

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2026.

Regular Meeting - March 26, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

**City Council Chambers, City Hall
Huntsville, Alabama**

Members Present: **Dr. Jennie Robinson**
 Mr. Bill Kling
 Mr. John Meredith
 (Not Present at Beginning of Meeting)
 Ms. Michelle Watkins
 (Not Present at Beginning of Meeting)

Members Absent: **Mr. David Little**

Mayor: **Mr. Tommy Battle**
City Administrator: **Mr. John Hamilton**
City Attorney: **Mr. Trey Riley**
City Clerk: **Ms. Shaundrika Edwards**

President Robinson called the meeting to order at the time and place noted above. She said Councilmember Little would not be in attendance at the meeting, that Councilmember Kling was present, as well as herself, but they did not currently have a quorum present in the Chambers, that Councilmember Meredith and Councilmember Watkins had stepped out. She said they would proceed with the invocation and the pledge, and they would establish a quorum at that point so they could continue with the meeting.

The invocation was offered by **Public Safety Chaplain Dr. Laurie McCaulley**; **Councilmember Kling** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Robinson said **Councilmember Meredith and Councilmember Watkins** had joined them, and a quorum was established.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

President Robinson asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

President Robinson said the Council members had been provided copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held on March 12, 2026, and she asked if there were any additions or changes to be made to the minutes.

Councilmember Meredith thanked President Robinson for adopting the new format for the minutes, saying it was a vast improvement over the two different sets of minutes, which he thought was confusing to a lot of folks. He said having the minutes consolidated back into one form was excellent.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation.

Resolution No. 26-254, honoring Coach Sherell Hobbs Robertson for her exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to developing and empowering the youth of our community.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-254)

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize that Coach Sherell Hobbs Robertson, a former Division I basketball player at Auburn University, distinguished herself as an All-SEC honoree and member of an SEC Championship program,

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exemplifying excellence, leadership, and a commitment to success at the highest level of collegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robertson has translated her experience and passion for the game into a highly successful coaching career, beginning at McNair Junior High School, where she led her team to an undefeated season and a city championship; and

WHEREAS, she continued her impact at Mae Jemison High School, where over four seasons she transformed the program into a championship contender, culminating in the school's first state championship appearance and a state runner-up finish; and

WHEREAS, now serving as the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Bob Jones High School in Madison, Alabama, Coach Robertson has continued that momentum, leading her team to the state championship game in just her second season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robertson is known for developing student athletes both on and off the court, instilling discipline, accountability, and a standard of excellence, while consistently positioning her teams to compete at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and dedication have made a lasting impact on the lives of her players and have strengthened the broader community through her commitment to mentorship, character development, and competitive excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby recognize and honor Coach Sherell Hobbs Robertson for her outstanding achievements as a student-athlete and coach, and express sincere appreciation for her exceptional leadership, her commitment to developing young women, and her enduring impact on the Huntsville and Madison County community through the game of basketball.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
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Councilmember Watkins said Coach Robertson was not in attendance for the presentation.

Resolution No. 26-251, honoring The Caring Link and Kate O’Neal for transforming lives through compassionate service and community support.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-251)

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, desire to recognize and commend The Caring Link and its Founder and President, Kate O’Neal, for compassionate leadership and unwavering commitment to ensuring that children in our community have access to essential resources necessary to learn, grow, and succeed; and

WHEREAS, The Caring Link was founded in 2022 by Hazel Green resident Kate O’Neal, whose vision began in an elementary school hallway where overflowing coats and jackets revealed a greater need, and through a few shelves, a hanging rack, and steadfast dedication, Lynn Fanning Elementary School’s first “Care Closet” was established to provide students with clothing, shoes, school supplies, toiletries, and other essentials to remove barriers to learning; and

WHEREAS, what began as a single Care Closet quickly expanded to additional campuses, including Moore’s Mill Intermediate School and Meridianville Middle School, extending services to more students across Madison County and demonstrating how one act of compassion can grow into a sustained community movement; and

WHEREAS, initially operating the organization out of her home, Mrs. O’Neal worked diligently to grow The Caring Link until it secured a dedicated headquarters in Hazel Green, Alabama, providing expanded capacity to serve more schools, students, and families in need; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supplying brand new clothing, shoes, school supplies, food items, and hygiene products through on-site Care Closets, The Caring Link also offers enrichment opportunities for under-resourced students, further strengthening academic confidence, dignity, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding humanitarian leadership and community impact, Kate was named the recipient of the 15th Annual Betty Jane France

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Humanitarian Award presented by The NASCAR Foundation, earning a \$100,000 donation to support and expand the mission of The Caring Link; and

WHEREAS, The NASCAR Foundation, a nationally recognized charitable organization committed to improving the lives of children, has contributed more than \$50 million to impact over 1.7 million children nationwide since 2006, and its investment in The Caring Link underscores the significance and credibility of the work being accomplished locally; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of donors, volunteers, school administrators, and community partners continues to sustain and strengthen The Caring Link's efforts, demonstrating that when a community unites around its children, meaningful and lasting change is possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Huntsville City Council hereby recognizes and commends The Caring Link and its Founder and President, Kate O'Neal, for their extraordinary commitment to serving students and families across Madison County, applauds the national recognition received through The NASCAR Foundation, encourages continued community partnership to expand access to essential resources for children, and directs that a copy of this resolution be presented as a symbol of appreciation for their compassionate service and transformative impact on the lives of young people.

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/s/ Tommy Battle
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Councilmember Watkins read from the resolution recognizing and commending The Caring Link's Founder and President, Kate O'Neal. She said Ms. O'Neal had seen a need, and the first Care Closet was established at one school, to provide students with clothing, shoes, school supplies, toiletries, and other essentials and this had quickly expanded to additional campuses.

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Ms. O'Neal said their goal was just to uplift these kids so they could learn to their greatest potential, and they were serving 28 schools, with 13 being in Huntsville.

Resolution No. 26-252, honoring Mirael Parker-Davis for her ongoing dedication and outstanding contributions to the Huntsville community.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted by the Council

Members Present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-252)

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize and commend Mirael Parker-Davis for her visionary leadership, steadfast faith, and transformative impact on student-athletes and families throughout the Tennessee Valley, whose dedication to academic excellence, athletic opportunity, and character development has strengthened the Huntsville community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, as Founder and Executive Director of the Tennessee Valley Prep Sports Academy, established in 2018, Mirael Parker-Davis created a structured post-high school athletic and academic platform designed to bridge opportunity gaps for student-athletes pursuing collegiate pathways, guiding 536 students into college enrollment, facilitating 234 athletic scholarship offers, supporting 123 collegiate athletes including 16 competing at the Division I level, and celebrating nine professional athletes and numerous graduates whose achievements reflect her commitment to measurable outcomes and long-term success; and

WHEREAS, she further established and leads the Tennessee Valley Defenders, a competitive athletics organization serving post-secondary and preparatory athletes in basketball and football under the principle "where faith and academics meet excellence," hosting elite showcases to increase recruiting visibility and leading the football program to four championship appearances and two championship victories in the Southern Atlantic Post Graduate Conference, while in 2025 expanding academic access through a strategic partnership with Community Christian College to form Community Christian College-Tennessee Valley, which achieved certification in January 2026 as an Alabama Private Community College and integrated athletics and academics into a unified development model; and

WHEREAS, beyond athletics, Mirael Parker-Davis has demonstrated distinguished professional leadership in procurement and grants and contract management through roles with The University of Alabama in Huntsville, the United States Department of Energy, and Akima Global Logistics, earning numerous honors for community service and educational impact, and as a barrier-breaking woman in sports administration, she continues to lead with

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integrity, discipline, and faith, reflecting her North Huntsville upbringing, graduation from Huntsville High School, academic achievements at The University of Alabama in Huntsville, ongoing graduate studies, and her devotion to family, community, and her church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby honor and commend Mirael Parker-Davis for her exceptional leadership, innovation, and unwavering commitment to empowering student-athletes, strengthening families, and advancing faith-centered educational excellence, expressing profound appreciation for her lasting contributions to the Huntsville community and extending best wishes for continued success and expanding impact in the years to come.

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/s/ Tommy Battle
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Councilmember Watkins said Ms. Parker-Davis had done some great things, with one being to start a prep school that was now a community college, the Community Christian College, Tennessee Valley, which gave students the opportunity to be successful as student athletes, and she read from the resolution recognizing her.

Ms. Parker-Davis said they had had no idea how far they would come in helping student athletes, not just in the Tennessee Valley but all over the country.

Resolution No. 26-253, honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter for its decades of exemplary leadership, service, and community impact.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-253)

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, District of Columbia, stands as the oldest Greek letter organization established by African American college educated women, and has long played a critical role in advancing scholarship, leadership, civic engagement, and service to communities across the nation and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded upon five enduring tenets, with a mission rooted in Service to All Mankind, a guiding principle that continues to inspire generations of women committed to leadership, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was chartered on March 19, 1949, on the campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, establishing a distinguished legacy of excellence and service within the Huntsville and Madison County community; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to uplifting the community through impactful programming, outreach initiatives, and civic engagement efforts that support education, economic empowerment, health awareness, and youth development; and

WHEREAS, the chapter's signature Debutante Ball has provided hundreds of young ladies with opportunities for personal growth, cultural enrichment, and scholarship, helping to cultivate confidence, leadership, and academic achievement among the next generation; and

WHEREAS, with a membership exceeding five hundred dynamic and dedicated women, the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter continues to expand its reach and deepen its impact across a growing city, reflecting a spirit that is Elevated, Galvanized, and Orchestrated by the collective Power in Us and a shared commitment to service and excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby recognize and honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter for its decades of exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication to improving the quality of life for citizens throughout Huntsville and Madison County, and express sincere appreciation for its continued commitment to Service to All Mankind and its enduring legacy of scholarship, sisterhood, and transformative community impact.

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Councilmember Watkins recognized the women of this sorority, noting it was founded in 1908, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and stood as the oldest Greek letter organization established by African American, college-educated women, and she read from the resolution honoring it.

Ms. Tonya Wood, Chapter President, thanked Councilmember Watkins for the recognition, noting that service was what they did, that they were all about service to all mankind.

Resolution No. 26-255, recognizing the Huntsville-based lodges of District 17 Prince Hall Masons for their steadfast commitment to creating positive change and serving the citizens of Huntsville in numerous capacities.

Motion by Kling/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-255)

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize the selfless work and dedicated service of the Huntsville-based lodges of District 17 Prince Hall Masons for their steadfast commitment to creating positive change and serving the citizens of Huntsville in numerous capacities, helping our community grow and flourish; and

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WHEREAS, District 17 Prince Hall Masons encompasses 22 lodges across North Alabama and proudly serves as a subordinate district under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama, carrying forward the mission to aid and uplift underserved communities, provide meaningful service, and strengthen the enduring legacy of making good men better through the bonds of fraternal brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, of the 22 lodges located throughout North Alabama, six are based within the City of Huntsville, Evening Star Lodge No. 6, Morning Star Lodge No. 50, Temple Lodge No. 98, Sweet Home Lodge No. 179, Goodway Lodge No. 222, and Pride of Lincoln Lodge No. 817, which together have collectively completed hundreds of hours of community service and contributed thousands of dollars in support of individuals and families across the Huntsville area throughout 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-based lodges of District 17 have demonstrated deep compassion and community pride through numerous service initiatives, including volunteering and partnering with churches, organizations, businesses, and schools to provide essential resources to underserved populations; supporting and contributing to community events and initiatives; awarding scholarship funds to graduating high school seniors; revitalizing neighborhoods through community cleanups and participation in Huntsville's Adopt-A-Mile program; donating financial support to organizations dedicated to serving those in need; and engaging in many other acts of service that uplift our community; and

WHEREAS, through the tireless efforts of these six Huntsville lodges, our community has experienced the care and dedication of the men who serve through their work, reflected in cleaner neighborhoods, meals provided to those in need, investments in the future of young people, and countless helping hands extended to those facing hardship, ultimately helping to build a stronger and more vibrant Huntsville for all; and

WHEREAS, while it is difficult to fully capture the vastness of service these men have provided in just the past year, it is evident that their efforts represent only a portion of their ongoing commitment to service, and that they continue to uphold the legacy of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alabama by serving as benevolent, servant-hearted leaders within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby recognize and commend the Huntsville-based lodges of District 17 Prince Hall Masons for their steadfast commitment to serving and uplifting the Huntsville community in countless ways, and extend sincere gratitude to these lodges for being a beacon of hope for many residents, for bridging service gaps, and for bringing renewed life to public spaces throughout the city. May a copy of this resolution be presented to the members of Evening Star Lodge No. 6, Morning Star Lodge No. 50, Temple Lodge No. 98, Sweet Home Lodge No. 179, Goodway Lodge No. 222, and Pride of Lincoln Lodge No. 817 as a lasting tribute to their enduring impact on the City of Huntsville.

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/s/ Tommy Battle
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Councilmember Kling said these lodges had come together and done many great things, working with churches, local businesses, and schools to provide essential resources to underserved populations, and he recognized the members, reading from the resolution thanking them for their selfless work and dedicated service.

Mr. Erick Wade thanked Councilmember Kling and the Mayor for the recognition, noting they were an organization of men making good men better.

Resolution No. 26-256, recognizing the impact, resilience, and rich history of the Binford Family, whose extraordinary contributions have helped shape the Huntsville we know today.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-256)

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize the profound impact, enduring resilience, and rich history of the Binford family, whose extraordinary contributions have helped shape the Huntsville we know today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Claxton Binford, retired Professor Emeritus of History in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University after 50 years of distinguished service, and his wife, Janet Cyrwus, are in attendance at the March 26, 2026, meeting of the Huntsville City Council to accept this resolution on behalf of the renowned

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Binford family, whose legacy authored some of the proudest and most impactful chapters in our city's history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Binford is the great-grandson of Henry C. Binford Sr., a pioneering educator who served as the first teacher and principal of Huntsville's first public school for Black children, and who founded The Journal newspaper in 1895, which operated on Huntsville's west side square until 1912; and

WHEREAS, in 1901, Henry C. Binford Sr. was elected to the Huntsville Board of Aldermen, becoming one of the last Black elected officials in Huntsville, along with Daniel Brandon, until the election of Dr. Richard Showers in 1988; and

WHEREAS, through moral courage and unshakable leadership following the ratification of Alabama's 1901 Constitution, Henry C. Binford Sr. uplifted and encouraged civic participation by urging Black citizens to pay poll taxes and exercise their right to vote, while also advocating for Huntsville's Black public schools; and

WHEREAS, when funding for Black public schools was reduced in 1905, Henry C. Binford Sr. led efforts to raise funds for teacher salaries and educational materials, successfully building support across racial lines and strengthening the foundation of public education in Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, his son, Henry Binford Jr., continued this legacy of service after graduating from Howard University, returning to Huntsville to teach alongside his father; however, following a reduction in funding for Black public schools in 1905, Mr. Binford left Huntsville to accept a teaching position in Maryland, but later returned home when the Board of Education and local citizens raised funds to supplement his salary the following year; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Henry Binford Jr.'s service to the Huntsville community, the Huntsville Housing Authority named the first public housing project for Black Huntsvillians in honor of Mr. Binford Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wood Binford, grandmother of Dr. Binford, also carries a strong legacy in Huntsville, having made history in 1920 as one of six Black women in the city to register to vote, demonstrating remarkable courage and a commitment to breaking down systemic barriers and building a better Huntsville for all; and

WHEREAS, the Binford family's legacy reflects a deep and enduring commitment to education, civic responsibility, and perseverance, that has left a lasting impression on the hearts of Huntsville's citizens and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby recognize the entire Binford family for their extraordinary contributions to the City of Huntsville and for their role in shaping the city we know today; and express their sincerest gratitude for the Binford family's enduring legacy of leadership

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and service, and extend a warm welcome to Dr. Binford and Mrs. Cyrwus upon the occasion of their visit to Huntsville.

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/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Councilmember Meredith asked Dr. Henry Binford and Mrs. Cyrwus Binford to come forward, noting that no one had traveled farther to be at this meeting than the Binfords had.

Councilmember Meredith read from the resolution, recognizing the legacy of the Binford Family and saying that Dr. Binford was the great-grandson of Henry C. Binford, Sr., a pioneering educator who served as the first teacher and principal of Huntsville's first public school for Black children, and he extended a warm welcome to the Binfords upon the occasion of their visit to Huntsville.

Dr. Binford said he was very grateful to Huntsville for its treatment of his ancestors, and he was very glad to be present at this time.

Resolution No. 26-257, recognizing the Columbia High School Wrestling Team and their accomplishments.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-257)

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to formally recognize and commend the 2025–2026 Columbia High School Wrestling Team for its dedication, hard work, and outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the wrestling team is committed to striving for excellence, living by the mantra of being the best they can be through dedication to their team, themselves, and Columbia High School, and by putting in the work to improve in both wrestling and academics, while also setting an example for other students at Columbia High School, thereby fostering confidence, character, and excellence both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, the members of the boys' team include **Justin Barber**, 7th grader; **Danny Hillis**, 11th grader; **Sergio Esquivel**, 9th grader; **Antonio Peralta**, 10th grader; **Brandon Barber**, 11th grader; **Jonathan Garner**, 11th grader; **Jalen Amos**, 12th grader; and **Kyan Williams**, 8th grader; and the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Super Sectional Qualifiers include **Kingston Fitzsimmons**, 10th grader; **Jaquarius Starks**, 11th grader; **Maurice Johnson**, 12th grader; **Landon Lucas**, 9th grader and honor student; **Nasier Crews**, 11th grader and holder of the winningest record for a first-year wrestler; **Brian Freeman**, 12th grader and 2025–2026 Team Co-Captain; and **Devaughn Miller**, 11th grader, AHSAA Super Sectional Champion, 2026 AHSAA State Champion, 2026 USA Wrestling National Champion, 2026 U.S. All-American, honor student, winningest wrestler in Columbia High School history, and 2025–2026 Team Captain; and

WHEREAS, the members of the girls' team include **Brianda Abarca-Molina**, 10th grader; **Laylah Harrington**, 9th grader; and AHSAA Super Sectional Qualifiers include **Mya Wesley**, 11th grader; **Rayna West**, 9th grader and honor student; **Sanya Hill**, 9th grader and honor student; and **Alaya Spence**, 12th grader, winningest female wrestler in Columbia High School history, first female wrestler to qualify for the AHSAA State Championship Tournament, and 2023–2026 Girls' Team Captain; and

WHEREAS, the success of the wrestling program is made possible through the dedicated leadership, mentorship, and commitment of its coaches: Senior Head Coach and Wrestling Programs Director Walter M. Walker; Head Coach James Haynes; Senior Assistant Coach Brian Freeman, Sr.; and Assistant Coach Justin Barber, all of whom have made a lasting impact on the lives of their student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, the coaches' goal is to instill in each team member the leadership qualities and self-discipline necessary to achieve higher academic performance, take responsibility for their actions, and succeed in the sport of wrestling and in all future endeavors; and

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WHEREAS, through perseverance, discipline, and strong leadership, the Columbia High School Wrestling Team has brought pride to the Huntsville community and demonstrated the value of hard work, character, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby recognize and commend the Columbia High School Wrestling Team for its commitment, achievements, and admirable representation of the City, and extend sincere pride and congratulations to each of the team members for demonstrating what it means to be a true leader in the Huntsville community.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
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Councilmember Meredith asked the members of the team to come forward, along with Coach Walker. He read from the resolution, recognizing and commending the team, and he recognized the members and their accomplishments, and also recognized the head coach and the wrestling program's director, Walter Walker, and assistant coaches.

Coach Walker said the program had started off with two people, and now they had 30, and it was a fantastic team, and a lot of this would not have happened without Councilmember Meredith, that he had come on board early to support them, and they were greatly appreciative of what he had done for them.

Resolution No. 26-258, recognizing Coach Jack Doss for securing the 900th win of his career as a basketball coach.

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Motion by Robinson/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council

members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-258)

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville wish to recognize Jack Doss for securing the 900th win of his career as a basketball coach as the Grissom Tigers won against New Hope High School on February 3rd, 2026, becoming the second boys' coach in state history to reach this milestone; and

WHEREAS, Coach Doss began his legendary career as a basketball coach at Anniston High School in 1978, coaching at high schools across North Alabama for nearly forty years, including Hayes High School, S.R. Butler High School, J.O. Johnson High School, and Mae Jemison High School; and

WHEREAS, during these decades of coaching, Coach Doss's teams won ten state titles, the most in the state of Alabama, demonstrating his dedication to producing determined and accomplished basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to securing several state titles, Coach Doss was selected to coach a team in the McDonald's All-America High School Basketball Game, an annual event showcasing the top high school basketball talent in the United States, and named as a USA Today Boys Basketball Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, due to Coach Doss's exceptional accomplishments as a basketball coach, Coach Doss has been recognized in the Alabama High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame, as well as the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame, which both honor outstanding coaches, administrators, and contributors who have significantly impacted high school sports in Alabama and Madison County; and

WHEREAS, despite his retirement in 2017, Coach Doss returned to coaching at Grissom High School in 2020 as head coach and has continued making a difference since then, demonstrating his unwavering passion for coaching high school basketball, significantly impacting generations of students to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville acknowledge the outstanding coaching contributions of Coach Jack Doss, whose significant impact in North Alabama, particularly in the City of Huntsville, will long be honored and recognized.

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/s/ Tommy Battle
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President Robinson asked Councilmember Watkins to join her, and she asked Coach Doss to come forward. She read from the resolution, recognizing Coach Doss for securing the 900th win of his career as a basketball coach, becoming the second boys' coach in State history to reach that milestone. She continued to read from the resolution, covering Coach Doss's career and outstanding achievements.

Coach Doss expressed appreciation for the recognition, and he thanked them for making Huntsville the most beautiful city in the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

Presentation from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, by Dr. Randy Barbour, Director.

(Dr. Barbour made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Dr. Barbour thanked the Council for providing this opportunity to share the work they did and the role they played in connecting and strengthening the city. He said at its core, for the last 17 years, his office existed to connect communities and ensure that as Huntsville continued to grow, every resident would feel included in that growth, no matter where they were born, their ability level, or their station in life. He said his office served as a catalyst for intentional connection, ensuring all communities had access to the city of Huntsville.

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Dr. Barbour said his Assistant Director was Ms. U'Meeka Smith, and he was really glad to have her on his team, that she did a lot of the heavy work.

Dr. Barbour said at its core, multiculturalism helped people understand they were all unique, that they were all different, and he said they went beyond that by not just simply acknowledging that they were different, that it meant actively valuing and respecting those differences, creating space where diverse cultures, groups, were not only present but meaningfully included and integrated into city life. He said this required intentional effort, that they were intentional in removing barriers, addressing inequities, and ensuring that all residents had equitable access to opportunities, services, and civic participation, building a city where diversity was not just present but embraced, where every resident could feel a true sense of belonging.

Dr. Barbour said as Huntsville continued to grow and to welcome new residents from across the country and around the world, intentional connection was essential to sustaining a strong, unified, and forward-moving city.

Dr. Barbour continued to explain the principles and priorities upon which the work in his office was based, including integrating multiculturalism into City planning, to ensure that mutual engagement was not just an add-on to what they did but embedded into everything they did within the walls of City Hall and in the city.

He said they met people where they were, and they were consistently invited into Huntsville spaces, whether it would be through the Huntsville India Association or the Huntsville Chinese Association, et cetera, that the presence of his team helped ensure that communities felt connected to their city.

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Dr. Barbour said his office was deeply committed to civic engagement and youth development, and with the Civic Engagement Academy and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, they prepared residents, both youth and adults, to be active in their community. He said his office also managed the City's Summer Intern Program for college-aged students, providing real-world experience, exposure to local government and pathways into Huntsville's workforce.

Dr. Barbour said they worked alongside initiatives such as the Human Relations Commission, the Huntsville Council of Neighborhood Associations, and the Hispanic-Latino Advisory Council, that their role was to help strengthen these groups. He said they were intentionally building structures for inclusion across the city, that they currently supported several advisory boards, including the Disability Advisory Committee and the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council.

Dr. Barbour said they were also working toward establishing what he liked to call "United Nations of Huntsville," which would connect international cultural and faith-based communities to foster deep relationships and build a more inclusive and supportive environment for all residents of the city.

Dr. Barbour said that together, these efforts would ensure that every voice had a place, every community had a pathway to be heard as Huntsville continued to grow as a city where everyone truly belonged and felt valued.

Dr. Barbour said his office led and supported cross-sector collaboration, that in partnership with Community Development, they co-led the Homeless Strategy Network, to align efforts and address homelessness more effectively. He said they had launched their

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Community Conversations series, and at their first meeting, they had almost 100 nonprofit and faith-based leaders to discuss poverty and identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration, and through asset mapping, they were able to identify both strengths and gaps, to better coordinate services and reduce duplication. He said this was where they saw one of their greatest strengths: bringing people together to create shared solutions.

Dr. Barbour said his office was a two-person team, supporting a wide range of City initiatives, and because meaningful engagement often happened outside traditional business hours, much of their work extended into the evenings and weekends, but despite that, they remained committed to showing up consistently, building trust and ensuring that all communities felt connected to their city.

Dr. Barbour said as they looked ahead, they were continuing to expand opportunities for connection, and they would also continue to strengthen advisory structures, deepen partnerships, and expand their reach across communities, because at the end of the day, a more connected Huntsville was not only a stronger Huntsville, that it was a more resilient, inclusive, and forward-moving Huntsville.

Dr. Barbour thanked the Council for their time, and their continued support.

Councilmember Watkins thanked Dr. Barbour for the presentation, and she said in 2019, she had started a Youth Advisory Leadership program at Jemison High School, where Dr. Barbour was one of the committee members, and she was excited to see he was restarting that program and moving forward with it, that it was something the youth needed.

Councilmember Meredith said Dr. Barbour's presentation was very educational to him, that it was excellent, and Dr. Barbour was doing good work.

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Councilmember Meredith said he had some questions that were generated around Dr. Barbour's job description, of which an essential component was that he develop and deliver for the Huntsville Police Department training focused on cultural competency, and he asked what training Dr. Barbour had developed to fulfill that.

Dr. Barbour said he was working with the Crisis Intervention Team to formulate different trainings, especially for those in the mental health community. He said in the past, they had worked a little more internally, but what he was trying to do was to create collaborative partnerships and strategic partnerships outside the city of Huntsville, so he attended the Mental Health Coalition, that that was where a lot of the work was done in building and developing those types of trainings.

Councilmember Meredith asked if he also worked with the HPCAC (Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council).

Dr. Barbour replied in the affirmative.

Councilmember Meredith said this also talked about working with individuals and groups to develop collaborative initiatives, and he asked what he had done to develop collaboration between the Hispanic community and those citizens who were advocating against ICE.

Dr. Barbour said at this very moment, they were having a community conversation and a community meeting with HLAC, the Hispanic/Latino Advisory Council, and they partnered with local schools, to hit individuals they knew would feel safe enough to come to school, that they wanted to keep their community members safe, so they served by partnering with schools that were already seeing those children, and that was where HLAC came into play, that they

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were trying to develop opportunities for them to receive services they might not traditionally receive.

Councilmember Meredith said he had been trying to get together the folks against ICE and some of the Hispanic groups, but what he was hearing from the Hispanic community was they did not want any part of it, that they wanted those people not to go down that road, not to shine the light on the fact that they were protesting ICE. He asked if that was what Dr. Barbour was finding in his conversations with the Hispanic community.

Dr. Barbour said those were their sentiments exactly.

Councilmember Meredith asked if Dr. Barbour had made any outreach to labor, such as IBEW, if he had reached out to them to see how he could help them.

Dr. Barbour said he had not done so yet.

Councilmember Meredith asked if that was something he intended to do.

Dr. Barbour said if Councilmember Meredith would provide the contact information, he would definitely reach out.

Councilmember Meredith said the job description also talked about organizing community neighborhood associations and serving as a liaison between the Council of Neighborhood Associations, and he asked how many neighborhood associations he had been able to organize and then move into the larger community.

Dr. Barbour said he had been in his position about a year, and the first year was really strategically listening and observing what was happening, and at this time, they were identifying the gaps, where they wanted to create more engagement for the Huntsville Council of Neighborhood Associations, and they were working on strengthening the bylaws and also

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strengthening the internal structure of that Council so they could begin moving toward attracting and reaching out to those who may have fallen off their roster, as a civic association.

Councilmember Meredith said "fallen off" meant they were at least at one point organized, and he asked if he was creating new organizations.

Dr. Barbour said they had been speaking with HOAs, and broadening the scope of the organizations, modifying and editing the bylaws.

Councilmember Meredith said the job description also talked about assuming duties and responsibilities that were, amongst others, directed by the City Administrator, and he asked what duties and responsibilities the City Administrator had assigned to him.

Dr. Barbour said when individuals were unable to attend an event, or represent at a particular function, he stepped in in their stead. He said he focused primarily on the things in the job description, that he was rarely assigned any additional role, but when he was, he was able to take care of it.

President Robinson thanked Dr. Barbour for the excellent job he was doing.

Presentation by Huntsville Utilities: 2026 Winter Weather Utility Bills, by Mr. Wes Kelley, CEO and President of Huntsville Utilities.

(Mr. Kelley made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Kelley said this was, indeed, a sobering topic, that he recognized one of the most difficult parts about being in the Utility business was they had a very direct relationship with their customer, that every month they sent a bill, and sometimes that could be one of the most difficult things a customer experienced, especially during a period of high use and extreme

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weather like the city had recently had. He said he recognized the responsibility they had to provide this information so their customers could understand the rates and what drove the rates.

Mr. Kelley said customers were understandably concerned about the recent winter bills, and he said several key factors had contributed to this: an extended stretch of cold weather from mid-January into early-February increased heating demand; new systems raised questions about billing and meter accuracy; over 10 percent of customers had to settle past-due balances following a six-month suspension of penalties; and there had been a surprising number of homes that had water leaks or pipe issues that created issues that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Kelley recognized the director of the Customer Service Team and the members, and he said if any customers in the room had particular concerns with their utility bills, they could get connected to help resolve their issues on a one-on-one basis, that they could go out in the lobby and have that conversation.

Mr. Kelley displayed a chart, and he discussed in depth the temperature issues in January and February, noting particularly the temperatures that were below 40 degrees. He said 40 degrees was an important threshold because when the temperature dropped below 40 degrees, and one had an electric heat pump, that heat pump would start to become significantly less efficient. He said a heat pump was an energy-efficient way to cool a home and to heat a home during mild weather, but when the temperature got into the 40's and down into the 30's, the heat pump's efficiency decreased, and it called for auxiliary or emergency heat. He said auxiliary heat was a big, resistant wire that overheated and created heat that

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blew into the house, and this caused energy usage to spike, that when auxiliary heat kicked in, it would use two to three times the amount of energy it had been using.

Mr. Kelley said if one set their thermostat to, say, 68 degrees, and the house was 63 degrees, the unit was automatically going to turn on the auxiliary heat, that when the temperature called for was about three degrees greater than the temperature in the house, it would kick on the auxiliary heat.

Mr. Kelley said emergency heat was a little bit different, that the heat pump would not be running at all, that it would be just strip heat alone. He said usually that was a manual setting, but it depended on the unit and the way it was programmed.

Mr. Kelley said not everyone in Huntsville heated their home with a heat pump or had this resistant heat situation, that if one had natural gas, often they would have a natural gas furnace or a heat pump that when it got below 40 would flip to natural gas. He said they would have a higher gas bill, but they were not going to see that increase in usage they would see when the strip heat kicked on in a heat pump unit.

Mr. Kelley displayed a slide, and he discussed electric demand, saying that demand was that one-hour peak usage, what was the highest amount of energy needed to supply power for one hour. He said the reason this mattered was because it was a big part of the way TVA invoiced Huntsville Utilities, that whatever the peak usage was for the month, that was what the bill was set to.

Mr. Kelley displayed a slide entitled "Impacting Your Bill, Purchased vs. Sold, and he said they would look at how much power Huntsville Utilities bought from TVA, how much energy came through their system. He said TVA metered Huntsville Utilities at about 14

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locations around the county, that TVA had their meters at those locations, and they billed Huntsville Utilities on an energy and demand basis, just like Huntsville Utilities billed their customers. He said the green bars on the display indicated how much energy Huntsville Utilities bought from TVA, based on TVA's meter readings in their substations.

Mr. Kelley said the orange bar was an aggregate amount of all Huntsville Utilities customers billed in November, December, January, and February, that if they added up all 235,000 customer bills and synched up those meter readings from the first of the month to the first of the month, how much energy they billed customers for, that was the orange bars. He said the difference was the percentages they saw listed, 4.4, 4.5, 3.9, and 3.5. He said that was what they called "system losses," that they had bought around four percent more power from TVA than they had sold to their customers. He said four percent got burned up in the distribution system, that every transformer the electrons went through, every wire that went down the street, created heat, and heat was energy lost. He said they generally lost around three to four percent of the energy they bought as it traveled through their almost 3,000-mile distribution system.

Mr. Kelley displayed a slide depicting a sample utility bill, on Residential Electricity, and he said the period of the bill was about dead-on on the cold snap. He said this was the new bill format, and there was more detail provided. He said the availability charge was a fixed monthly charge, and if one had a home with a larger than 200-amp service, the availability charge was \$21.70, and if it was a home that had less than 200-amp service, the availability charge was \$17.23. He said this difference was not based on the size of the house necessarily, that it was based on the size of the electric service that fed the house.

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Mr. Kelley said on the Usage Charge, they had a three-block inclining rate, meaning they had three segments to their rates, even though two of them at this time matched. He said the first block was the first 1400 kWh, and it was lower, and that was to help customers who were low-usage customers not bear as much burden, but if one used more power, the rate went up, to almost 8.9 cents. He said during a period of extreme cold or extreme heat, a lot of people were going to be up in that higher tier, which cost about a half-cent more.

Mr. Kelley said, finally, there was the TVA Fuel Cost Adjustment, which was a variable fee that was a pass-through from TVA, that it was not a new fee, that it reflected changes in fuel costs from TVA, fuel used in the generation of power, not fuel used in trucks driving down the road, but fuel used in natural gas plants and coal plants, and technically uranium, but there was not a lot of cost to that one.

Mr. Kelley said anytime TVA bought power from someone else, the cost of that was put in the Fuel Cost Adjustment. He said this had not been shown on the bill before, that it was ingrained into the Usage Charge, and now it was broken out into its own line item. He said this changed every month, so it looked like the rate changed every month, but the base rate did not change every month, so he felt it would be helpful for their customers to see that variation and know where it was coming from.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said there was a picture of the bill they were just looking at, and the red boxes were the numbers they could see in the Base Rate column. He said when Huntsville Utilities' rate design, which the Council approved, went to TVA, they had to put it in a spreadsheet that TVA evaluated and determined what was TVA's margin and what was Huntsville Utilities' margin. He said the column that said "TVA base"

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was the portion of the electric rate that accounted for TVA's cost of energy. He said TVA told them what that number was, that they did not set that number.

Mr. Kelley said those base numbers changed two ways, that one was the TVA Board had a rate increase, which they had the prior year and the year before that; and the other was that the numbers moved around seasonally, because TVA had a summer rate, a winter rate, and a transition rate, which were the months that were not summer or winter. He said what was reflected on the chart was TVA's base winter rate, which was higher than the transition rate, that TVA's rates were a little higher in the summer and the winter than they were in the spring and the fall. He said TVA sent them those numbers, and that was what went on the bill.

Mr. Kelley said the HU base involved the Council, that it was Huntsville Utilities' revenue collection, the money they made off that rate class. He said as they would keep going to the side, they would see the percentage there, and ultimately it translated into the kilowatt hours used, and then into the dollars. He said for this customer's bill, during the winter period, about 17 percent of the revenue stayed with Huntsville Utilities, and 83 percent of the revenue went to TVA.

Mr. Kelley said this spreadsheet went back and forth between TVA and Huntsville Utilities on a monthly basis, that it was checked and verified by their people and by TVA's people. He said the percentages would shift around a little bit because, as he had mentioned, during the transition months, TVA's base rate was lower. He said the HU base rate did not change, so, therefore, during the transition months, HU's percentage of the bill was higher. He said the only way the HU rate changed was when the Council approved a rate change.

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Mr. Kelley displayed a slide entitled "Where the Money Goes," and he said 70 percent of the money they took in went to TVA, and 30 percent to do things at Huntsville Utilities. He said someone might say 17 percent was different from 30 percent, and part of that was because in the winter period was when their margin was the smallest, and it was also because this 30 percent was from their budget, which included money they were spending for debt, money they were spending through reserves, and money they were spending through other revenue sources, such as their agreement with Redstone Arsenal, their fiber agreement with Google Fiber, lease agreements, pole attachment agreements, et cetera.

Mr. Kelley said, basically, a third of this money went to employees; a third went into new capital construction, which could also mean repairing existing equipment; 10 percent went to the City of Huntsville to fund municipal operations; and then they could see the way the rest of it laid out there on the pie chart.

Mr. Kelley discussed how Huntsville Utilities compared to other Utilities on its rates, displaying several slides, including national, TVA, state, and local comparisons. He said on the national comparison of electric rates, HU was at No. 8 and Birmingham was at No. 29, out of 50.

Mr. Kelley said on the state comparison, using the most recent data, from 2024, the average Huntsville residential rate for the year was 11.5 cents; the municipal average for other city-owned Utilities across the state was at 11.9 cents; for the cooperative systems, such as Joe Wheeler, North Alabama, and Arab, and the ones in the lower part of the state, it was at 14.5 cents; and Alabama Power was at 16.8 cents.

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Mr. Kelley said on the comparison of Utilities that bought power from TVA, which was 153 utilities, showing if a customer bought 1,200 kWh of usage, taking into account the availability fee, the fuel cost adjustment, and the regular rate, what was that cost, on an average basis, HU was at a little under \$140 and was the only large utility in the Tennessee Valley to be in the top quartile. He said he believed this was data from June 30, 2025.

Mr. Kelley said on Huntsville Utilities' local comparison of Athens, Decatur, Fayetteville, Scottsboro, Guntersville, North Alabama Electric Coop, Pulaski Electric, Joe Wheeler, and Alabama Power, Huntsville Utilities was just a few cents higher than Decatur, that Athens was doing a bang-up job, being at \$139, and Huntsville was at \$146, and Alabama Power was at \$203.

Mr. Kelley displayed another chart, and he enumerated other charges on utility bills: gas, water, sewer, trash, sprinkler, and he pointed out that on the chart, New Hope's billing was higher than Huntsville's because their water rates were higher, and they had recently implemented a sprinkler rate.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he discussed how Huntsville Utilities responded, and he said first, they had to make sure their numbers were right, that they needed to check their work, and they needed to bring in outside people to do this. He said Mauldin & Jenkins was currently doing their financial audit, and this had taken longer because they had changed systems part way through the year, but they were going to get that audit ready and present it within the next month. He said they had hired a national accounting firm, Baker Tilly, to conduct a billing audit, meaning to go through with a new set of eyes and check the math, check the numbers, check the process, and they had conducted an initial review and

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found no significant problems or discrepancies, and they had asked them to go back and do it again, only this time to use four times the number of customers they had checked previously. He said he wanted it to be right, and if there was a problem, he wanted to fix it.

Mr. Kelley said E Source was a new contract they were just finalizing, that they were a technology company with experience in the electric metering business, and they wanted them to come in and go through their entire metering system and entire metering work flow, to check the work, make sure the data was flowing, that they were not dropping something.

Mr. Kelley said CRI, Carr Riggs & Ingram was a local firm, and they sometimes did their financial audit, but due to Huntsville Utilities' statutes, they had to have a different auditor every other year. He said they had asked them to go back and do a full fiber financial analysis because when they built their fiber system, it was part of the electric system. He said he would like to talk to the Council about eventually spinning that into its own separate thing, but before they did that, he needed to know how much money was owed back to the electric system, so they had hired CRI to come in and say if they ran the fiber as its own utility, how much money would need to go back to pay the electric system for its investment in that.

Mr. Kelley said TVA Regulatory Assurance was not new, that every year, TVA was in their building, going through their numbers, checking their work, both in terms of customer service policies and in terms of their rate designs, to make sure they were doing the right thing.

Mr. Kelley said they had a great Customer Service team, and he said what was displayed were the numbers just from January and February, that their customer service team got a tremendous number of calls and emails, that about a quarter of their customers had

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contacted them in January and February to talk about their bills. He said one of the key insights was when they had changed to the new billing system, Huntsville Utilities began absorbing the credit card fee, and since they had been doing that, the number of customers paying by credit cards had increased by about 25 percent, which he thought was helpful to customers.

Mr. Kelley said a very important thing they did was Energy Audits, that they would come in and do an in-home audit, with experts that this was all they did, that they would do an assessment and provide a printed report with recommendations, at no charge.

Mr. Kelley said they had great agency partners, and during the time of these winter bills, they had to this date provided over \$850,000 to low-income customers who were having trouble getting their bills paid. He said these were great organizations that worked closely with their collections team to solve problems that needed to be solved, and he appreciated everything they did to help these customers.

Mr. Kelley said Huntsville Utilities had a program called "Project Share," that customers would donate into that, and 100 percent of the donations went directly to the program, that there was no administrative overhead, that it helped customers over 62 years of age or disabled, on a low or fixed income, and from January into March, that had helped in the amount of \$183,000.

Mr. Kelley said he would shift gears a little bit to talk about advocacy. He said LIHEAP was an incredibly important federal program that had existed for many decades, and it went to local Utilities to help low-income customers pay utility bills. He said Congress authorized this money, and they gave it to the states, and in Huntsville Utilities' case, it went

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through ADECA, and ADECA then distributed it to Community Action agencies throughout the state, so Huntsville Community Action Agency administered these funds in Huntsville/Madison County, that they distributed these funds to low-income customers to help them with winter bills or in emergencies, when they were going to have their service disconnected. He said they fought to keep Congress funding this program, that they sent people to D.C. to go walk the halls and talk about how important it was that this program stay funded, to help customers who needed it the most.

Mr. Kelley discussed the Universal Service Fund, noting that it had nothing to do with the electric utility or the gas utility, that it had to do with the telephone bill. He said he was bringing this up because it was an example of a good idea. He said when Congress passed the Telecommunications Act in 1996, they created the Universal Service Fund, and on every person's cell phone bill, there was a charge that went to help low-income customers get connected to telephones. He said that had been in place since 1996, and he was sure it had helped innumerable people.

Mr. Kelley said he thought it would be nice if they had something like that on the electric side, and he would take the counsel and guidance of the Council and determine if they wanted to make this a priority. He said Huntsville Utilities had a voluntary round-up program, which meant they would round up a customer's utility bill if they wanted them to, and at this time, that money went to the Schools Foundation. He said this did not generate much money, maybe about \$50,000 per year, but if all their customers participated, it would generate over \$1.2 million per year. He said currently, in State law, they were not allowed to charge this on an opt-out basis, which meant the customers' bills would automatically get

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rounded up unless they called them and told them not to round up their bill, that at this time, it had to be a voluntary opt-in. He said TVA did not like opt-out programs, that they did not shut him down, but they had said their preference was voluntary opt-in programs. He said he understood that, but this could make a difference, because they could still fund the schools as they had been funding them, and they could put some of the extra money toward supporting low-income customers. He said that was just an idea of a way to try to put more money on the table because of the pricing of energy.

Mr. Kelley said they had some programs that helped to flatten bills for their customers, that they had a fixed-billing option, that if customers wanted to pay the same amount every single month, they had a program for that, and he said about 50 customers were on it, that it got recalculated twice a year, and if one were up or down, it got trued up. He said what he was on was the average monthly billing, which was a rolling 12-month average, and he said his bill fluctuated, but it fluctuated 20 or 30 dollars, not two or three hundred dollars. He said that was an option that was available to any customer who would like it.

Mr. Kelley said he realized he had thrown a lot of information at the Council, and he would be happy to answer any questions they might have.

President Robinson said that was really a lot of information, but it was very valuable information.

Councilmember Kling said he appreciated the rate comparisons Mr. Kelley had shown, that Huntsville Utilities' rates were lower than most other areas, but, again, they were high. He said he liked what Mr. Kelley had discussed about things they could do to help people, and their home energy audit, which was a good thing.

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Councilmember Kling asked if there was a way Huntsville Utilities media, their public relations people, could get on the internet, and everything else they did, and put out things people could buy at the local building supply places for home insulation, the little pipe insulation things, places that could be glued or caulked, and all those types of tips, just a general public information campaign.

Mr. Kelley said he appreciated Councilmember Kling bringing weatherization to his attention, noting they had had very strong community outreach on that in the past, but it had been a while, and they needed to redouble their efforts on that.

Councilmember Meredith asked how big a hit it was financially to Huntsville Utilities to absorb the credit card service fees.

Mr. Kelley said he did not have that figure at this time, but the good news was that when they did not charge that fee, the credit card companies charged them a significantly lower fee, so that helped them absorb that. He said they had done that to create less friction with the customer and make it easier, that it had increased their cost a little, but it had significantly increased the number of electronic payments they were getting, so they were saving on postage, and he said the most expensive way a customer could pay a bill would be to come and walk into their lobby, because of the staffing and all the things that were associated with that.

Councilmember Meredith said if Mr. Kelley could get the cost of the credit card service fees and the savings on the postage, he would appreciate it.

Councilmember Meredith asked how common an availability charge was in relation to other Utilities charging that.

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Mr. Kelley said Huntsville was unique in that they called it an availability charge, that most Utilities called it a customer charge, and it was very common, that he did not know of a Utility in the Tennessee Valley that did not charge a customer charge, but the numbers would vary, that he knew some that charged more than \$35, and maybe even higher, and he knew some that charged \$9, so the numbers differed. He said it was a fixed revenue that came in. He said this created stability in Huntsville Utilities' revenue because it was not based on variable usage.

Councilmember Meredith said Mr. Kelley had mentioned auxiliary heat and that it used more energy, and he asked which was more economical, to plug up a space heater or to use that auxiliary heat.

Mr. Kelley said he did not know that he was expert enough to answer that question, but he would tell him the technology was not much different. He said there were space heaters that were oil filled, that looked like little radiators, and they were probably a little bit more efficient, and the others were just heating a coil, and that either inside the unit or outside the unit, it was basically the same technology. He said he did not know if Mr. Gehrdes would have any thoughts on this.

Mr. Joe Gehrdes, Huntsville Utilities, said, typically, what was happening when customers were using a space heater to supplement the heat their central unit was not giving them, it was in addition to the energy being pulled by the unit.

Councilmember Meredith asked if they could not switch.

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Mr. Gehrdes said they could turn it off, but that was not advisable, noting that they heard from customers who said they had used nothing but space heaters, and that would generally be more expensive.

Councilmember Meredith said to Mr. Kelley that he had mentioned the low threshold of 40 degrees, and he asked if there was a high threshold.

Mr. Kelley said heat pumps were a heat-exchange system, so when it got hot, it was pulling the coolness out of the air, so, sure, if it got real hot, but as he understood it, they operated well over 100 degrees, that they were designed for hot weather.

Councilmember Meredith asked with regard to smart meters, what time of day the actual readings were happening.

Mr. Kelley said the meter registered usage every 15 minutes, and it stored that usage in a memory cell, and about four times a day, or it could be six, but around every six hours, it would broadcast those readings back to the Huntsville Utilities system, where it would be sucked into their database.

Councilmember Meredith asked, with the gaps in between those 15 minutes, what assumption was being made.

Mr. Kelley said it was measuring how much energy a customer used, say, at 9:00 and 9:15, and it was measuring the difference in usage, that just like the old meters recognized usage from the first of the month to the 30th of the month, this would just be measuring how many electrons flowed through in a 15-minute period.

Councilmember Meredith said that then there was no extrapolation; in other words, the old meters measured exactly what was used, that there was no mathematical formula that

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would extrapolate that one used this much in this 15 minutes compared to the next 15 minutes, and they were going to take the high end of that, so all 15 minutes would be at that high level.

Mr. Kelley replied in the negative, stating it worked very similarly to the old meters, that it did not do it electro-mechanically, that it did it digitally, that it was just measuring the current that flowed through the meter and recording it.

Councilmember Meredith asked what the cost was of opting out of smart meter use.

Mr. Kelley said there was a lot of tension at Council about that, and the Electric Board had decided to allow for an opt-out option. He said there were a couple of scenarios, that Scenario No. 1 was that they were still going to a customer's house and reading their water meter, and in that case, there was a \$10 surcharge to opt-out of the smart meter, because they needed to go over and read that electric meter, which was not the costly part, but they then had to manually process that meter reading separate from all the other meter readings. He said the \$10 surcharge there was basically to handle the additional manual processing associated with handling that.

Mr. Kelley said there was also a \$10 charge if they were not going to a customer's house to read their water meter, but the customer used their new app. He said there was a mechanism in that new app that allowed a person to take a picture and send it back into their billing system. He said then it was automated, that they did not have to manually process it, but there was still additional cost associated with that because there was some additional work that was going on and some technology they had to put in place to make that work.

Councilmember Meredith said, then, that was customer-driven, and he asked if they took that once a month.

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Mr. Kelley said that was the hard part for the customer, that they were going to have to take it, basically, within a day or two time period.

Councilmember Meredith said, then, that was something that had to happen if Huntsville Utilities did not have someone coming out to read the water meter.

Mr. Kelley said that was correct. He said the most expensive option was that someone from Huntsville Utilities would ride to a customer's house to read their meter alone, and that cost would be \$50.

Councilmember Meredith asked if someone had a smart meter on their home at this time and wanted to opt out, if there was a charge to switch out the meter.

Mr. Kelley replied in the negative.

Councilmember Watkins asked if Mr. Kelley had a year-to-year comparison of the utility rates, average, so they could compare from year-to-year how they had changed.

Mr. Kelley said he could prepare that, that it would not be hard to do. He said between the prior winter and the current winter, the number that would have changed was if someone had more than a 200-amp service, that availability fee would be higher, that it would be \$21.70, that the prior year, it was still \$17.23.

Councilmember Watkins asked if Mr. Kelley would do a four-year comparison when he had the time to do so and send it to her.

Councilmember Watkins said Alabama was at No. 3 for the highest monthly utility bill, with an average of 575, and this accounted for approximately 11.38 percent of the average Alabamian's income. She said this report was done by move.org in November of 2024, and it

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was nationally published. She said that was of some concern, that Alabama was not the biggest state, but it was ranked No. 3.

Mr. Kelley said that was a serious issue for the State of Alabama. He said if it was the same report he had read, it also highlighted that Huntsville's rates were significantly lower than the state's.

Councilmember Watkins said that, still, they were looking at these high rates. She asked how much of the current increase was directly tied to the October 2024 rate adjustment.

Mr. Kelley said that rate adjustment was 3.9 and then 1.1, so cumulatively, he guessed it was 5 percent.

Councilmember Watkins said 12 days before she was sworn into office, the Council voted on that, and she knew it was on purpose, because no one wanted her to come into the Council Chambers and question it and ask about it and not vote for it.

Councilmember Watkins asked when was the last time they had a gas increase. Mr. Kelley said it was November of 2022, he believed.

Councilmember Watkins asked if that was voted on by the Council.

Mr. Kelley replied in the negative. He said about 20 years ago, the Council had passed an ordinance delegating the setting of gas rates to the Gas Board, so that was just approved by the Gas Board. He said the Council could revoke that ordinance if they wanted to, but it had been in place for about 20 years.

Councilmember Watkins asked if they adjusted the rates in the wintertime, if the rates happened to go up, or in the summertime, did the rates happen to go down.

