

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

WHEREAS the City of Huntsville is in the process of building a new City Hall building;
and

WHEREAS the City of Huntsville anticipates completion of construction on its new City Hall in mid-2024; and

WHEREAS one or more councilpersons have expressed interest in naming the new City Hall and/or other public buildings after individual(s) who have served the City or otherwise distinguished themselves; and

WHEREAS there has arisen some concern during the course of discussions on these issues as to whether there is any legal proscription against naming a public building after an individual and, if not, whether such action might implicate the provisions and/or restrictions of the Alabama Monument Preservation Act, which concerns should be resolved before taking further action as hereinabove discussed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Attorney, Trey Riley, is hereby instructed to submit the following questions to the Office of the Attorney General and request his opinion relative thereto:

1. Is there any proscription in the law which would preclude naming a public building (e.g., City Hall) after a former mayor/legislator?
2. Would naming a public building after a former mayor/legislator implicate the provisions of the Alabama Monument Preservation Act of 2017?
3. Can the City Council name a public building after a former mayor/legislator, knowing that in the future the building would be modified, expanded or demolished?
4. Would the Alabama Monument Preservation Act classify a named building as a historic monument?
5. Would the Alabama Monument Preservation Act prohibit such modifying, expanding or demolishing the named building if it was classified as a historic monument?

ADOPTED this the 12th day of October, 2023.

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

APPROVED this the 12th day of October, 2023.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama