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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5:30 PM

Thursday, January 22, 2026

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Huntsville Alabama Public Safety Chaplains

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Councilmember Bill Kling

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

a. 2026-45 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on January 8, 2026.
(Minutes Received)

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

a. 2026-46 Proclamation recognizing January 2026 as Child Trafficking Prevention Month.

Sponsors: Administration

b. 2026-47 Proclamation recognizing January 22, 2026, as Haddie Mac Wesson Day.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Haddie Mac Wesson.pdf](#)

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

a. **2026-48** Resolution recognizing Bud McLaughlin for his impressive career in journalism marked by his service across multiple news outlets in the City of Huntsville.
Resolution No. 26-40
Sponsors: Kling
Attachments: [Bud McLaughlin Complete.pdf](#)

Resolutions for Approval Only**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

a. **2026-49** Presentation of the Community Energy Resource Plan.
Sponsors: City Council

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD**

a. **2026-05** Public Hearing on authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building constituting a public nuisance located at 2805 Ninth Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL; and consideration of a Resolution pertaining to the same.
Resolution No. 26-41
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [2805 Ninth Ave. SW PN Res 1-08-2026.pdf](#)

b. **2026-50** Public hearing on the zoning of 4.91 acres of land lying on the east side of Hillcrest Avenue NW and north of US Hwy 72 W to Highway Business C-4 District; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on December 18, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-1004
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [Schreiner Zoning Complete](#)

c. **2026-51** Public hearing on the zoning of 4.65 acres of land lying on the south side of Hwy 72 E and east of Shields Road to Highway Business C-4 District; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on December 18, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-1006
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [Hwy 72 E Zoning Complete](#)

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET**11. AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

12. MAYOR COMMENTS**13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember David Little

Councilmember John Meredith

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

Councilmember Bill Kling

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. [2026-52](#) Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.
Resolution No. 26-42

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: [Expenditures - Complete](#)

b. [2026-53](#) Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 1 Council Improvement Funds.
Ordinance No. 26-43

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [District 1 Council Improvement Complete.pdf](#)

c. [2026-54](#) Resolution authorizing travel for Council Member Jennie Robinson to Washington D.C., April 19-21, 2026, for the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville-Madison County 2026 Washington D.C. Trip.
Resolution No. 26-44

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: [Jennie Robinson Travel Complete.pdf](#)

d. [2026-55](#) Resolution authorizing travel for Council Member David Little to Washington D.C., April 18-21, 2026, for the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville-Madison County 2026 Washington D.C. Trip.
Resolution No. 26-45

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: [CM Little Travel DC 26\(1\).pdf](#)

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

a. [2026-56](#) Resolution to reappoint Bradley Garland to the Huntsville Public Library Board to his current seat for a four (4) year term to expire February 3, 2030. (Nominated on January 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 26-13

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: [Garland reappointment.pdf](#)

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

a. [2026-57](#) Nomination to appoint Sue Alexander to the Huntsville Beautification Board, Place 10, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Ethan Walker-Jones for the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028.
Resolution No. 26-46

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: [Beautification appointment SA.pdf](#)

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. [2026-58](#) Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance. (Introduced on January 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 26-36

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Complete TMP-6401.pdf](#)

b. [2026-59](#) Ordinance granting a cable franchise to Knology of Huntsville, Inc., and authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Knology of Alabama, Inc. (Introduced on January 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 26-37
Sponsors: Legal
Attachments: [Knology Franchise Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

c. [2026-60](#) Ordinance annexing 2.80 acres of land lying on the south side of Capshaw Rd. and east of Balch Rd. (Introduced on January 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 26-38
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [Balch Annexation Complete](#)

d. [2026-61](#) Ordinance annexing 648.44 acres of land lying on the south side of I-565 and east and west of Swancott Rd. (Introduced on January 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 26-39
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [Swancott Annexation Complete](#)

20. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

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

a. [2026-62](#) Resolution authorizing travel expenses.
Resolution No. 26-47
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [Travel Resolution Complete.pdf](#)

b. [2026-63](#) Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 25-744, by changing appropriate funding for various departments and funds.
Ordinance No. 26-48
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [Budget Amendment Complete.pdf](#)

c. **2026-64** 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. 26-49
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [Resolution_Procurement_Complete2.pdf](#)

d. **2026-65** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract Reassignment Agreement to transfer the Vehicle Insurance contract the City currently has with Fountain Parker Harbarger & Associates, LLC., to Higginbotham Insurance Agency, Inc.
Resolution No. 26-50
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [Reassign Vehicle Insurance Contract Complete.pdf](#)

e. **2026-66** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Traffic Signals, LEDs, and Signal Hardware Contract awarded to Utilicom Supply Associates, LLC, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-963.
Resolution No. 26-51
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [Utilicom - Modification No 1 - Complete.pdf](#)

f. **2026-67** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Fifth Asset, Inc., d/b/a DebtBook, for financial software.
Resolution No. 26-52
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [DebtBook Complete.pdf](#)

g. **2026-68** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Dunlap Contracting, Inc., for the Renovations to the Playhouse Theater at the Von Braun Center project.
Resolution No. 26-53
Sponsors: Finance
Attachments: [VBC Resolution 2024 Complete 2.pdf](#)

h. **2026-69** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.
Resolution No. 26-54
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [BGC PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

i. **2026-70** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Christmas Charities Year Round, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Resolution No. 26-55
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [CCYR PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

j. **2026-71** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Community Free Dental Clinic, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Resolution No. 26-56
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [Community Free Dental Clinic PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete](#)

k. **2026-72** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Downtown Rescue Mission, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Resolution No. 26-57
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [DRM PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

l. **2026-73** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and ENABLE Madison County, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Resolution No. 26-58
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [ENABLE PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

m. **2026-74** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and First Stop, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Resolution No. 26-59
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [First Stop PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

n. **2026-75** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and HATCH HSV, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Resolution No. 26-60
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [HATCH PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

o. **2026-76** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Heritage Home, Inc., d/b/a His Way Recovery Center, for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.
Resolution No. 26-61
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [His Way PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

p. **2026-77** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and New Futures, Inc., for the use of Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.
Resolution No. 26-62
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [New Futures PY25 CDBG Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

q. **2026-78** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Family Services Center, Inc., acting as a Community Housing Development Organization, for the use of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to construct affordable housing at Kildare Street (APN # 13810), Huntsville, Alabama 35811.
Resolution No. 26-63
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [Kildare Pin 13810 CHDO Construction Packet.pdf](#)

r. **2026-79** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Family Services Center, Inc., acting as a Community Housing Development Organization, for the use of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to construct affordable housing at Kildare Street (APN #590395), Huntsville, Alabama 35811.
Resolution No. 26-64
Sponsors: Community Development
Attachments: [Kildare Pin 590395 CHDO Construction Packet.pdf](#)

s. **2026-80** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the low bidder, JS Building Company, Inc., for Cummings Research Park Monument Signs-REBID, Project No. 71-25-SP25.
Resolution No. 26-65
Sponsors: Engineering
Attachments: [Cummings Research Park Monument Signs-REBID complete.pdf](#)

t. [2026-81](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and apparent low bidder, Rogers Group, Inc., for Highway 72 East Intersection Improvements near Shields Road, Project No. 71-25-SP39. Resolution No. 26-66

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Rogers Group HWY 72 East.pdf](#)

u. [2026-82](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Land Design Solutions, Inc., for Engineering Design Services for Clinton Avenue and Monroe Street Streetscape Improvements, Project No. 71-26-SP04. Resolution No. 26-67

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Clinton Ave & Monroe Street Streetscape Imp. complete.pdf](#)

v. [2026-83](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Mullins, LLC, for Engineering Design Services for Dog Park and Parking Area on Cabela Drive, Project No. 71-26-SP05. Resolution No. 26-68

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Dog Park with parking lot on Cabela Drive complete.pdf](#)

w. [2026-84](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 3 and Final to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Pearce Construction Company, Inc., for the construction services of the HPD Crime Scene Investigation Building and Warehouse. Resolution No. 26-69

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [COMPLETE-CO3Final-Pearce-HPDCSIBldg.pdf](#)

x. [2026-85](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 4 and Final to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Chorba Contracting Corporation for the Construction Services of Martin Road Recreation Center. Resolution No. 26-70

