

David Little, President
Jennie Robinson, Councilmember
Bill Kling, Councilmember
Devyn Keith, Councilmember
John Meredith, Councilmember



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

Thursday, February 22, 2024

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Present: David Little, Bill Kling, John Meredith, and Devyn Keith

Absent: Jennie Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Moment of Silence

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Councilmember Devyn Keith

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Kling requested item 19a be taken out of order to be considered under item 7a so that the presentation for the Ordinance could be made. Councilmember Meredith added Resolution 24-133 recognizing first responders and fleet services as item 6b.

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

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

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 8, 2024. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as amended as submitted

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

a. Presentation of Employee Incentive Award to Blair Dawkins.

Sponsors: Administration

Mayor Battle, Chief Giles, and City Attorney Trey Riley recognized Blair Dawkins.

- b. Resolution honoring Huntsville City First Responders and Fleet Services for their resolute efforts during the unprecedented winter weather event of January 2024.
Resolution No. 23-133

Sponsors: Robinson and Meredith

Attachments: [HSV First Responders and Fleet Services 02.22.24.docx](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

- a. Resolution honoring Public Works for their ceaseless efforts during the unprecedented winter weather event of January 2024.
Resolution No. 24-85

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: [Public Works Resolution 02.22.24.docx](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

Resolutions for Approval Only

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation of Global Ties - Alabama.

Sponsors: Finance

Jacqui Shipe presented.

- b. Presentation of New Futures, Inc.

Sponsors: Finance

Tonya Reigns presented.

- c. Wellstone update on crisis services facility and program expansion.

Sponsors: Administration

Jeremy Blair presented.

- d. Review of January 2024 Winter Weather Event Response.

Sponsors: Administration

City Administrator John Hamilton presented.

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD

- a. Public Hearing on a Resolution authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building constituting a public nuisance located at 3603 Drake Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL.
Resolution No. 24-86

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [Complete 3603 Drake Ave. PNS.pdf](#)

Attorney Danal Rowe, Jr spoke to this matter.

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- b. Public Hearing on a Resolution authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building constituting a public nuisance located at 2106 Triana Blvd. SW, Huntsville, AL.
Resolution No. 24-87

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [Complete 2106 Triana Blvd. SW demo Res.pdf](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- c. Public Hearing authorizing the Community Development Department to assess the cost of cutting overgrown grass and/or weeds against certain properties; and consideration of a Resolution pertaining to the same.
Resolution No. 24-88

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [Grass Res Lien - Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET

- a. Resolution to declare a public nuisance located at 2206 Hill St. NW, Huntsville, AL and to set the date for when objections will be heard. (Set March 14, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-89

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [2206 Hill St. Complete Res.pdf](#)

Councilmember Kling moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for March 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by President Little. President Little asked if there was any discussion. President Little called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

11. AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Speaker(s): Frances Akridge

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Devyn Keith

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

Councilmember Bill Kling

Councilmember John Meredith

Councilmember David Little

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.
Resolution No. 24-90

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: [Expenditures - Complete](#)

Penny Smith presented.

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

- a. Resolution authorizing Mayor Battle to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Huntsville Utilities for the installation and operation of an electric vehicle charging station in the public parking facility located at 309 Pelham Ave., SW, 35801.
Resolution No. 24-91

Sponsors: Huntsville Utilities

Attachments: [Electric Vehicle Charging MOU Complete.pdf](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a.** Ordinance naming the disc golf course at Brahan Spring Park as The Tom Monroe Disc Golf Course at Brahan Spring. (Introduced February 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-84

Sponsors: Kling and Meredith

Attachments: [Tom Monroe 2024 Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

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.

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- a.** Resolution authorizing travel expenses.
Resolution No. 24-92

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Travel Resolution Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- b.** Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations.
Resolution No. 24-93

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Donations Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- c. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to exempt the contract for repairs to Public Transit bus numbers 669 and 593 from competitive bidding under the provisions outlined in §41-16-52 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.
Resolution No. 24-94

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Public Transit Resolution Complete](#)

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. 24-95

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Resolution Procurement Summary](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- e. Resolution to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Kimberly Ford, Wendy Lee, John M. Ozier, and Bert Peake to the Board of Zoning Adjustments to their current seats for terms set to expire on March 9, 2027.
Resolution No. 24-96

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Appointments_Board of Zoning Adjustments_COMPLETE](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Schoel Engineering Company, Inc. for Engineering Design and Consulting Services for Lowe Avenue Streetscape, Project No. 71-23-SP06.
Resolution No. 24-97

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Schoel Lowe Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement between the Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville, and the City of Huntsville, Alabama, for a Lease of a Portion of the Property Located at 724 Madison Street SE.
Resolution No. 24-98

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [HPD Hospital Lease Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- h. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Standard Agreement between the City of Huntsville and J.M. Phillips Engineering LLC for the Huntsville Veterans Museum Renovations.
Resolution No. 24-99

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Complete-Phillips](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- i. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to terminate the Lease Agreement between Yarbrough Partners, LLC and the City of Huntsville, Alabama, for the Property Located at 120 Holmes Avenue, Suite 120.
Resolution No. 24-100