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Mr. Kelley said they had talked about the Fuel Cost Adjustment, and he said there was what was known as PGA, or a Purchase Gas Adjustment, but they did not do that, that they had a fixed rate. He said they expected to have to do something with gas rates, he believed in 2028, because they were having to pay for an upgrade of pipelines, and that would be reflected in a couple of years.

Councilmember Watkins asked if that was the pipeline the Council had voted on.

Mr. Kelley replied in the negative, stating this was another pipeline, and he said one of the reasons they had the conversation about a new pipeline was because those rate increases were just going to keep coming.

Councilmember Watkins asked how the public was notified when gas rates went up.

Mr. Kelley said it had been a while since they had done it, but he believed they had communicated on social media and put it on the bill.

President Robinson thanked Mr. Kelley for a very informative presentation, and she said she hoped it answered many questions that people had.

President Robinson said it was her understanding that Mr. Kelley and his staff would stick around for people who might have questions.

Mr. Kelley said he certainly would, and he would also encourage people to avail themselves of their Customer Service staff that was present.

MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION.

Council decision on Personnel Hearing for Calvin Hadden (Huntsville Fire Department), held on 02/27/2026.

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Motion to overturn the decision of the Personnel Committee and return the matter back to them for a full hearing.

Motion by Kling/Second by Robinson.

Councilmember Meredith said his concern about sending this back was why it was necessary if they did not agree. He said it seemed as though if they were to send it back, they might be seeing it again in another couple of months, if they decided to take the same action. He asked if it was correct that if the Council voted against it, it would be a done deal.

President Robinson said if the Council voted against Councilmember Kling's motion, the finding of the Personnel Committee would be upheld.

Councilmember Meredith said his concern was the "send it back" portion of Councilmember Kling's motion.

President Robinson said it would go back to the Personnel Committee, and this time it would be for a full evidentiary hearing, that the last time it was just a show cause hearing, was this a grievable matter. She said this full evidentiary hearing would lay out the entire grievance process.

Councilmember Meredith asked if it could come back before the Council.

President Robinson said it could but with a broader scope of evidence.

Roll-Call Vote:

AYES: Kling, Robinson
NAYS: Meredith, Watkins
ABSENT: Little

Motion Failed.

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(Scrivener's note: In this meeting, there was another vote on this motion which passed.)

President Robinson said since the motion did not prevail, the Council would be upholding the finding of the Personnel Committee.

Councilmember Meredith said he wanted to vote against it, that he wanted this fire fighter to prevail. He said usually when the Council considered these, the motion was to uphold, and that was why he had questions about this, that he did not really know what he was voting on because it was not traditional, and the explanation was if they took Councilmember Kling's motion, it would go back and could ultimately wind up back before the Council, which he thought was a miscarriage, to make the gentleman go through this twice. He said he thought the Council should not uphold this.

President Robinson asked Mr. Riley if he would like to help the Council straighten this out.

Mr. Riley said the rules were clear on this, but it was an unusual situation, in that usually the appeal that was before the Council was for the full presentation of evidence, and that did not occur in this case because in this case, the appeal was for the determination that the grievance filed by the employee did not fall within the types of grievances allowed under Section 14.1, and that decision shall be reviewed by the Council in that circumstance only on the issue of whether the matter was grievable, so there were two choices here, and one was did the Council overturn the finding of the Personnel Committee, at which point it would go back to the Personnel Committee, and it would have a full evidentiary hearing; in other words, the Council was saying they believed the grievance was due to be heard.

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Councilmember Meredith said he wished they had done it the way they had been doing it ever since he had been on the Council. He said this new verbiage was very confusing, and he would like to change his vote because he did not want to uphold what was done, that he wanted this fire fighter brought back to the status he had before this action was taken against him.

President Robinson asked Mr. Riley if sending this back for a full evidentiary hearing would restore anything to the fire fighter or if it would simply give him the opportunity to make his full case.

Mr. Riley said it would simply overturn the prior decision of the Personnel Committee that this was not a type of grievance that was heard, that what the Council would be doing would be overturning that and returning it to the Personnel Committee for a full evidentiary hearing to be held. He said it would go back, and the employee would have the opportunity to have a full evidentiary hearing, and at the conclusion of that, they could not presuppose what the Personnel Committee would do, that it would either uphold the employee's position or uphold the position of the Department head, and depending upon what that was, one or the other of them could then appeal to the Council, and that would be on the full evidentiary hearing.

Councilmember Meredith said he wished they had done this the way they had been doing these, or at least the way he had been programmed to do them. He said the change threw him, and he would like to change his vote so that it would go back.

President Robinson said that was absolutely Councilmember Meredith's privilege, and she asked Mr. Riley if they should just call for the vote again.

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Mr. Riley said he believed that would be the simplest way to do it, and that way they could make it clear what everyone's intention was.

Roll Call Vote on motion to overturn the decision of the Personnel Committee and return the matter back to them for a full hearing.

Motion by Kling/Second by Robinson.

AYES: Kling, Meredith, Watkins, Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Little

Motion Passed.

President Robinson said the decision of the Personnel Committee was overturned, and this would be returned to the Personnel Committee for a full evidentiary hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD.

Public Hearing in order to hear, consider, and act upon all objections or protests, if any, for removal of a public nuisance at 4313 Chalet Cir., NW, Huntsville, AL., which hearing was set at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

(Mr. Erwin made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development, said this property was in violation of the State Public Nuisance Act, for an abundance of junk, and the property owners had been notified this would be the time and place to present any objections. He said they had worked for voluntary compliance on this property for several months and had failed to get the issue resolved.

Public Hearing Opened/No Public Comment/Public Hearing Closed.

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Resolution No. 26-259, ordering the abatement of a public nuisance at 4313 Chalet

Cir., NW, Huntsville, AL.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council

members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-259)

WHEREAS, the City Council on the 12th day of March, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 26-203 declaring the conditions existing upon and/or in front of the property at 4313 Chalet Cir Nw, Huntsville, AL, 35810, more particularly described as follows to-wit: LOTS 5 & 6 BLK 2 CHALET VILLAGE A RESUB OF LOTS 1,2,3,4 & 16 HIGHLAND COMMERCIAL PARK PB 9 PG 60, in the City of HUNTSVILLE, Alabama, a public nuisance due to the existence of the accumulation of junk and debris; and

WHEREAS, a notice to remove said public nuisance was posted on said property advising that a meeting of the City Council would be held at 5:30 pm, on the 26th day of March, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this being the time and place establishing for said hearing of any objections to the proposed removal of said public nuisance and such objections having been heard and given due consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama ("City Council") as follows:

1. After hearing all objections to the proposed removal of said public nuisance, said objections are hereby overruled.
2. That the abatement of said public nuisance is hereby ordered by the removal of the accumulation of junk and debris.
3. That Community Development of the City of Huntsville, is hereby authorized, requested, and directed to abate said nuisance as aforesaid, keeping the account of the cost of abating said nuisance.
4. That Community Development of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is hereby authorized to take all lawful and necessary actions, including, but not limited to, the filing of a civil suit, to accomplish the foregoing.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Public hearing on the zoning of 1.41 acres of land lying south of Sutton Road and west of Woodside Drive to Residence 1-A District, which hearing was set at the February 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

(Ms. Kassama made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Lady Kassama, Planning Services, said this property was annexed into the city in December of 2025, and Residence 1-A District would be consistent with properties along Woodside Drive.

Public Hearing Opened/No Public Comment/Public Hearing Closed.

Ordinance No. 26-99, zoning 1.41 acres of land lying south of Sutton Road and west of Woodside Drive to Residence 1-A District.

Motion by Kling/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(ORDINANCE NO. 26-99)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE
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The public welfare requiring it, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-78 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the following area, land lying on the south of Sutton Rd and west of Woodside Drive, which area is a newly annexed area of the City of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, and which has not been zoned previously, shall be shown and classified on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as Residence 1-A District, in the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, said property being particularly described as follows:

All that part of Section 26, Township 04 South, Range 01 East of the Huntsville Meridian, in the City of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama more particularly described as commencing at a point located at the Southwest Corner of said Section 26; thence from the Point of Commencement, North 77 Degrees 25 Minutes 19 Seconds East, 2,715.40 feet to a point; said point is further described as being the Point of Beginning; thence from the Point of Beginning, North 01 Degree 41 Minutes 59 Seconds East, 246.47 feet to a point; thence South 60 Degrees 45 Minutes 03 Seconds East, 248.14 feet to a point; thence North 62 Degrees 40 Minutes 50 Seconds East, 57.18 feet to a point; thence South 01 Degree 41 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 43.12 feet to a point; thence South 62 Degrees 40 Minutes 50 Seconds West, 28.18 feet to a point; thence South 01 Degree 41 Minutes 59 Seconds West, 227.89 feet to a point; thence North 61 Degrees 15 Minutes 34 Seconds West, 275.48 feet back to the Point of Beginning and containing 1.41 acres, more or less.

2. The boundaries of the above district as described and defined above are hereby established and shall be shown on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, on file in the Planning Division of the Urban Development Department, in accordance with the various classifications herein enumerated and hereafter the regulations governing said district under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall apply to the area so described.

3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of publication.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Public hearing on the rezoning of 1.15 acres of land lying west of Bell Road and south of Belle Park Lane from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District, which hearing was set at the February 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

(Ms. Kassama made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Kassama said the area outlined in blue on the display was part of this area that had been approved for a residential subdivision and rezoning it from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District would match the entire residential subdivision. She said there was an existing plat restriction that there would be only single-family, detached homes for this subdivision.

Public Hearing Opened/No Public Comment/Public Hearing Closed.

Ordinance No. 26-101, rezoning 1.15 acres of land lying west of Bell Road and south of Belle Park Lane from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(ORDINANCE NO. 26-101)

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CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

The public welfare requiring it, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-78 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the following area, land lying on the west of Bell Rd and south of Belle Park Lane, which area is now shown and classified on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, Residence 1-B District, shall be shown and classified on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as Residence 2 District, in the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, said property being particularly described as follows:

All that part of Section 13, Township 05 South, Range 01 West of the Huntsville Meridian, in the City of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama more particularly described as commencing at a point located at the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence from the Point of Commencement, South 63 Degrees 55 Minutes 23 Seconds West 1089.65 feet to a point; said point is further described as the Point of Beginning; thence from the Point of Beginning, South 01 Degree 54 Minutes 57 Seconds West 168.96 feet to a point; thence North 87 Degrees 58 Minutes 08 Seconds West 297.76 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 44 Minutes 59 Seconds East 167.81 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 11 Minutes 22 Seconds East 298.25 feet back to the Point of Beginning and containing 1.15 acres, more or less.

2. The boundaries of the above district as described and defined above are hereby established and shall be shown on the Official Zoning Maps of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, on file in the Planning Division of the Urban Development Department, in accordance with the various classifications herein enumerated and hereafter the regulations governing said district under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, shall apply to the area so described.

3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of publication.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Public hearing on amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 75, Alcoholic Beverage, to modify the title to Article 75, Alcoholic Beverage and Consumable Hemp Product Establishment Regulations; Article 75, Section 75.1, Definitions, 75.3, Permitted Establishments by Districts, and 75.7, Severability, to modify and add regulations related to consumable hemp products; and Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions, to modify Subsection 92.5.3(2), which hearing was set at the February 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

(Ms. Kassama made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Kassama said this was related to Alabama State House Bill 445, that the proposed amendment was to incorporate into the Zoning regulations the provisions of this State bill, which put the enforcement authority for licensing, regulating, manufacturing, marketing, and sale of consumable hemp products to the ABC Board, and provided to treat hemp-derived products similar to alcohol, so a lot of the regulations would be enforced by the State, that the proposed Zoning ordinance would handle only the land-use component and siting and development standards for retailers and other types of establishments that sold consumable hemp products.

Ms. Kassama said there would also be changes in the City Code, which would happen at this meeting as well, as to how business license applications would be processed, and

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enforcement and penalties as it related to the State Consumable Hemp Product laws. She said, with regard to the Zoning regulation, this was the authority given by the State Bill to the municipality, that they were clarifying certain definitions, including Protected Uses; that they were including the Major Arterial, that they were clarifying if they were separated by a major arterial, that would be a good enough buffer distance from the protected uses; and for the retailer, that 75.7 would be a definition for Consumable Hemp Product Retailers; and a separation restriction again, making sure that alcoholic beverages also had a distance from package sales and specialty retailer of consumable hemp products.

Ms. Kassama said they were starting off with 75.7.1, where they had Definitions included, which were based on the State Legislature, and Measurements, and this was to clarify where they would start the measurement of that distance from their establishments; and then adding Permitted Establishment by Districts.

Ms. Kassama said the first establishment would be a Retail Food Store Consumable Hemp Products Retailer, and all of the zoning districts, 1 through 7, would allow them, as an accessory use, with 500 feet distance separation from protected uses, and a restriction exemption if they were within a shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

Ms. Kassama said the second establishment would be a Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products, and this would be allowed in Highway Business C-4 District and Heavy Industry District, with 500 feet distance separation, and a restriction exemption for a minimum 100,000 square feet floor area and 1,500 feet distance from another specialty retailer.

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Ms. Kassama said another establishment would be a Pharmacy Consumable Hemp Products Retailer, and this would be allowed as an accessory use to a pharmacy in any district in which pharmacies were allowed, subject to any qualifications or restrictions applicable to pharmacies.

Ms. Kassama said they were amending Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions, where they would allow a Retail Food Store Consumable Hemp Product Retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store if they were located within 500 feet; however, this was under the Board of Adjustment, meaning that board would have oversight on approving those special-exception applications.

Ms. Kassama said they had had a lot of questions with regard to grandfathering, and that was not really included in their Zoning Ordinance, but it was a policy they had adopted for any kind of regulations they adopted, so any retailer that had lawfully been selling CBD and other consumable hemp products prior to the enactment of the State law and the City Zoning amendment would not be prohibited by the Zoning amendment from continuing to sell consumable hemp products after the passage of this Zoning amendment. She said they would recommend that all businesses that had a lawful license to sell contact the Zoning Administrator to check on this.

Public Hearing Opened.

Mr. Phillip Smith addressed the Council, saying his business was at 5000 Whitesburg, Suite 104. He said he owned the franchise for the Sunmed CBD store in Huntsville, Alabama, and he had been in business in Huntsville for six years. He said up until he heard Ms. Kassama say he was going to be grandfathered in if he crawled through some special hoops, he was

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under the impression that if this passed, he was going to have to close and lose his life savings.

He said he had retired from the Marine Corps and returned to Huntsville and opened this store.

He said he was scared to death he was going to find out on the following morning he was going to be shut down, and that was why he was before the Council. He said if all he had to do was prove he had been working under a business license, that was no problem.

President Robinson said if Mr. Smith wanted to have a conversation with Ms. Kassama, she could confirm that for him.

Public Hearing Closed.

Ordinance No. 26-157, amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 75, Alcoholic Beverage, to modify the title to Article 75, Alcoholic Beverage and Consumable Hemp Product Establishment Regulations; Article 75, Section 75.1, Definitions, 75.3, Permitted Establishments by Districts, and 75.7, Severability, to modify and add regulations related to consumable hemp products; and Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions, to modify Subsection 92.5.3(2), which ordinance was introduced at the February 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Kling/Second by Meredith.

Councilmember Watkins said they were getting ready to vote on this, and she did not know if Mr. Smith's concern had been addressed, and she would hate to vote on something if she did not know this had been addressed with him.

Ms. Kassama said that like Mr. Smith had mentioned, he was lawfully operating and selling CBD or consumable hemp products, so it should not be a problem continuing with that,

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that they just needed to ensure all the paperwork was readily available so Mr. Smith could continue operating and selling those products.

President Robinson asked Mr. Riley if he would like to weigh in on this.

Mr. Riley said he concurred with that, and Mr. Joel Watson from the Legal Department was also present, and he concurred as well.

Councilmember Meredith said Ms. Kassama had mentioned paperwork, and he asked if the paperwork that was necessary for Mr. Smith, and others, to be grandfathered was something they kept on an ongoing basis anyway or if it was special, new paperwork they were going to have to work on to submit.

Ms. Kassama said the Council would be considering that as an amendment to the City Code for business licenses, that this was just the Zoning portion of it, that the businesses licenses would be addressed by that amendment.

Mr. Joel Watson, Assistant City Attorney, said there was another process the Council was going to consider later on the agenda, and part of that was approval of the State Consumable Hemp License, which had to be approved at the municipal level, and one of the checks that went into that was: Are you in the appropriate zoning district? And for individuals or entities that had already been operating: Are you grandfathered? He said that would be considered as part of that process, that it was just part of the normal paperwork to get that approval.

Councilmember Meredith asked if this would require any amendment to the ordinance under 19.a on the agenda, in terms of the grandfathering.

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Mr. Riley said the grandfather clause was already in what the Council would be adopting.

Councilmember Kling said he had heard from other people with local businesses that had been operating with no problem, and he asked if there was any way they could get the word out on this, that they would be grandfathered if they were already existing and nothing would change.

Ms. Kassama said they would certainly clarify that, the normal, regular procedure for getting that business license.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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The public welfare requiring it, and under authority granted by Section 11-52-78 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as adopted on the 21st day of March 1963, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. Amend Zoning ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, to modify the title to read as follows:

ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCT
ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS

Section 2. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE,
Section 75.1 - Definitions, to modify the following terms to read as follows:

Protected uses include and are limited to churches, schools, nursery schools, and child care centers, provided such uses were established prior to the establishment of the licensed retailer and such protected uses have not been abandoned or discontinued for a period of six months or more and further provided that the protected use is not separated from the retailer by an expressway, major arterial, or an interstate highway.

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Retailer means an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail, except under Section 75.7 of this Article where it shall have the meaning provided therein.

Section 3. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, Section 75.3 - Permitted establishments by districts, Subsection 75.3.2. General Business C-3 District, to modify the restrictions for Class I lounge liquor retailers without package sales, class II club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine retailers (all with entertainment) to read as follows:

Class I lounge liquor retailers without package sales, class II club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine retailers (all with entertainment) - provided that such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (1) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district except where the retailer's premises is separated from said residential district by an expressway, major arterial, or an interstate highway; and
- (2) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (3) The aforesaid distance restrictions shall not apply where the retailer's premises and the protected use front on different streets and do not have common exits or driveways providing access or adjoining property lines; and
- (4) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

Section 4. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, Section 75.3 - Permitted Establishments by Districts, to modify Subsection 75.3.3. Highway Business C-4 District to read as follows:

75.3.3 Highway business C-4 District

Banquet halls.

Restaurant liquor retailers, class I club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine Retailers with food service (all with or without entertainment) - provided that no alcoholic beverages shall be sold by any restaurant or food vendor located in or adjacent to a food court.

Class I lounge liquor retailers without package sales, class II club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine retailers (all without entertainment). Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,500 feet of the retailer's premises of a package sales establishment or package sales establishment that also holds a specialty retailer of consumable hemp products license.

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Class I lounge liquor retailers without package sales, class II club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine retailers (all with entertainment)—provided that such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (1) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district except where the retailer's premises is separated from said residential district by an expressway, major arterial, or an interstate highway; and
- (2) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (3) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area; and
- (4) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,000 feet of other such retailer's premises; and
- (5) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,500 feet of the retailer's premises of a package sales establishment or package sales establishment that also holds a specialty retailer of consumable hemp products license.

Off-premises beer/table wine retailers - provided that such uses such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (1) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district; provided, however, the aforesaid distance restriction shall not apply in the case of specialty stores; and
- (2) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with section 92.5 - powers and duties, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (3) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

Package sales establishments - provided that such use shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (1) Such retailer's premises shall have frontage on a major arterial street; and
- (2) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district; and
- (3) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use, except a package sales establishment may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and

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- (4) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area; and
- (5) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,000 feet of the retailer's premises of a class I lounge liquor retailer, a class II club liquor retailer, an on/off-premises beer/table wine retailer (all with or without entertainment), or package sales establishment that also holds a specialty retailer of consumable hemp products license; and
- (6) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,500 feet of the retailer's premises of another package sales establishment.

Permitted uses as special exceptions as defined and regulated by section 92.5 - powers and duties hereof.

Section 5. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, Section 75.3 - Permitted Establishments by Districts, Subsection 75.3.6 Heavy Industry District, to modify the restrictions for Class I lounge liquor retailers without package sales, class II club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine retailers (all with entertainment) to read as follows:

Class I lounge liquor retailers without package sales, class II club liquor retailers without package sales, and on/off-premises beer/table wine retailers (all with entertainment)—provided that such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (1) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district except where the retailer's premises is separated from said residential district by an expressway, major arterial, or an interstate highway; and
- (2) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (3) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area; and
- (4) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,000 feet of other such retailer's premises.

Section 6. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, Section 75.7 - Severability, to move and renumber to Section 75.8 – Severability.

Section 7. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 75 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, Section 75.7 - Severability, to modify and read as follows:

75.7. Consumable Hemp Products Regulations.

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75.7.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this section the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Consumable hemp products are as defined by the state consumable hemp product laws.

Pharmacy consumable hemp products retailer means an establishment licensed as and meeting the qualifications of a pharmacy consumable hemp products licensee under the state consumable hemp product laws, including Code of Ala. 1975, § 28-12-45 and section 20-X-33-.03 of the Regulations of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as such may be amended or superseded from time to time.

Retail food store means an establishment that meets the definition and qualifications of the state consumable hemp product laws, including the Code of Ala. 1975, § 28-12-45 and the Regulations of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as such may be amended or superseded from time to time.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer means an establishment licensed as and meeting the qualifications of a retail food store consumable hemp products licensee under the state consumable hemp product laws, including Code of Ala. 1975, § 28-12-45 and section 20-X-33-.03 of the Regulations of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as such may be amended or superseded from time to time.

Retailer means, for the purposes of this section, an establishment licensed to sell consumable hemp products at retail.

Specialty retailer of consumable hemp products means an establishment licensed as and meeting the qualifications of a specialty retailer of consumable hemp products licensee under the state consumable hemp product laws, including Code of Ala. 1975, § 28-12-45 and section 20-X-33-.03 of the Regulations of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as such may be amended or superseded from time to time.

State consumable hemp product laws mean the consumable hemp product laws of state and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as such laws may be amended or superseded from time to time.

75.7.2 Measurements.

Where this article establishes separations between the retailer's premises and protected uses, residential districts, or other retailer's premises, the distance shall be measured from the public entrance(s) of such retailers.

75.7.3 Permitted Establishments by Districts.

The following establishments, engaged in the sale and service of consumable hemp products, and no other, shall be permitted in the districts hereinafter set forth:

- (1) Neighborhood Business C-1, Neighborhood Business C-2, Village Business C-6 and Research Park 2 Districts.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store provided that such retailers are not located within 500 feet of any protected use,

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unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with section 92.5—Powers and Duties.

(2) General Business C-3 District.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store - provided such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with section 92.5 - powers and duties, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (b) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

(3) Highway Business C-4 District.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store - provided that such uses such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with section 92.5 - powers and duties, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (b) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

Specialty retailer of consumable hemp products as a sole principal use or as an accessory use to an establishment having a retail liquor license from the City authorizing off-premises consumption only - provided that such use shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall have frontage on a major arterial street; and
- (b) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district; and
- (c) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use, except a specialty retailer of consumable hemp products may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (d) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area; and
- (e) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 1,500 feet of the retailer's premises of another specialty retailer of consumable hemp products or the retailer's

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premises of a package sales establishment that also has a consumable hemp products license

(4) Commercial Recreation C-5 and Commercial Industrial Park Districts.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store - provided that such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with section 92.5 - powers and duties, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (b) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

(5) Light Industry, Research Park Commercial and Airport Commercial Districts.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store —provided that such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with section 92.5 - powers and duties, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (b) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of floor area.

(6) Heavy Industry District.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store - provided that such uses shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with Section 92.5—Powers and Duties, except such retailer's premises may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (b) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

Specialty retailer of consumable hemp products as a sole principal use or as an accessory use to an establishment having a retail liquor license from the City authorizing off-

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premises consumption only - provided that such use shall be subject to each of the following restrictions:

- (a) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a residential district; and
- (b) Such retailer's premises shall not be located within 500 feet of a protected use, except a specialty retailer of consumable hemp products may be located within 500 feet of accessory child care centers located in office buildings; and
- (c) The aforesaid distance restriction relative to protected uses shall not apply where said retailer's premises is located in an enclosed mall shopping center with a minimum of 100,000 square feet of floor area.

(7) Village Business C-6 District.

Retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store provided that such retailers are not located within 500 feet of any protected use, unless a special exception has been granted in the case of churches in accordance with Section 92.5—Powers and Duties.

- (8) Pharmacy consumable hemp products retailers are permitted as an accessory use to a pharmacy in any district in which pharmacies are allowed subject to any qualifications or restrictions applicable to pharmacies.

Section 8. Amend Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 92. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Section 92.5.3. Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions, to modify Subsection 92.5.3(2) to read as follows:

- (2) Off-Premises Beer/Table Wine Retailers and retail food store consumable hemp products retailer as an accessory use to a specialty store in Neighborhood Business C-1, Neighborhood Business C-2, General Business C-3, Highway Business C-4, Commercial Recreation C-5, Village Business C-6, Commercial Industrial Park, Light Industry, Research Park Commercial, Research Park 2, Airport Commercial and Heavy Industry districts within five hundred (500) feet of a church.

In addition to any other required notice, an applicant for a special exception to locate within five hundred (500) feet of a church must notify such church via mail.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its publication.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Public hearing on the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way at 608 Church Street,
which hearing was set on the February 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

(Ms. Kassama made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Kassama indicated the right-of-way that would be vacated, and she said they had realigned Church Street, so this would no longer be necessary.

Public Hearing Opened.

Dr. Amanda Ragland, 333 Franklin Street, said the Vine Group and the Vine Pastoral Counseling Center would be very grateful for the Council's affirmative vote on this resolution. She said the Vine Group was a subsidiary corporation of the Vine Pastoral Counseling Center, which was a nonprofit organization that had been in existence since 1999, and she was privileged to be the Executive Director. She said since 1999, they had provided 113,000 sessions to the community, and 24,000 of those were scholarship-assisted sessions, representing \$1.5 million of assistance they had poured into the community of Huntsville.

Dr. Ragland said they were in a capital campaign at this time to renovate the building at 608 Church Street that would be their forever home, and they were going to use the money they raised to beautify that corner, and to continue providing services to Huntsville citizens.

Public Hearing Closed.

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President Robinson said there would be no vote on this matter at this time, that it would be taken up under Item 18 on the agenda, Legal Department Items/Transactions, 18.a and 18.b.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET.

Resolution No. 26-260, to declare a public nuisance located at 195 Wilkenson Dr., NE, Huntsville, AL, and to set the date for when objections will be heard, at the April 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-260)

WHEREAS, the Manager of Community Development of the City of Huntsville, Alabama ("Director") has reported in a Report and Affidavit, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, that upon and/or in front of the property situated at 195 Wilkenson Dr Ne, Huntsville, AL, 35811, there exists certain conditions as those enumerated in Acts 1971 , Reg. Sess., No. 71-1320, p. 2269, §2, which constitutes a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Report and Affidavit of the Manager proves to the satisfaction of the City Council that the conditions that exist upon and/or in front of the referenced property constitute a public nuisance in accordance with Acts 1971, Reg. Sess., No. 71-1320, p. 2269.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama ("City Council") as follows:

1. That, in accordance with Acts 1971 , Reg. Sess., No. 71-1320, p. 2269, the conditions as described in the Manager's Report and Affidavit existing upon and/or in front of the property at 195 Wilkenson Dr Ne, Huntsville, AL, 35811, more particularly described as follows wit: LOT 6 BL F EDMONTON HGTS PT A PB 2 PG 52, are found and hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which must be abated by the removal of said public nuisance.
2. That a meeting of the City Council shall be held at at 5:30 pm, on 9th day of April, 2026, in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, in

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order to hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the proposed removal of said nuisance.

3. Community Development hereby appointed to cause to be conspicuously posted in front of the property on which or in front of which the aforesaid nuisance exists, at not more than 100 feet in distance apart, but not less than two in all, notices headed, "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance", such heading to be in words not less than 1 inch in height and substantially in the following form:

NOTICE TO REMOVE PUBLIC NUISANCE

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of March, 2026, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, passed a resolution declaring that a public nuisance exists upon or in front of the property at 195 Wilkenson Dr Ne, Huntsville, AL, 35811 in said City of Huntsville, Alabama, and more particularly described in said resolution, and that the same constitutes a public nuisance, which must be abated by the removal of said public nuisance, otherwise they will be removed and the nuisance will be abated by the municipal authorities, in which case the cost of such removal shall be assessed upon the lots and lands from which and/or in front of which such public nuisance is removed, and such cost will constitute a lien upon such lots or lands until paid. Reference is hereby made to said resolution for other particulars.

All property owners having any objections to the proposed removal of said public nuisance are hereby notified to attend a meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, to be held at 5:30 pm, on 9th day of April, 2026, in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, when their objections will be heard and given due consideration.

Dated this the 27th day of March, 2026.

City of Huntsville, Alabama

By: Scott Erwin
Manager, Community Development
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama
Phone: (256) 427-5400

4. That the said notice shall be posted at least five days prior to the time set therein for hearing objections by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama. In addition, Community Development, is hereby ordered to mail a copy of said notice to the owner(s) of the property at least five days before the meeting at which objections will be heard, such notice to be mailed to the person last assessing the property for taxes according to the records of the Madison County

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Tax Assessor as well as to the current owner(s) of record according to the Madison County Probate Records if different than the owner(s) last assessed.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-261, setting a public hearing on the vacation of a right-of-way at 2204 1st Street, at the April 23, 2026, Regular Council meeting.

Motion by Kling/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-261)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, within the State of Alabama, as follows:

1. That **Redeemer Church**, is the sole landowner abutting the property hereinafter described, submitted an application for the vacation of a portion of a Right-of-way being and lying in Madison County, and being more particularly described as follows (the "Right-of-way" or the "Property"):

SEE EXHIBITS "A-1" - "DECLARATION OF VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY"
"A-2" - "DECLARATION OF VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY"

SEE EXHIBITS "B-1" - "PETITION FOR VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY"
"B-1" - "PETITION FOR VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY"

SEE EXHIBIT "C"- "PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE"

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2. That a public hearing shall be held for purpose of allowing public comments on the proposed vacation of said Right-of-way at Huntsville City Hall in the Council Chamber, located at 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026; and

3. That notice of the vacation of the Right-of-way has been or shall be provided to all adjacent landowners and any known entities with facilities or equipment lying in said Right-of-way in accordance with Section 23-4-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended; and

4. That the City Clerk is hereby ordered to have public hearing notice contained in Exhibit "C" attached hereto ("Public Notice"), immediately published in The Speakin' Out News for four consecutive weeks, with said notice to run beginning on April 1, April 8, April 15 and April 22, 2026.

5. It is hereby ordered that copies of the Public Notice shall be posted on bulletin boards located in the Madison County Courthouse and Huntsville City Hall.

Introduction of Resolution No. 26-262, consenting to the vacation of a right-of-way at 2204 1st Street.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 26-263, vacating a right-of-way at 2204 1st Street.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-264, setting a public hearing for Kirk Parker, d/b/a Starship Limousine Service, for the operation of two (2) limousines, at the April 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

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Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted by the Council

members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-264)

WHEREAS, an application has been made by **Kirk Parker d/b/a Starship Limousine Service**, for a certification of public convenience and necessity for the operation of two (2) limousines in the City of Huntsville, and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 75-243 provides for the publication of a notice that such application has been made and setting a date for a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows

1. That the intent of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama to consider whether a public convenience and necessity justifies the issuance of a limousine license to **Kirk Parker d/b/a Starship Limousine Service** for the operation of two (2) limousines is hereby declared.
2. That the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama shall meet at 5:30 P.M. on the 9th of April, 2026, at the Council Hall or at such other place announced by the City Council in the City of Huntsville for the purposes of holding a public hearing on the question of whether a public convenience and necessity justifies the issuance of a limousine license to **Kirk Parker d/b/a Starship Limousine Service** for the operation of two (2) limousines, at which time all parties may appear in person, by agent, or by attorney for the purpose of objections or remonstrations.
3. That this resolution shall be published in the Speakin' Out News, a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and said publication to be not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of this hearing

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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President Robinson said there would be a 10-minute recess.

(Recess.)

President Robinson reconvened the meeting.

AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS.

President Robinson said this portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to the specific content of items on the meeting agenda. She said people could sign up to speak on the Public Comments Roster prior to the meeting, and when called, they should approach the microphone and state their name, home address, and city of residence. She said each speaker could address the Council for three minutes and 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.

Mr. Chris Horn, 6203 Olson, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Water."

President Robinson interrupted Mr. Horn, saying she had turned off his time, and she asked which agenda item his comments were related to. She said this time was for the public speaking concerning items that were on the agenda.

Mr. Horn said it related to Huntsville Utilities, that he thought President Robinson had said they would be discussing Huntsville Utilities.

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President Robinson said it was Huntsville Utilities billing. She asked if he was talking about billing.

Mr. Horn said if he would be allowed to finish, he would be talking about billing.

Mr. Horn resumed his comments.

Mr. Michael Francis, 2420 Crestwood Drive, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "HSV Utilities."

Dr. Angela Sommerset, 9 Chalkstone Street, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Utilities."

Ms. Tierney Gaskin, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct on the sheet (1 Tranquility Base), and having signed up to speak concerning "20.x police memorandum."

MAYOR COMMENTS.

Mayor Battle said that over the past three days, they had had 7400 visitors to the city of Huntsville, that a number of them were attending the AUSA Conference, where every inch of the VBC was covered with exhibitions and training programs, et cetera. He said there was also the GEOHuntsville meeting, noting that there were 15,000 people in the city who worked in the geospatial industries, or in the mapping area. He said they were having their symposium at the Botanical Garden, and several people were in attendance at that.

Mayor Battle said he had the opportunity to attend the quarterly music roundup, to talk about what had been done in the last quarter and what they were looking forward to doing in the next quarter.

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Mayor Battle said Microwave Dave would be honored in a couple of events to be happening soon, and people could look on the City's webpage to find out about them. He said Microwave Dave was a strong force in the community, that he gave people who just loved music a place to play and an audience to listen to them, and he would be missed.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.

President Robinson said Councilmember Little had asked her to share some shoutouts to Water Pollution Control, Public Works, Traffic Engineering, HPD, and Parks & Rec for their help with citizen concerns.

Councilmember Meredith said he had been getting a lot of calls, so he needed to clarify that he was not running for reelection this cycle, that this cycle was only for Districts 2, 3, and 4, but he fully intended to run for re-election when his cycle came up in 2028.

Councilmember Meredith thanked Dr. Peck at the University of Alabama Huntsville for her invitation to be on the panel that spoke to her government class recently, noting he had been asked some very timely and pertinent questions that he enjoyed answering; and he said he had recently had the opportunity of touring the North Alabama Homebuilding Academy and witnessing the good work they did in providing the requisite training for entry-level construction jobs and hearing about the partnerships they had for their graduates to earn post-secondary degrees, certifications, and training to further those careers.

Councilmember Meredith thanked the Orion for hosting him on a tour of their facilities and educating him on their commitment to making their facility available for community-based events in order to foster a larger sense of community throughout the city; and he thanked the Parks & Rec folks who made the West Huntsville Rec Center a beacon of social interaction in

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the West, noting that most recently they had hosted the Springfest West event, which was a huge hit for families in the area.

Councilmember Meredith asked Ms. Penny Smith to come to the microphone. He said he had been asked a lot of questions by citizens about what the federal government now being insolvent would mean for the financial future of the City of Huntsville.

Ms. Penny Smith, Director of Finance, said there were a couple of articles out about the Treasury announcing that the federal government was now insolvent, but the federal government had been technically insolvent for many, many years, that it was what they usually called the "federal deficit," which just meant that your liabilities were greater than your assets, and you could not pay your debt.

Ms. Smith said the reason this was not a particular problem for the federal government was that the federal government could print money, that they backed that through the full faith and credit of the government, that they were not backed by gold and things like that. She said many people might know about or be invested in what were called "Treasury Notes," and that was an investment into the federal government, that that was part of that back and forth sway of the government.

Ms. Smith said as far as the City, they did not depend on the federal government for their local finances, that the City was funded through Sales and Use Taxes, through Lodging Taxes, local taxes that created their revenue base. She said there were fees, like license fees or other fees, and sometimes there were charges. She said they had talked earlier in the evening about utilities, and they also had charges for sewer service and garbage service that were provided by the City.

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Ms. Smith said the City was not dependent on the federal government, that they had grants that came from the federal government, but those grants were not at this point dependent on whether the government was insolvent. She said the government continued to operate, that she thought there had been only one time in their history when they had actually balanced the budget for the federal government, so it had been a very long time since the government had actually been solvent, and that was a problem for someone else.

Ms. Smith said the City of Huntsville had a balanced budget every year, that they paid their bills, and they paid them on time, and they were a good credit, hence the AAA credit they had just gone through, so their bonds were rated that way. She said the City of Huntsville was doing fine, and they were able to afford the debt they maintained on their books.

Councilmember Meredith thanked Ms. Smith, stating he believed that would go a long way to smooth the feathers of some folks who had been calling him kind of irate about what was going to happen to the City, given the federal government.

Councilmember Watkins thanked the Council staff, saying they did a lot of work for them, and she wanted them to know it did not go unnoticed.

Councilmember Watkins thanked Scott Erwin, Chris McNeese, and Nick Nene for solving problems for her really quickly.

Councilmember Watkins said she had recently had the opportunity to visit the Detention Center, that she had been invited to come and talk to some of the youth there, and she said she would just say they had to find ways to reach their youth, that they were losing a generation of kids, and it was scary.

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Councilmember Watkins thanked the people who had shown the Buffalo Soldier documentary at Cavalry Hill School, and she said it was on You Tube, and people really needed to see it, that it was mind-blowing how a local young man had made this film, doing it himself, without a big production company or sponsors behind him, that he was out there doing the work.

Councilmember Watkins said the Women's Expo would be on the upcoming Saturday, and the Easter Egg Hunt would be at Stoner Field on Saturday, at 11 a.m.

Councilmember Watkins said on April 2nd, at 5:30 p.m., at the Showers Center, there would be a meeting about the Showers Center, and she wanted public input, that they would be talking about doing a remodel or a rebuild, and people needed to understand what a rebuild would be and how it would reduce the space.

Councilmember Watkins said at a previous Council meeting, there were several individuals who had accused the Council members of being liars, and she did not take kindly to being called a liar because she did not lie, that she would tell them the truth whether or not they liked it or she liked it. She said there was an allegation that they had an agreement with ICE, and she thanked Mr. Hamilton, Chief Giles, and Attorney Riley for sitting down with her, with a gentleman, to go over the agreement they had, which did not include their going and picking up people on the street, that they did not have an agreement with ICE to just stop people randomly and pick them up. She said the MOU was specific for them to be able to be reimbursed for when they had to meet out with the agents, to go to a specific pickup for someone who had allegedly committed a crime, that it was not like they saw on the news.

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Councilmember Watkins said there were a lot of things they might not agree with the Council on, and there were a lot of things they might say the Council did not do, but she could tell them she had not lied about an ICE agreement, and none of the Council members had. She said to alleviate the stress people were feeling about ICE, they did not have an ICE agreement.

Councilmember Kling thanked everyone who had attended his recent town meeting, noting it was a good group at the Library, addressing concerns.

Councilmember Kling said he thought a concern he had was being addressed, but he wanted to make sure they really stayed on it. He said Morris Elementary School had a problem with parents parking in the Crestwood Drive neighborhood area, and kids having to run across the street because their parents were not lining up on the school property, and in some cases, there were cars parked in the middle lane of Bob Wallace, as though it was a parking lot. He said they needed to find some sort of permanent solution with Morris School so that all the waiting traffic could park on campus rather than having to worry about kids crossing over to Crestwood Drive, that potentially someone could be injured, and they definitely did not want to see that.

Councilmember Kling said the upcoming Saturday was opening day at Mayfair Park, that the International League would get under way that morning; and after that, there would be a big yard sale at Sherwood Park; and then, at Campus 805, the India celebration would be taking place, and it was open to the public.

Councilmember Kling said street resurfacing was getting under way, that he was seeing streets that were being prepped and some that had recently been completed, that this was

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something that was done after a cold, wet, freezing winter, and he was looking forward to seeing these projects completed.

Councilmember Kling said Kathy Martin had done yeoman's work in working with the residents who lived along Governors Drive, east of California Street, that there were a lot of concerns and complications with traffic and getting those houses prepared for the upcoming road-widening construction, and she had done a great job making everything as painless as possible for those residents.

President Robinson wished everyone a very blessed Easter Week and a joyful Easter Day.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Resolution No. 26-265, authorizing expenditures for payment, in the amount of \$27,481,858.18.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-265)

WHEREAS, the Finance Director for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has presented the following report of expenditures paid in that totals the following amount:

\$27,481,858.18

WHEREAS, by presentation of this report, the Finance Director certifies each of the expenditures was in order for payment; that the payment documentation included a copy of the purchase requisition and/or a Request for Payment, signed by the appropriate Department Head or designee with a statement indicating the purpose or use of the requested materials or services; and, for the payment of a city employee's compensation and costs related thereto, the payment was made in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama ("Code") Section 2-221 (i.e., Personnel and Policy Manual) or as otherwise required by law; and

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WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council of the City of Huntsville has reviewed the report as presented and has recommended the ratification thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby ratify the report described herein, and hereby authorizes the expenditures included therein for payment.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Ordinance No. 26-266, authorizing the reallocation of funding from Ordinance No. 25-794, to provide support for the Panoply Arts Festival.

Motion by Kling/Second by Meredith.

President Robinson asked Councilmember Kling if he would like to give an explanation of this ordinance.

Councilmember Kling said that, unfortunately, the sculptor who was going to be putting a sculpture at Westlawn Park had passed away. He said the funding for this was coming through the Arts Council, and he thought it would be best to reallocate that money to the Arts Council, to then be used for Panoply. He said he thought this would be a great legacy for the sculptor who had passed away, just to see all the art, all the joy, all the enthusiasm taking place in Downtown Huntsville at Big Spring Park on what was hopefully going to be a beautiful spring day to celebrate the arts.

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Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-266)

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.25-794, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville Alabama, appropriated Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00), from the Council Improvement Funds for District 4 – Councilman Kling, to The Arts Council, Inc. to provide funding for an art sculpture at Westlawn Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed art sculpture is no longer a viable option; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to redirect this appropriation to support the Panoply Arts Festival, an event that promotes cultural enrichment and community engagement;

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that:

1. The previously designated appropriation of \$5,000.00 to The Arts Council, Inc. for an art sculpture at Westlawn Park is hereby amended and redesignated to provide funding for the Panoply Arts Festival.
2. All other provisions of the original ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON.

Resolution No. 26-210, reappointing Walter Lee Ellenburg to the Air Pollution Control Board, to his current seat, for a five (5) year term to expire April 11, 2031.

Motion by Kling/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-210)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, or will exist, on the Air Pollution Control Board due to expiration of the term of Walter Lee Ellenburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Walter Lee Ellenburg is hereby reappointed to fill said vacancy, said appointment to become effective on April 12, 2026, and expiring on April 11, 2031.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-211, reappointing Paul Wieland to the Air Pollution Control Board, to his current seat, for a five (5) year term to expire April 11, 2031.

Motion by Kling/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-211)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, or will exist, on the Air Pollution Control Board due to expiration of the term of Paul Wieland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Paul Wieland is hereby reappointed to fill said vacancy, said appointment to become effective on April 12, 2026, and expiring on April 11, 2031.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-212, reappointing Jackie Bellamy to the Community

Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 10, to the seat previously held by Briseida Ruelas, for a three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2029.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-212)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 10, due to the expiration of the term of Briseida Ruelas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jackie Bellamy is hereby appointed to fill said vacancy, said appointment to become effective on April 15, 2026 and expiring on April 14, 2029.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-213, reappointing Richard Godwin to the Community

Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 12, his current seat, for a three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2029.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-213)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 12, due to the expiration of the term of Richard Godwin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Richard Godwin is hereby reappointed to fill said vacancy, said appointment to become effective on April 15, 2026 and expiring on April 14, 2029.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
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Resolution No. 26-214, appointing Alton Conwell to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 2, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Belinda Hampton, for the remainder of a vacant three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2028.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-214)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 2, due to the resignation of Belinda Hampton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Alton Conwell is hereby appointed to fill said vacancy, said partial term appointment to become effective on March 26, 2026 and expiring on April 14, 2028.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-215, appointing Jeremiah Dameron to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 7, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Bekah Schmidt, for the remainder of a vacant three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2027.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-215)

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OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 7, due to the resignation of Bekah Schmidt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jeremiah Dameron is hereby appointed to fill said vacancy, said partial term appointment to become effective on March 26, 2026 and expiring on April 14, 2027.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-216, reappointing Bonita Gill to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 5, her current seat, for a three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2029.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-216)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 5, due to the expiration of the term of Bonita Gill.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bonita Gill is hereby reappointed to fill said vacancy, said appointment to become effective on April 15, 2026 and expiring on April 14, 2029.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution No. 26-217, reappointing David Driscoll to the Bingo Review

Committee, to his current seat, for a two (2) year term to expire April 8, 2028.

Motion by Kling/Second by Robinson.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Kling, Robinson

NAYS: Watkins, Meredith

ABSENT: Little

Motion Failed.

President Robinson said the next item on the agenda would require four votes for passage.

Resolution No. 26-218, reappointing Patricia King to the Bingo Review

Committee, to her current seat, for a two (2) year term to expire April 8, 2028.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Meredith.

Roll Call Vote:

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AYES: Meredith, Kling, Watkins, Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Little

Motion Passed.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-218)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE
OR BOARD MEMBER BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, or will exist, on the Bingo Review Committee, due to the expiration of the term of Patricia King.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Patricia King is hereby reappointed to fill said vacancy, said appointment to become effective on April 9, 2026 and expiring on April 8, 2028.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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President Robinson asked if there were any board nominations from the floor.

There was no response.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS.

Vacation of Rights-of-Way.

(The following two items are related to the public hearing held under item 9.e on the agenda.)

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Resolution No. 26-159, consenting to the vacation of a right-of-way at 608 Church Street.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-159)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, within the State of Alabama, as follows:

1. That THE VINE GROUP, INC., is the sole landowner abutting the property hereinafter described, made application for the vacation of that certain portion of Right-of-Way more particularly described as follows (the "Right-of-Way" or the "Property"):

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. That notice of the vacation of the portion of the Right-of-Way has been given as required by Section 23-4-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, and a public hearing held for purposes of allowing public comments on the proposed vacation before the City Council.

3. That after vacation of the designated Right-of-Way and all public rights therein, convenient and reasonable means of ingress and egress to and from the respective property will be afforded to all property owners owning property in or near the Right-of-Way by the remaining streets, avenues, and highways.

4. That in the judgment and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville that it is in the public interest and necessary and expedient that the City vacate the designated Right-of-Way and that the vacation of the designated Right-of-Way is in the best interests of the citizens of the City in that same will contribute to the health and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

5. That the filing of the resolution with the Judge of Probate of Madison County, Alabama, shall operate as a declaration of the City's vacation of the Right-of-Way as described herein and shall divest all public rights and liabilities, including any rights which may have been acquired by prescription, in that part of the Right-of-Way. Title and all public rights shall vest in the abutting landowners, Huntsville Housing Authority.

6. That upon vacation of said right-of-way, this property shall be converted to a Utility and Drainage Easement.

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7. That notice of this resolution shall be published in The Speakin' Out News no later than fourteen (14) days from the date hereof.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Huntsville that they do hereby assent to the said vacation of the herein described Right-of-Way and the same is hereby vacated and annulled and all public rights therein divested of the Property.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Ordinance No. 26-160, vacating a right-of-way at 608 Church Street.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-160)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, finds that an application has been presented to the City of Huntsville requesting the vacation of certain right-of-way; that the applicant has represented to the City of Huntsville that **The Vine Group, Inc.**, is the owner of the property across which said right-of-way lies; that said right-of-way, or the portion being vacated, is not presently used and is no longer needed for a public or municipal purpose.

Section 2. Pursuant to the findings in Section 1 hereinabove, the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is hereby authorized, requested and directed to execute a quitclaim deed vacating the right-of-way hereinafter described, said deed being substantially in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION.

Ordinance No. 26-245, to amend and rename Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances, “Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages and Consumable Hemp Products,” and to amend Chapter 1, Section 7, of the Code of Ordinances, “General Penalty; continuing violations,” and to amend Chapter 15, Section 85, of the Code of Ordinances “License Schedule,” to add provisions relating to consumable hemp products, which ordinance was introduced at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Meredith.

President Robinson recognized Ms. Penny Smith, Director of Finance.

Ms. Smith said this was the sister part to the Zoning piece that was discussed earlier. She said that, basically, this was the method by which people would get licensed for hemp. She said even if one were currently established in that, they needed to contact her office and get the paperwork through. She said it would go through the Alcohol Committee, that there would be approval through that committee, and then those persons would become licensed by the City. She said there was no fee for this, that by State law, they could not charge anything for it.

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Councilmember Meredith said he had a concern about the penalties associated with this, and he asked if Ms. Smith could delve into the penalties.

Ms. Smith said she believed the penalties were per State law, and she would have an attorney answer that.

Mr. Joel Watson, Assistant City Attorney, said the penalty provisions in this were the same provisions that were in the State Code, but the State Code had given enforcement to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, so, for an example, if a licensed establishment were to, say, sell these products to someone who was 15, the enforcement mechanism for that would be to go to the ABC Board, and they could do a revocation or a suspension or impose a fine.

Mr. Watson said the purpose of including this in this ordinance was to give them a local ability to address this as well, that it would make it addressable through the Municipal Court.

Councilmember Meredith asked if at least on the first offense, there would not be jail time.

Mr. Watson said he believed the provision was for \$50 for the first time or up to six months in jail, and he said that was pretty standard for all misdemeanor violations.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-245)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Code of Ordinances for the City of Huntsville shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, “Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages” is hereby amended and renamed “Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages and Consumable Hemp Products” and is created, amended and replaced by the attached Exhibit “A.”

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Section 2. Chapter 1 Section 7(c)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, “General Penalty; continuing violations” shall be added as follows:

“(4) For violations of Section 3-4(d), (e), and (f) pertaining to consumable hemp products, the following penalty shall be imposed:

- a. Upon conviction for a first offense, a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment in the city jail or hard labor for a period not exceeding six months, or by any combination thereof.
- b. Upon conviction for a second offense, a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisonment in the city jail or hard labor for a period not exceeding six months, or by any combination thereof.
- c. Upon conviction for a third offense, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment in the city jail or hard labor for a period not exceeding six months, or by any combination thereof. Such sentence shall include a mandatory sentence of not less than two days in jail, which shall not be subject to suspension or probation.”

Section 3. Chapter 15 Section 85(8) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, “License schedule” shall be amended as follows:

Section 85(8) is now to be known as Section “85(8)(a).”

Section 4. Chapter 15 Section 85(8) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, “License schedule” shall be amended by adding sub-paragraph (8)(b) as follows:

- (8) (b) Consumable hemp products. Each person engaged in the following businesses shall, prior to engaging in such business, apply for and receive the approval of the City to engage in such business as required by law:

State of Alabama Code Number	Type of License	Amount (Each Business)
700	Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products	\$0.00
710	Pharmacy Consumable Hemp Products	\$0.00
720	Retail Food Store Consumable Hemp Products	\$0.00

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Ordinance No. 26-246, declaring certain property surplus and to be disposed of by auction, which ordinance was introduced at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith.

Councilmember Watkins asked for an explanation of the ordinance.

Mr. John Hamilton, City Administrator, said what was before the Council was a laundry list of small things the Fire Department was ready to dispose of, that generally about once a year, they would take their obsolete items for auction.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-246)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville has determined that the personal property described below has been identified by Huntsville Fire and Rescue as surplus to the needs of the City of Huntsville and is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes by the City of Huntsville.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the personal property described in the attached list identified as "2026 HFR Surplus Property," consisting of eleven (11) pages, is surplus to the needs of the City of Huntsville and no longer needed for a public or municipal purpose by the City of Huntsville.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to dispose of the personal property owned by the City

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of Huntsville, Alabama described below, by selling such property via auction, Fowler Auction and Real Estate Service, Inc. All such property shall be sold to the highest bidder. The Mayor and the City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Huntsville, Alabama; and signed by the Fire Chief, conveyance of the title to the personal property, when applicable. Said documents shall be permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Ordinance No. 26-247, to declare certain real property as surplus and authorizing Huntsville Utilities its sale and conveyance to Madison Utilities, which ordinance was introduced at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

Councilmember Meredith asked how much they were selling this for and if it was market value.

Mr. Wes Kelley, CEO and President of Huntsville Utilities, said they had agreed to sell it at the appraised value, which was around \$1 million.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(ORDINANCE NO. 26-247)

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PORTION OF LAND ON GILLESPIE DRIVE
SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS CONVEYANCE TO MADISON UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Electric Utility Board, a municipal public utility board created by the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation (“Huntsville Utilities”) entered into an agreement with The Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison dba Madison Utilities(the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided for Huntsville Utilities to sell a portion of land on Gillespie Road in Madison, Alabama to municipal corporation (“Huntsville Utilities”) entered into an agreement with The Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison dba Madison Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has declared it to be in the best interest of the public and the City of Huntsville, Alabama, to convey the property at Gillespie Road as surplus to The Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison dba Madison Utilities; and

WHEREAS, both parties have fulfilled their obligations pursuant to the Agreement, as herein amended, and the City of Huntsville no longer uses or needs the land on Gillespie Road for public or municipal purposes; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1: It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which is described below, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes and is hereby declared surplus:

Parcel 1 of 1:

Commencing at the northwest corner of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 2 West of the Huntsville Meridian; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 247.50 feet; thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 30.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 33 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 247.50 feet to a #5 rebar with a cap stamped "Garver LLC CA-445-LS" (typical set) marking the Northwest corner of a tract of land conveyed to the City of Huntsville d/b/a Huntsville Utilities in Deed Book 830, Page 473 as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate for Madison County, Alabama, said point being the Point of Beginning of the herein described tract;

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Thence along the north boundary of said City of Huntsville tract South 89 degrees 33 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 142.50 feet to a #5 rebar set marking the Northeast corner of said City of Huntsville tract; thence leaving said north boundary and along the east boundary of said City of Huntsville tract South 2 degrees 53 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 1230.41 feet to a #5 rebar found; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 105.27 feet to a #4 rebar found; thence South 1 degrees 52 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 480.27 feet to a #5 rebar found; thence South 1 degrees 52 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 544.48 feet to a #5 rebar set marking the Southeast corner of said City of Huntsville tract; thence leaving said east boundary and along the south boundary of City of Huntsville tract South 89 degrees 58 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 240.35 feet to a #5 rebar set marking the Southwest corner of said City of Huntsville tract; thence leaving said south boundary and along the west boundary of said City of Huntsville tract North 2 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 2256.87 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described tract contains 9.40 acres (409611.47 sq. ft.) more or less and is subject to any existing easements and rights-of-way whether or not recorded in the public records

SECTION 2: Pursuant to the authority granted by Ala. Code §11-47-20 (1975), the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, all documents necessary to effectuate such conveyance.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Ordinance No. 26-248, annexing 1.33 acres of land lying north of Winchester Road and west of Shields Road, which ordinance was introduced at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

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Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins.

(Ms. Kassama made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Kassama said this property was located on the north side of Winchester Road, and it was surrounded by properties within the city limits.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-248)

WHEREAS, the Estate of Joyce S. Sharpe, by Charlene Sharpe Gard, Gregory Len Sharpe, Tamara Sharpe Hunter, Tabitha Sharpe Counts, as its Heirs, being the owner, as the term is defined by Section 11-42-20, Code of Alabama 1975, of all the property or territory hereinafter particularly described (which property or territory is hereinafter referred to as “the Property”), filed with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a signed and written petition requesting that the Property be annexed to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which petition is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said petition contained the signatures of the owners of the Property, and filed together with said petition was a map showing the relationship of the Property to the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which map is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the present city limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has determined that it is necessary and proper and in the public interest that the Property be brought within the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and has further determined that all legal requirements for annexing the Property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama hereby finds that it is necessary and proper and in the public interest that the Property be brought within the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and assents to the annexation of the Property to the City of Huntsville, Alabama;

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2. That the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby extended and rearranged so as to embrace and include the Property, which is particularly described as follows:

All that part of Section 04, Township 3 South, Range 1 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Madison County, Alabama more particularly described as beginning at a point located at the Southeast corner of said Section 04; thence North 25 Degrees 10 Minutes 0 Seconds West 2,096.2 feet to a point; said point is further described as the Point of True Beginning; thence South 60 Degrees 49 Minutes 14 Seconds West 133.89 feet to a point; thence North 29 Degrees 14 Minutes 54 Seconds West 98.88 feet to a point; thence North 11 Degrees 18 Minutes 22 Seconds West 12.82 feet to a point; thence North 62 Degrees 42 Minutes 14 Seconds East 7.19 feet to a point; thence North 11 Degrees 8 Minutes 2 Seconds West 290.41 feet to a point; thence North 72 Degrees 22 Minutes 49 Seconds East 185.07 feet to a point; thence South 0 Degrees 53 Minutes 13 Seconds West 281.22 feet to a point; thence South 25 Degrees 9 Minutes 17 Seconds East 106.76 feet to the Point of True Beginning and containing 1.33 acres more or less.

3. That this ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and become effective upon its publication as required by law.

4. That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are hereby authorized, requested, and directed for and on behalf of the governing body of the City to file a description of the property or territory herein annexed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Madison County, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Ordinance No. 26-249, to declare certain property surplus and no longer needed for municipal use, which ordinance was introduced at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins.

Mr. Hamilton said that quarterly, General Services would take any fleet that was damaged beyond repair and auction it off, and once a year, they would pull one of those cars out, and with the Council's approval, donate it to Crimestoppers, and they would auction it off as a fundraiser. He said in this case, it was a 2013 Ford Fusion that was beyond its usable life.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-249)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the property described below is hereby declared surplus and no longer needed for a municipal purpose or public use, and to be donated to Huntsville Area Crimestoppers.

Equipment# 11962, 2013 Ford Fusion
VIN # 3FA6P0G78DR127941

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Ordinance No. 26-250, to declare certain property as surplus and authorize the Mayor to negotiate terms involving the lease of the property for Project Gemini, which ordinance was introduced at the March 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith.

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, said the property they could see on the screen was jointly owned by the City of Huntsville and the Madison County Commission, and, in partnership, this was a project they had been working on, that Mr. Kelley had presented the Task Force of Huntsville Utilities, and the goal was local generation, power generation, which TVA was now allowing as a portion of their portfolio. He said at this meeting, billing had been a very big topic, and one of the ways to control some of those costs was for Huntsville Utilities to do some self-generation.

Mr. Davis said this would be a partnership with a company they had done business with before, that the North Huntsville Solar Project was done with Huntsville Utilities and URES, which was a subsidiary of Toyota International. He said this would generate 40 megawatts of locally sourced power and put it directly onto the Huntsville Utilities grid. He said the Madison County Commission had already approved declaring this surplus, and should the Council do this at this meeting, at the next Council meeting, they would bring before the Council the terms of a lease, and he said the same terms of the lease was actually on the Madison County Commission agenda, and it would be postponed to their next meeting, pending the direction of the Council at this meeting.

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Councilmember Meredith said in reading this, it said authorizing the Mayor to negotiate terms, and he asked if this was negotiation only, and if once those terms were negotiated, it was going to come back before the Council.

Mr. Davis said it absolutely would. He said those negotiations were through that partnership with Huntsville Utilities, that Project Gemini, through URES, would actually make the capital investment and sell that power back to Huntsville Utilities, at a lower rate than what they would have to buy it at from TVA, so it was advantageous not only to Huntsville Utilities but to the ratepayers. He said the terms of that lease would come before the Council, that the first step was for both the County and City to declare it surplus so they could bring that document before the Council.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-250)

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville, an Alabama municipal corporation (the "City") and Madison County, Alabama (the "County") are the owners of certain real property lying and located in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, containing approximately 237.96 acres, more or less, as more particularly described as follows in Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment and opinion of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Huntsville that, pursuant to §11-47-21 of the Code of Alabama (1975), that the Subject Property is no longer used or needed for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate such terms and conditions for and/or relating to the lease of the Property, in whole or in part, as may be deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish its lease, the final terms of such agreement(s) shall be contained in one or more lease agreement, or similar lease contract, to be presented to the City Council of the City of Huntsville, and to be approved by subsequent Council Resolution; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, as follows:

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1. That, in the judgment and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, and pursuant to its powers under Alabama Code §11-47-21, the certain parcel of land described in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, (the "Property") is surplus to the needs of the City of Huntsville.

2. That, in the judgment and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, the Property is not needed by any department or division of the City of Huntsville for public or municipal purposes.

3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease of the Property, as described in Exhibit "A" in order to facilitate its lease, in whole or in part, the final terms of which shall be contained in one or more lease agreement, or similar lease contract, to be presented to and approved by the City Council of the City of Huntsville pursuant to subsequent Council Resolution(s).

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION.

Items 20.g, 20.h, 20.l, 20.n, 20.q, 20.r, 20.u, and 20.y were held from the consolidation.

Motion for consolidation and adoption of the following items:

Motion by Robinson/Seconded by Kling /Unanimously Approved by the Council members present.

Consolidated Items:

Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-267)

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has reviewed and submits for approval the attached itemized statements of travel expenses from city officials and employees. This resolution and the supporting documents are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby approves the travel expense reports herein submitted.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

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. 26-268)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, the Mayor be, and he is authorized to accept the low bids meeting specifications and effectuate the following agreements on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreements are substantially in words and figures similar to those certain documents attached hereto and identified herein below. An executed copy of said documents is being permanently kept on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AND:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>COMMODITY/SERVICE</u>	<u>AGREEMENT</u>
Utilicom Supply Associates LLC	Traffic Signal Cabinets	One Year W/Extensions

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for a \$2,500 Alabama Semiquincentennial Community Grant from the America 250 Alabama Foundation, for activities related to the celebration of America's 250 Anniversary.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-269)

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Salutes America's 250th Committee was launched by the City of Huntsville as a year-long celebration of America's 250th anniversary to lead a coordinated effort to honor the nation's founding through civic events, cultural programming, and historical reflection leading up to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the America 250 Alabama Foundation is offering Semiquincentennial Community Grants which are open to each of Alabama's municipalities and county commissions; and

WHEREAS, local governments are encouraged to develop projects in partnership with local schools, museums, libraries, historic sites, and other nonprofit cultural and community organizations; and

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the Mayor is authorized to apply for a Semiquincentennial Community Grant from America 250 Alabama Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 for printing and publication costs associated with the Huntsville Salutes America's 250th Celebration on July 4, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event a grant is awarded, the Mayor of the City of Huntsville is authorized, requested, and directed, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, to enter into such grant agreement with the America 250 Alabama Foundation, submit any required supporting and collateral materials, and file all reporting as required.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 3 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Turner Construction Company, for the Von Braun Center Concert Hall Back of House Renovation project, awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 24-09 and previously amended by Resolution Nos. 24-972 and 25-402.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-270)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville entered into a Fixed Price Agreement with Turner Construction Company for Construction Services for the Von Braun Center Concert Hall and Back of House Renovations project located at 700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, Alabama, adopted and approved pursuant to Resolution No. 24-09 and previously amended by Resolution Nos. 24-972 and 25-402; and

WHEREAS, the City and Contractor have subsequently determined that a change order is needed to increase the contract price for additional services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Mayor that the contract with Turner Construction Company for Construction Services for the Von Braun Center Concert Hall and Back of House Renovations project located at 700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, Alabama, adopted and approved pursuant to Resolution No. 24-09 and previously amended by Resolution Nos. 24-972 and 25-402, be and the same is hereby amended as is reflected on Change Order No. 3 attached hereto.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the total contract amount be hereby amended from Sixteen Million Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and 09/100s (\$16,459,691.09) on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama to Seventeen Million Two Hundred Eleven Thousand One Hundred Forty

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Dollars and 20/100 (17,211,140.20), including this Change Order No. 3 in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and 11/100 (\$751,549.11) said Change Order is substantially in words and figures as attached hereto and identified as “Change Order No. 3 to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Turner Construction Company, Inc., for the Von Braun Center Concert Hall and Back of House Renovations project,” located at 700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, Alabama, consisting of One Hundred Seventy-Nine (179) pages and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and CivicPlus, for digital accessibility software.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-271)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and CivicPlus, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as “Master Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and CivicPlus,” consisting of twenty-four (24) pages, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Consulting Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Amanda Elliott, for support services for the City's Communication Office.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-272)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Huntsville, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, and Amanda Elliott, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Amanda Elliott," consisting of three (3) pages with the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, for Land Surveying Services for Mill Creek, Phases 1 and 2, Project No. 71-26-SP28.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-275)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, in the total amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWELVE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$25,312.00) for Land Surveying Services for Mill Creek, Phases 1 and 2, Project No. 71-26-SP28, in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, for Land Surveying Services for Mill Creek, Phases 1 and 2, Project No. 71-26-SP28," consisting of a total of seventeen (17) pages plus twenty-three (23) additional pages consisting of Attachments 1-15, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mullins, LLC, for Preliminary Engineering Services for TIF 8 District Road Improvements, Project No. 71-26-SP32.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-276)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mullins, LLC, in the amount of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$81,500.00) for Preliminary Engineering Services for TIF 8 District Road Improvements, Project No. 71-26-SP32, in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mullins, LLC, for Preliminary Engineering Services for TIF 8 District Road Improvements, Project No. 71-26-SP32," consisting of a total of nineteen (19) pages, plus twenty-nine (29) additional pages consisting of Attachments 1-16, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ardmore Telephone Company, for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-of-Way along Winchester Road, from Dominion Circle to Naugher Road, Project No. 65-09-RD03 & Project No. ACAA61222-ATRP(010).

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-277)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ardmore Telephone Company for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-of-Way along Winchester Road from Dominion Circle to Naugher Road,

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Project No. 65-09-RD03 & Project No. ACAA61222-ATRP(010), on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ardmore Telephone Company for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-of-Way along Winchester Road from Dominion Circle to Naugher Road, Project No. 65-09-RD03 & Project No. ACAA61222-ATRP(010)," consisting of a total of six (6) pages and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Water Main Easement from the City of Huntsville to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, d/b/a Huntsville Utilities, for the conveyance of property for the Eastern Connector Huntsville Utilities Water Main Project.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-279)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into and convey that certain Water Main Easement, by and between the City of Huntsville, an Alabama municipal corporation, and the City of Huntsville d/b/a Huntsville Utilities, which said easement is substantially in words and figures as that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Water Main Easement by and between the City of Huntsville and the City of Huntsville d/b/a Huntsville Utilities," consisting of four (4) pages, including Exhibits "A" through "B," and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the first page thereof, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the Water Main Easement, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, with such changes as the Mayor deems desirable and necessary, and the Mayor is hereby directed and authorized to have said Water Main Easement recorded in the Probate Records of Madison County, an executed copy of which shall be permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the STATE SUBAWARD Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-281)

WHEREAS, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) wishes to provide reimbursement of a portion of the Certified Local Emergency Manager's (CLEM) salary for the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, STATE SUBAWARD Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward, in the amount of \$17,000.00 to support emergency management in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency will administer said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the State Subaward, on behalf of the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, identified as the "STATE SUBAWARD Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward," consisting of one (1) page, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President of President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being kept permanently on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No.4 to the contract between the City of Huntsville and Fite Construction Company, for Construction Services for the John Hunt Park Recreation Center.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-282)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Mayor that the contract with Fite Construction Company for Construction Services for the John Hunt Park Recreation Center, located at 3035 Leeman Ferry Road, Huntsville, Alabama, approved and executed by the City of Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama on the 22nd day of August 2024, be and the same is hereby amended as is reflected on Change Order No. 4 attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total contract amount be hereby is amended from Eighteen Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars and 40/100s (\$18,850,719.40), to Eighteen Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and 53/100s (\$18,863,768.53) on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama to including this Change Order No. 4 in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Forty-Nine Dollars and 13/100s (\$13,049.13), said Change Order is substantially in word and figures as attached hereto and identified as "Change Order No. 4 to the Contract between City of Huntsville and Fite Construction Company for the construction services at the John Hunt Park Recreation Center," consisting of seven (7) pages and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

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

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-285)

WHEREAS, Western Surety Company issued a surety bond in the amount of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) for the payment of liquor and other taxes to a certain taxpayer.

WHEREAS, the Principal failed to pay taxes in the amount of TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE AND 36/100 DOLLARS (\$2,073.36) for the taxing period of May 2025, and interest through December 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has made every possible effort to collect the taxes due from the Principal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the City Attorney's Office is hereby authorized, requested, and directed to seek a forfeiture of the surety bond issued by Western Surety Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor, upon payment by Western Surety Company and in accordance with its bond, is hereby authorized, requested, and directed to execute a release and assignment agreement substantially in words and figures as Attachment "A", an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the City of Huntsville to join the State of Alabama and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements pertaining to six remnant defendants.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-286)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HUNTSVILLE TO JOIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN CURRENT AND FUTURE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Alabama, and Huntsville, Alabama.

WHEREAS, Huntsville has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and some Alabama local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers (“Opioid Litigation”);

WHEREAS, regional opioid supply chain participants Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) have entered into a national settlement benefitting local governments and certain special purpose districts;

WHEREAS, Huntsville finds the terms of the settlements acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

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WHEREAS, Rubris as a facilitator of documents related to the settlements has prepared and presented Settlement Participation Agreements and related documents to the local governments and Huntsville finds the terms of the Agreements acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, allocation of Settlement Funds will not be known until final participation levels are known, which Huntsville finds acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,

Section 1. That Huntsville finds that participation in the six regional opioid supply chain participant settlements is in the best interest of Huntsville and its citizens and serves a public purpose.

Section 2. That Huntsville hereby expresses its support for the Settlement of Opioid claims against the six regional opioid supply chain participant and the allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Settlement Agreement because such a plan would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic and would serve a public purpose.

Section 3. That Huntsville's Mayor is expressly authorized to execute the Settlement Participation Agreement and all necessary related documents to evidence Huntsville's participation in the six regional opioid supply chain participant Settlement and further to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement the Settlements and plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds.

Section 4. That Huntsville's Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing Huntsville's agreement to the settlement of its claims and litigation against any and all of the six regional opioid supply chain participants related to the Opioid Epidemic.

Section 5. That Huntsville's Mayor is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate Huntsville's participation in the six regional opioid supply chain participant Settlements related to the Opioid Epidemic.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of Huntsville, Alabama requiring it.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and HVG Community, Inc., for the event “Volleyball Tournament.”

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-288)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into a Facility Use Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and HVG Community, Inc., on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and HVG Community, Inc.," consisting of seven (7) pages, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
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Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Motorola Solutions, Inc.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-289)

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Police Department shares a records management system, with a fully integrated geographical information system, with the Madison County Sheriff's Office, the City of Madison Police Department and the Port of Huntsville Police; and

WHEREAS, the integration records management system is primarily used for address validation by officers completing incident reports and statistical analysis; and

WHEREAS, the current version of the geographical information system will no longer be supported by Motorola Solutions, Inc. and must be updated to remain functional.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Motorola Solutions, Inc., on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Motorola Solutions – Quote 3307316 for Flex Cad Delivery Services." consisting of seven (7) pages and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-290)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Memorandum of Understanding is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Memorandum of Understanding with the Huntsville Police Department and Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police," consisting of thirteen (13) pages, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering and Construction Observation Services for WPC Sanitary Sewer Rehab Construction Observation Services 2026 - Contract 1, Project No. 71-26-SP25.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-292)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C. in a Not to Exceed (NTE) Ceiling Price of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$146,000.00) for Engineering and Construction Observation Services for WPC Sanitary Sewer Rehab Construction Observation Services 2026 - Contract 1, Project No. 71-26-SP25 in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is

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substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C. for Engineering and Construction Observation Services for WPC Sanitary Sewer Rehab Construction Observation Services 2026 - Contract 1, Project No. 71-26-SP25," consisting of a total of eighteen (18) pages plus twenty-one (21) additional pages consisting of Attachments 1-15, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Design and Bid Phase Services for East McMullen Sewer Service Area Extension, Project No. 71-26-SP22.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-293)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C. in a Not to Exceed (NTE) Ceiling Price of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$580,500.00) for Engineering Design and Bid Phase Services for East McMullen Sewer Service Area Extension, Project No. 71-26-SP22 in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C. for Engineering Design and Bid Phase Services for East McMullen Sewer Service Area Extension, Project No. 71-26-SP22," consisting of a total of twenty (20) pages plus thirty-five (35) additional pages consisting of Attachments 1-16, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the

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signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Jason Clarke.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-294)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Patrick Moore, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Jason Clarke," consisting of three (3) pages including Attachment "A", and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Items Not Consolidated.

Resolution No. 26-273, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and HDR Engineering, Inc., for Independent Design Check and Peer Review Services of an Engineering Design for Pedestrian Access Redevelopment Corridor (PARC), Project No. 71-26-SP29.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins.

Mr. Davis said what was before the Council was a peer review for four bridges, the three cable-suspended pedestrian bridges for the PARC project, and the railroad trestle bridge. He said the design was complete, and part of the federal grant process that was helping to pay for this was a third-party peer review. He said with a pedestrian bridge going over two U.S. highways, it was very traditional to get a third party, that it was almost like an audit, an engineering audit, so there would be independent calculations, wind tunnel testing of the design. He said they were just following the guidelines under the \$20 million federal grant that would fund this project. He said the contract amount was \$494,357.00.

Councilmember Meredith asked if this money was from the federal government or it was the City's match to the federal government.

Mr. Davis said it was 80/20, that they had 20 percent matching funds.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

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(RESOLUTION NO. 26-273)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$494,357.00) for Independent Design Check and Peer Review Services of an Engineering Design for Pedestrian Access Redevelopment Corridor (PARC), Project No. 71-26-SP29, in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville and HDR Engineering, Inc., for Independent Design Check and Peer Review Services of an Engineering Design for Pedestrian Access Redevelopment Corridor (PARC), Project No. 71-26-SP29," consisting of a total of sixteen (16) pages, plus thirty-four (34) additional pages consisting of Attachments 1-16, and the date of March 26, 2026 appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-274, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Building & Earth Sciences, LLC, for Construction Materials Testing & Inspection Services for Clinton Avenue Surface Parking Lot, Project No. 71-26-SP19.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Watkins.

Mr. Davis said at the last Council meeting, the Council had approved the construction contract for the construction of a new surface parking lot at the corner of Monroe and Holmes,

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to provide additional parking for downtown, in and around the VBC, and he said this was for geotechnical testing, soil compaction testing, concrete testing, and asphalt testing, to construct this project. He said this was with Building & Earth Sciences, and it was for time and materials, and it was not to exceed \$47,350.00.

Councilmember Meredith asked why this was coming after the Council had authorized the resurfacing, noting he had been contacted as to why this would not come first, to prove it could support the work of the resurfacing.

Mr. Davis said this had nothing to do with street resurfacing, and they were not making a repair to an existing parking lot, that during the design process, they had done soil testing, to make sure the ground and the compaction was suitable for this type project, that this was more testing the concrete mix that was coming from the concrete plant, to make sure it was meeting City specs, and the asphalt, its temperature and its compaction in place, which they did on all construction projects, to make sure the contractor was meeting their standards.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-274)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Building & Earth Sciences, LLC, in a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) Ceiling Price of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$47,350.00) for Construction Materials Testing & Inspection Services for Clinton Avenue Surface Parking Lot, Project No. 71-26-SP19, in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Building & Earth Sciences, LLC, for Construction Materials Testing & Inspection Services for Clinton Avenue Surface Parking Lot, Project No. 71-26-SP19," consisting of a total of eighteen (18) pages plus twenty-five (25) additional pages consisting of

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Attachments 1-15, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-278, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, for I-565 at Resolute Way Interchange, Phase 1, Project No. 71-26-SP31 and ALDOT Project No. STHV-I565()-100079372.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Davis said this was a highly anticipated project for the community, that Redstone Arsenal leadership would tell them this was their No. 1 project for the future of Redstone, and he thought if they worked at Redstone Gateway or tried to go through Gate 9 as a citizen, they would also call it one of their top priority projects.

Mr. Davis said this would start the design process for Phase 1, that the project would be built in two phases, the way the federal funding and the local funding was associated. He said the first phase was what he liked to call "all at grade," meaning there were no elevated bridges. He said Phase 2 would be a bridge, or overpass, over I-565 from what they could see in the

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yellow area on the display to the north to connect to Governors West. He said this would be all the surveying, geotech, design specifications, that it would be a set of plans they could get a contractor's pricing on, to actually deliver this to the community. He said it also included project approvals, in coordination with Redstone Arsenal, the U.S. Department of Army, as they would be donating the right-of-way for this; the Alabama Department of Transportation; and the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Davis said this would be about 2.1 miles of new road that would come in somewhere that they could see there in the unsecured area of Redstone Gateway. He said this had really started when they started trying to master plan Redstone Gateway, and he said this would get them into design, and they would certainly take some lead from the U.S. Army, as it was their land, and they would be going over I-565, and then Madison Boulevard, or Alabama 20, which was actually a State road. He said they would be connecting between State and Federal partners.

Mr. Davis said the contract amount was approximately \$680,000, and he said that was 80/20, that the MPO, or federal funds, would make up 80 percent of that, at \$544,552.80, and the local funds, which would come out of the 2014 Capital Plan, for transportation funds, would be \$136,138.20.

Councilmember Meredith said Mr. Davis had mentioned that none of this was going to be elevated, so he was assuming that the westernmost circle was after completely clearing the bridge, because there was a bridge that went over.

Mr. Davis said if one was eastbound on Alabama 20, or what was referred to locally as Madison Boulevard, headed east toward Huntsville, that once you went over I-565, you would

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get at grade level, and there would be an exit ramp eastbound into the Arsenal, and then if one was leaving Redstone Gateway and wanting to go eastbound into Huntsville or go back toward Research Boulevard, to the north, you would head west and then merge onto currently Madison Boulevard that would get one onto I-565. He said Phase 2 would turn this into a full interchange, where there would be an elevated bridge to go over I-565 and connect to Governors West.

Councilmember Meredith said it was good to see that one would be able to go west from there.

Mr. Davis said the flyover bridge would let one go to Governors West, and they were going to squeeze in an on-ramp between Governors West and I-565 there.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-278)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, in the amount of SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$680,691.00) for Engineering Design Services for I-565 at Resolute Way Interchange, Phase 1, Project No. 71-26-SP31 and ALDOT Project No. STPHV-I565()-100079372, in Huntsville, Alabama, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, LLC, for Engineering Design Services for I-565 at Resolute Way Interchange, Phase 1, Project No. 71-26-SP31 and ALDOT Project No. STPHV-I565()-100079372," consisting of a total of nineteen (19) pages, plus fifty-three (53) additional pages consisting of Attachments 1-16, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-280, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Baron Weather, Inc.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

Mr. Hamilton said this was a renewal or continuation of an agreement EMA had with Baron Weather Services, providing access to radar data and other software packages that assisted with the forecasting and monitoring of weather, and the way they could communicate that out from EMA when necessary.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-280)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Baron Weather, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Baron”), on behalf of the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as “Baron Threat Net License Agreement,” consisting of a total of two (2) pages, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-283, authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 4 to the contract between the City of Huntsville and Fite Construction Company, LLC., for Sandra Moon Phase 4.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith.

Mr. Hamilton said this was Change Order No. 4 on the Sandra Moon Phase 4 project that added a number of things, that as they had continued through the construction and laying out the project, they had found a need to add additional building signage, wayfinding.

Mr. Hamilton said something they were doing at the Sandra Moon Complex they wanted to explore also doing at the Showers Center, and potentially other places, was providing an e-gaming area, which they did not intend to make exclusive to teenagers but thought it would be particularly attractive as a teen center. He said Parks & Rec had developed this plan, and they felt the most efficient way to deliver it was through their existing contracts, so this included bringing in the audio/visual equipment and other things they needed to outfit it.

Mr. Hamilton said the facility had existing basketball courts left over from the high school, and high schools did not generally host games for little kids, but Parks & Rec did, so

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they needed to add motors to the basketball goals so they could lower them to the height for small children.

Councilmember Meredith said his concern had been about the motors for the basketball goals, but that made perfect sense as Mr. Hamilton had explained it.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-283)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Mayor that the contract with Fite Construction Company, LLC., for Construction Services for the Sandra Moon Phase 4, located at 7901 Bailey Cove Rd Huntsville, Alabama, approved and executed by the City of Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama on the 24th day of October 2024, be and the same is hereby amended as is reflected on Change Order No. 4 attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total contract amount be hereby is amended from Thirty-One Million Eight Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and 82/100s (\$31,801,727.82), to Thirty-Two Million Four Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and 21/100s (\$32,423,935.21) on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama to including this Change Order No. 4 in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars and 39/100s (\$622,207.39), said Change Order is substantially in word and figures as attached hereto and identified as "Change Order No. 4 to the Contract between City of Huntsville and Fite Construction Company, LLC., for the Construction Services at the Sandra Moon Phase 4," consisting of eight (8) pages and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
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Resolution No. 26-284, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Alabama Department of Transportation, for the Cooperative Maintenance of Public Right-of-Way with Reimbursement.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

Mr. Hamilton said this was the renewal of an agreement they had had with ALDOT since about 1999. He said one of the issues the community had had for some time was that some of their major thoroughfares were Alabama highways, like 565, Research Park Boulevard, and the Parkway, and ALDOT's standards for these were to mow and clean them only twice a year. He said for many years, they used the Landscape Management team to assist with this, that they would mow more frequently and do cleanup and things, as part of the beautification program for the city, and ALDOT assisted with that cost at \$100,000 a year, but it cost more than that, that it was part of Landscape Management's budget.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-284)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Department of Transportation, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, which said agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Alabama Department of Transportation for the Cooperative Maintenance of Public Right-of-Way with Reimbursement," consisting of five (5) pages, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-287, expressing the intent of the City of Huntsville to extend the existing agreement with the Huntsville Public Defender's Office, LLC, to provide indigent defense services for an additional one year beginning April 1, 2026.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

Mr. Hamilton said they had a contract that provided for the Public Defenders in the municipal courts, that it was a typical contract, where it was three years, but there was a base year, and then it came back for approval. He said this was executing the first renewal in that contract.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-287)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 24-229, the City of Huntsville entered into "Agreement Between Huntsville Public Defender's Office, LLC and the City of Huntsville for Indigent Defense Services in the Municipal Court" (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Agreement was two years, commencing on April 1, 2024 and continuing through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the City may extend the term by up to two (2) additional one-year terms pursuant to written resolution of the City Council and approval by the Mayor; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor desire to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional one-year term commencing on April 1, 2026 and continuing through March 31, 2027; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Huntsville, Alabama, that the City of Huntsville hereby exercises its option to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional one year, commencing on April 1, 2026, and continuing through March 31, 2027.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Jennie Robinson
President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 26th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

Resolution No. 26-291, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Understanding by and between the City of Huntsville, the State of Alabama, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency State Bureau of Investigation.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

Mr. Hamilton said they had a Drug Task Force that was kind of housed with the HPD, but it involved partnerships with lots of different agencies, federal, and other local agencies, and also State agencies, and what was before the Council was a renewal of that, to keep the State involved in that, noting that their partnership allowed them to do their work in the city for things where they had jurisdiction, and also gave the entire team access to State resources in assisting the Drug Task Force.

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Councilmember Watkins asked if there was any provision in this for ICE.

Mr. Hamilton said this did not involve immigration, that this was the same Drug Task Force they had had in place for many years. He said Homeland Security Investigations was a division, or an investigative arm, that was assigned to ICE, but it investigated lots of crimes, and it had absolutely nothing to do with immigration, that he believed a lot of the crimes they investigated was because they crossed state boundaries and national boundaries, that oftentimes these were networks that were working internationally, so when they thought about the Customs portion of what ICE did, it did more than just immigration issues.

Mr. Hamilton said they would see sometimes where the FBI and ICE were working together on something, particular crimes. He said this task force did not include ICE, but there might be someone who was currently dealing drugs who was also under the attention of ICE, and that would be their deal to work.

Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-291)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Understanding by and between the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency State Bureau of Investigation (ALEA SBI), which said Memorandum of Agreement is substantially in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Understanding between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency State Bureau of Investigation (ALEA SBI)," consisting of thirty (30) pages, and the date of March 26, 2026, appearing on the margin of the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro Tem of the City Council, and executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 26-295, amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-184, of Ordinance 96-864, to establish a formal policy to exempt expenditures for repair parts and the repair of light-duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or less from the competitive bid process.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 26-296, declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction.

SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

President Robinson said this portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to City business, whether or not such items were on the meeting agenda. She said individuals could sign up to speak on the Second Public Comments Roster prior to or during the meeting. She said when called, people should approach the microphone and state their name, home address, and city of residence, and they could address the Council for three minutes and 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.

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Mr. Michael Jones, Meridianville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Water."

Ms. Brenda Jones Elliott, Sparkman Drive, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Water."

Mr. Ray Muhammad, 25655 Gray Stone Drive, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Water."

Ms. Keyala Jones, 5016 Parkwood Drive, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Water."

Mr. Gerveal Jones, 114 Oak Terrace Lane, Harvest, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Water."

Ms. Angelica Condery, Huntsville, 35811, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Local Roller Derby League."

Ms. Mariko Darling, Alpine Street, Huntsville, 35805, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Local Roller Derby League."

Mr. Jerry Cox, 4029 Telstar Circle, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Vet. Parking."

Ms. Molly Kluck, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct on the form (321 Mistfield Street), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Mx. David Snyder, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying their information was written correctly on the sheet (3816 Bob Wallace 35805), and not having signed up to speak concerning a particular subject.

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Ms. Rohie Ceesay, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Violation fine too high."

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.


PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY:


SHAUNDRIKA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE: APRIL 9, 2026