



Huntsville, Alabama

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Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 2/13/2025

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Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution honoring John Olshefski for his decades of service to the Community.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: N/A

City Cost Amount: N/A

Total Cost: N/A

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

District: District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5

Additional Comments:

N/A

RESOLUTION 25-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to honor Mr. John Olshefski for his distinguished career and thank him for his decades of faithful service to the community; and

WHEREAS, John received a Master of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from The Industrial College of the Armed Forces and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics from The Citadel; and

WHEREAS, John served 27 years in the United States Army in which he rose through the ranks and held numerous commands and staff positions. In 2008, he retired as a Colonel after years of commendable service to the defense of our Country. It was John's military service that led him to Huntsville. Despite a diverse career that has taken him around the globe, he and his wife decided to settle in Huntsville and embrace it as their home; and

WHEREAS, in John's last assignment as Garrison Commander at Redstone Arsenal, he had oversight for over 2,000 employees providing support for all activities on the Arsenal. Drawing on his decades of practical operational, logistics and customer related experience, John was heavily involved with community during the Base realignment and closure initiative. He recognized the significance to the community and worked to ensure it was as seamless as possible. He endeavored to ensure that Redstone Arsenal gained efficiency and maintained a reputation for operational readiness; and

WHEREAS, it was the Base realignment and closure initiative that ignited a deeper love and dedication to Huntsville and its' citizens, which prompted him to run for office. He proudly represented District Three as Huntsville City Councilman from 2010 to 2014. His successful work as a Councilmember gave him a unique perspective that he has carried with him into all other roles in his life; and

WHEREAS, John retired as Senior Vice President of Huntsville Utilities in March 2023. His leadership at Huntsville Utilities extended across Customer Services, Customer Relations, Community Relations, and Public Relations. John's leadership qualities and passion for providing the best possible service to customers helped align Huntsville Utilities well with its customers, the community, and various organizations. He worked with Council in a consulting capacity even after his retirement, helping to resolve citizen concerns reported to City Council. He has served on the boards of the American Public Gas Association (Past Chairman), and the Madison County ARC Board; and

WHEREAS, John has been married to his beautiful wife, Sharon for 43 years. Sharon holds a Master of Divinity Degree and manages the nonprofit Neighborhood Thrift Store under Second Mile Development, Inc. She remains busy in her community service work. However, whenever possible, the couple enjoy traveling together.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize Mr. John Olshefski's extraordinary career and thank him for going above and beyond to serve the Huntsville community in many capacities.

ADOPTED this the ___ day of _____, 2025.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama