

Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon said she was pleased to see the park

purchased when Victor Ashe was city mayor 17 years ago and the groundbreaking happened back in 2014.

"I see Mayor Ashe and he was mayor when the city purchased the property. I want to acknowledge our other past

and the team that made this happen," Kincannon said. "This is a park unique to Knoxville. It is for the people of South Knoxville and is for all Knoxvilleans, but it's also for our visitors. This is for walkers, bike riders and bikers. It