John Meredith, President Jennie Robinson, Councilmember Bill Kling, Councilmember Michelle Watkins, Councilmember David Little, Councilmember



Tommy Battle, Mayor John Hamilton, City Administrator Trey Riley, City Attorney Shaundrika Edwards, City Clerk

Thursday, December 5, 2024

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Present: John Meredith, Jennie Robinson, Bill Kling, David Little, and Michelle Watkins

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Huntsville Alabama Public Safety Chaplains

Offered by Rev. Zach Johnson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Councilmember Jennie Robinson

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Meredith announced that Item 14c was DELETED and that 8a was to be taken out of order.

Councilmember Little moved to approve the Agenda as Amended, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Ave: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nav: None

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on November 21, 2024. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as submitted

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

Resolutions for Approval Only

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation for Second Mile Development.

Sponsors: Finance

Bill McDowell, Executive Director for Second Mile Development, presented.

b. Presentation for Huntsville-Madison County Public Library.

Sponsors: Finance

Connie Chow, Interim Executive Director for Huntsville-Madison Public Library, presented.

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

a. Ordinance authorizing the City's General Obligation Warrants, Series 2024-A, to finance public capital improvements within the City, and the City's Taxable General Obligation Warrants, Series 2024-B, to refinance certain indebtedness of the City.

Ordinance No. 24-910

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: 24-910 - Warrants Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to Authorize Unanimous Consent for consideration of the item at the this meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Ave: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by President Meredith. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET

Ordinance No. 24-912

a. Resolution to set a public hearing on the zoning of 30.67 acres of land lying on the east of Little Cove Rd and north of Cobble Farms Dr. to Residence 2 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-911

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Sublett Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kling. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Ave: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Resolution to set a public hearing on the rezoning of 1.13 acres of land lying on the north side of Governors Dr. and east of Brahan Ave. SW from Residence 2-B District to Neighborhood Business C-2 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 24-913 Ordinance No. 24-914

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: BrahanAve Rezoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

c. Resolution to set a public hearing on the rezoning of 19.35 acres of land lying on the west of Bell Rd and north of Bell Manor Dr. SW from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 24-915 Ordinance No. 24-916

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: BellRd Rezoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by President Meredith. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

d. Resolution to set a public hearing on the rezoning of 1.77 acres of land lying on the east side of Pulaski Pike NW and south of Bob Wade Lane from Highway Business C-4 District to Residence 2 District, and from Residence 2 District to Highway Business C-4 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 24-917 Ordinance No. 24-918

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: DiamondPark 2 Rezoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

11. AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to the specific content of items on the meeting agenda. You may sign up to speak on the Public Comments Roster prior to the meeting. When called, approach the microphone and state your name, home address and city of residence. Each speaker may address the Council for three minutes. Speakers shall refrain from entering into a dialogue with Council Members or City staff and from making comments regarding the good name and character of any individual. Speaker(s):

Joy Johnson spoke to "20z"

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

- Walmart on Oakwood Ave. is closing.
- Tree lighting ceremony at the Johnson Legacy Center, December 8th from 5-7pm.

Councilmember Bill Kling

- Tinsel Trail in Big Spring Park.
- Ice skating at the Huntsville Museum of Art.
- House on Lanier Rd. with a Christmas display.

Councilmember David Little

- Blossomwood Valley Civic Association meeting for informal survey.

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

- Christmas Parade
- Tinsel Trail
- dittolanding.org
- 18th Annual Performance of the Christmas Festival- huntsvillechristmasfestival.org
- Update on Aldridge Creek Greenway to connect to Weatherly

Councilmember John Meredith

- Old Monrovia Rd is going to be re-surfaced.
- Apollo Park had its ribbon cutting and is open.
- Christmas Parade

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.

Resolution No. 24-919

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Expenditures - Complete

Councilmember Watkins moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

b. Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 1 Council Improvement Funds.

Ordinance No. 24-920

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: District 1 Council Improvement Complete

Councilmember Watkins moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.

Ordinance No. 24-921

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: District 5 Council Improvement Complete

-DELETED

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

a. Resolution to appoint Angela Mead to the Alabama Constitution Village and Historic Huntsville Depot Board, Place 4, to fill the seat previously held by Kent Ballard for a three (3) year term to expire June 26, 2027. (Nominated November 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-877

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: Mead Early Works Appointment .pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

b. Resolution to reappoint Steve Rowley to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, Place 2 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire November 28, 2027. (Nominated November 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 24-878

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: S. Rowley Tennis Board.pdf

Councilmember Little moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Resolution to appoint Ethan Walker-Jones to the Beautification Board, Place 10, to the seat previously held by Sherri Stroud for the remainder of a vacant three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2025. (Nominated November 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 24-922

Sponsors: Kling

<u>Attachments: Walker BB Appointment.pdf</u>

Councilmember Kling moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

- 16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS
- 17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS
- 18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

a. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 1, Bailey Cove Office Plaza Phase 6.
Ordinance No. 24-923

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Jean Management eas Vac Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kling. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Resolution authorizing the formation of an Energy Task Force to assist Huntsville Utilities and its selected consultants with preparation of a Community Energy Resource Plan. (Postponed November 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 24-887

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: Energy Task Force Resolution Complete.pdf

President Meredith motioned for reconsideration of the amendment to Resolution No. 24-877 approved at the November 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. It was unanimously approved. The vote was called for on the amendment to Resolution No. 24-877 approved at the November 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting and the following vote resulted:

Nay: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

The vote was taken to fail the previously adopted amendment. The vote passed unanimously.

Councilmember Little moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

20. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

These items will be approved in one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion. The reading of each item will be waived unless a Councilmember requests otherwise.

Items X, Y and Z were held for separate consideration.

A motion was made by President Meredith, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

a. Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

Resolution No. 24-924

Sponsors: Finance

<u>Attachments: Travel Resolution Complete</u>

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

b. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations.

Resolution No. 24-925

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Donations Complete

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

c. Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, by changing appropriate funding for various departments and funds.

Ordinance No. 24-926

Sponsors: Finance

<u>Attachments: Budget Amendment Complete</u>

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

d. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the low bidders meeting specifications as outlined in the attached Summary of Bids for Acceptance. Resolution No. 24-927

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Resolution Procurement Complete

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and James Monaghan d/b/a Monaghan Construction to modify the Job Contracting Services for Community Development contract awarded at the December 21, 2023, City Council meeting via Resolution No. 23-1050. Resolution No. 24-928

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Contract Modification - JOC - Monaghan Construction -

Complete

f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and UES, LLC, for Cummings Research Park Property Improvements, Project No. 71-25-SP05.

Resolution No. 24-929

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: UES Prof Serv Agmt CRP COMPLETE

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and United Controls Corporation for Professional and Technical Services for Consulting, Installation, Repair, Maintenance and Support Services for the City's SCADA and Control Panels, Project No. 71-25-SP03. Resolution No. 24-930

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: United Controls-COMPLETE

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, for WPC Sanitary Sewer Rehab Construction Observation Services 2024 - Contract 2, Project No. 71-25-SP04.
 Resolution No. 24-931

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: Garver SS Rehab CO 2024 2 - COMPLETE

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

i. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 and Final to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Mark Johnson Construction, LLC, for Western Area WWTP Phase I Expansion, Project No. 71-22-SF01. Resolution No. 24-932

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: Western Area WWTP Ph 1 Change Order 2 - Complete

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Termination of Lease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

Resolution No. 24-933

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: Food Bank Lease Termination Complete.pdf

k. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use and Operation Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

Resolution No. 24-934

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: Food Bank Facility Use Agreement Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 006 to the Lease Agreement between Bailey Cove, LLC, and the City of Huntsville for a Lease Previously Adopted by Resolution No. 99-351 for property at Bailey Cove Shopping Center. Resolution No. 24-935

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: Bailey Cove Lease Mod Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

m. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Bostick Landscape Architects for architectural services for the Big Spring Park Expansion. Resolution No. 24-936

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: Complete-Bostick Mod1-BigSpringPark.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 3 and Final to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Garber Construction for the Huntsville Aquatic Center Phase 4.
 Resolution No. 24-937

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: COMPLETE-CO3FINAL-Garber-HAC4.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

o. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Consulting Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Robert Clark d/b/a Twickenham Pixel.

Resolution No. 24-938

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: 2024 Clark Complete Package.pdf

p. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Elizabeth Manning d/b/a Elm DesignWorks.

Resolution No. 24-939

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: 2024-12-5 ELM Design Works.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

q. Resolution to adjust the salaries of employees in a certain positions in assigned departments.

Resolution No. 24-940

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: TMP-4931 Complete Package

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

r. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank Independent Letter of Credit No. 30018076 for Riverside at Butler Basin Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-941

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Riverside LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

s. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank Independent Letter of Credit No. 30022514 for Preserve at Inspiration Phase IV Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-942

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Preserve LOC 514 Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

t. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank Independent Letter of Credit No. 30022510 for Preserve at Inspiration Phase IV Subdivision. Resolution No. 24-943

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Preserve LOC 510 Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

u. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to seek a forfeiture of the surety bond issued by Western Surety Company.

Resolution No. 24-944

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Western Surety (403) Complete

v. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the lawsuit entitled Kenneth Shields and Janet Shields v. City of Huntsville, et al., Civil Action Number CV-23-900754, in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama.

Resolution No. 24-945

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Shields Settlement Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

w. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the personal injury claim of Robert L. Rice (Claim FY23-161).

Resolution No. 24-946

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Robert Rice Complete

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

x. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a predevelopment loan agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Mill Creek Phase 1, LP, a limited partnership formed in the State of Alabama.

Resolution No. 24-947

Sponsors: Planning

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kling. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Ave: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

y. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville and Huntsville City Board of Education.

Resolution No. 24-948

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: City Board of Education Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kling. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: Watkins

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding z. between the City of Huntsville and Providence Classical School. Resolution No. 24-949

> **Sponsors: Police**

Attachments: Complete File 2024

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kling. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little Aye:

Watkins Nay:

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between aa. the City of Huntsville and Gary K. Miller Resolution No. 24-950

> Inspection **Sponsors:**

Attachments: Miller2025CompleteFile.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between ab. the City of Huntsville and Charles G. Hawk.

Resolution No. 24-951

Sponsors: Inspection

Attachments: HawkComplete2025.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION 21.

Introduction of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan a. Ordinance

Ordinance No. 24-952

Human Resources Sponsors:

Attachments: TMP-4904 Complete Package

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 12/19/2024.

b. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 24-700 to modify the authorized strength of the departments.

Ordinance No. 24-953

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: TMP-4905 Complete Package

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 12/19/2024.

 Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and to be disposed of per Agreement with Managed Asset Recycling Solutions, LLC.
 Ordinance No. 24-954

Sponsors: ITS

Attachments: MARS Auction Complete

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 12/19/2024.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Alyx Kim-Yohn spoke to "school security"

23. ADJOURNMENT

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