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Yarbrough Lease Termination Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and AshaKiran, Inc. for the use of HESG funds.
Resolution No. 24-101

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [AK 2022 ESG Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- k. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Community Action Partnership of Huntsville/Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc. for the use of HESG funds.
Resolution No. 24-102

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [CAP 2022 ESG Mod. 1 Agreement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- l.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #26 for the use of HESG funds.
Resolution No. 24-103

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [DAV 2022 ESG Mod. 1 Agreement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- m.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and First Stop, Inc. for the use of HESG funds.
Resolution No. 24-104

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [FS 2022 ESG Mod. 1 Agreement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- n.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and ENABLE Madison County, Inc. for the use of CDBG funds.
Resolution No. 24-105

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [ENABLE PY23 CDBG Mod 1 Agreement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- o.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between Family Services Center, Inc. and the City of Huntsville, Alabama as adopted by Resolution No. 23-240.
Resolution No. 24-106

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [Complete Packet - 2803 Chrenshaw](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- p.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between Madison County, Alabama and the City of Huntsville, Alabama for funding improvements to Countess Road.
Resolution No. 24-107

Sponsors: Traffic Engineering

Attachments: [Complete Item](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- q. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Alabama Department of Transportation for Public Transit parking under I-565.
Resolution No. 24-108
- Sponsors:** Parking/Public Transit
- Attachments:** [AL-DOT Lease 230211](#)
- This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.
- r. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Marsh and McLennan for insurance on parking lot under I-565.
Resolution No. 24-109
- Sponsors:** Parking/Public Transit
- Attachments:** [MarshMcLennan Complete](#)
- This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.
- s. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant Award 2023-FIL-4.
Resolution No. 24-110
- Sponsors:** EMA
- Attachments:** [2023-FIL-4 Cover Memo Packet.pdf](#)
- This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.
- t. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 362001092143 for The Meadows Phase 4 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-111
- Sponsors:** Legal
- Attachments:** [Meadows LOC res Complete.pdf](#)
- This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.
- u. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank Independent Letter of Credit No. 30019138 for Overview Park Phase 2 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-112
- Sponsors:** Legal
- Attachments:** [Overview Park LOC Complete.pdf](#)
- This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- v. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bryant Bank Letter of Credit No. 1406 for The Park Phase 1 at Hays Farm.
Resolution No. 24-113

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [The Park LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- w. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke FirstBank Letter of Credit No. 1750073437 for Watts Glenn Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-114

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Watts Glenn LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- x. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke First National Bank Letter of Credit No. 551136400 for Williams Pointe Phase III Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-115

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Williams Pointe LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- y. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke South State Bank Letter of Credit No. 90570397 for Chase Creek II Part B Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-116

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Chase Creek LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- z. Resolutions authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville Sports Commission, to sponsor the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association, (CCSA) and Sun Belt Conference Beach Volleyball Championships.
Resolution No. 24-117

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [CCSA Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- aa.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville Sports Commission, to sponsor a Sun Belt Beach Volleyball tournament at the John Hunt Park Sand Volleyball Complex.
Resolution No. 24-118

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [SBBV Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ab.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement between the City of Huntsville and King's Firearms.
Resolution No. 24-119

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ac.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Enrollment Form for Law Enforcement between the City of Huntsville and Carfax.
Resolution No. 24-120

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ad.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville and GCRFTF (U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service).
Resolution No. 24-121

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ae.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville and Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.
Resolution No. 24-122

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [MOU- Alabama A & M- Complete File](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- af.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Madison County Commission, and Madison County Sheriff.
Resolution No. 24-123

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- County Comm Purchase Agreement](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ag.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Larry Trippe.
Resolution No. 24-124

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Trippe 2024-2025 Contract complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ah.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Greg Spruell.
Resolution No. 24-125

Sponsors: Fire and Rescue

Attachments: [Greg Spruell 2024 Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ai.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Peggy Smith.
Resolution No. 24-126

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Smith Agreement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- aj.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Rebecca Sullivan.
Resolution No. 24-127

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- Sullivan 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- ak.** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Daniel Duskin.
Resolution No. 24-128

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: [Duskin Contract - COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring property surplus and no longer needed for municipal purpose.

Ordinance No. 24-129

Sponsors: City Clerk

Attachments: [Surplus.PrintShop.Complete.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 3/14/2024.

- b. Introduction of an Ordinance annexing 12.41 acres of land lying on the south of Old Hwy 431 and east of Wade Rd.

Ordinance No. 24-130

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Wade Rd. Annexation Complete](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 3/14/2024.

- c. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and to be donated to Huntsville Area Crime Stoppers.

Ordinance No. 24-131

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- Donation to Crime Stoppers](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 3/14/2024.

- d. Introduction of Ordinance authorizing the City Council to establish the Huntsville Sustainability Commission.

Ordinance No. 24-132

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: [Sustainability Ordinance v2.docx](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 3/14/2024.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Speaker(s): Joy Johnson

23. ADJOURNMENT

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