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [COMPLETE-CO4Final-Chorba-MartinRdRecCtr.pdf](#)

y. [2026-86](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Simple Helix Master Services Agreement #25-413 between the City of Huntsville and Simple Helix for adding and set up of cross connect fiber (165WPL) from MMR to The City of Huntsville Rack in SH165-600.
Resolution No. 26-71
Sponsors: ITS
Attachments: [Simple Helix Change Order 1 Complete.pdf](#)

z. [2026-87](#) Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke SouthState Bank Letter of Credit No. 17003006376 for Oak Meadow Phase 1 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 26-72
Sponsors: Legal
Attachments: [Oak Meadows LOC Complete.pdf](#)

aa. [2026-88](#) Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to seek a forfeiture of the surety bond issued by Jet Insurance Company.
Resolution No. 26-73
Sponsors: Legal
Attachments: [Jet Insurance Company \(414\) complete.pdf](#)

ab. [2026-89](#) Resolution consenting to the Assignment or Transfer of Control of City cable franchisee Knology of Huntsville, Inc., from WideOpenWest, Inc., to Bandit MidCo, Inc.
Resolution No. 26-74
Sponsors: Legal
Attachments: [WOW Transfer Res Complete.pdf](#)

ac. [2026-90](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and The Arts Council, Inc., d/b/a Arts Huntsville, for the event “Panoply Arts Festival”.
Resolution No. 26-75
Sponsors: Parks & Recreation
Attachments: [Panoply 2026 FINAL.pdf](#)

ad. [2026-91](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a plat entitled “Delaney Subdivision”.
Resolution No. 26-76
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [Delaney Subdivision Plat Complete.pdf](#)

ae. [2026-92](#) Ordinance approving the adoption of new base map sheet 12-16 to be made part of the City of Huntsville, Alabama Official Zoning Maps.
Ordinance No. 26-77
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [ZoningMap_COMPLETE Jan26.docx.pdf](#)

af. [2026-93](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to provide support to the Von Braun Center for marketing and securing additional live music events and other entertainment events.
Resolution No. 26-78
Sponsors: Planning
Attachments: [Funding Support to VBC for Live Events.pdf](#)

ag. [2026-94](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Auburn University and the City of Huntsville, on behalf of the Huntsville Police Department K-9 Unit, to support detection canine science and technology innovation testing performed by Auburn University's Canine Performance Sciences Program.
Resolution No. 26-79
Sponsors: Police
Attachments: [Auburn Univ HPD MOU Complete.pdf](#)

ah. [2026-95](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Our Rescue and the City of Huntsville, on behalf of the Huntsville Police Department, for the donation of a specially trained Electronic Storage Detection canine animal that will help identify and rescue victims of sex trafficking and child sexual abuse.
Resolution No. 26-80
Sponsors: Police
Attachments: [Our Rescue K-9 Complete.pdf](#)

ai. [2026-96](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Project Development Agreement among the City of Huntsville, The Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville, and Blue Origin Manufacturing, LLC, regarding the expansion of its research and manufacturing operations within the City.
Resolution No. 26-81
Sponsors: Urban Development
Attachments: [Blue Origin Expansion IDB Dev Agr Complete.pdf](#)

aj. [2026-97](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Project Development Agreement among the City of Huntsville, The Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville, and SPX Enterprises, LLC, regarding a new manufacturing facility for operation by the Company and its affiliates within the City.
Resolution No. 26-82
Sponsors: Urban Development
Attachments: [SPX IDB Dev Agr Complete.pdf](#)

ak. [2026-98](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Solar Lease Option Agreement among the City of Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, and Eurus Solar Holdings, LLC.
Resolution No. 26-83
Sponsors: Urban Development
Attachments: [Eurus Solar Agreement Complete.pdf](#)

al. [2026-99](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and apparent low bidder, REV Construction, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Sanitary Sewer Projects-2026, Project No. 71-25-SP40.
Resolution No. 26-84
Sponsors: Water Pollution
Attachments: [Periodic for Sanitary Sewer Projects-2026 complete.pdf](#)

am. [2026-100](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Gregory Spruell.
Resolution No. 26-85
Sponsors: Fire and Rescue
Attachments: [Complete Gregory Spruell.pdf](#)

an. [2026-101](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Lisa Mason.
Resolution No. 26-86
Sponsors: Police
Attachments: [Lisa Mason Complete.pdf](#)

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

a. [2026-102](#) Introduction of an Ordinance naming the new Arboretum at John Hunt Park the “Joy McKee Arboretum”.
Ordinance No. 26-87
Sponsors: Kling and Meredith
Attachments: [Joy McKee Arboretum Complete.pdf](#)

b. **2026-103** Introduction of an Ordinance amending Section 18 of Ordinance 04-315 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.
Ordinance No. 26-88
Sponsors: Human Resources
Attachments: [Drug and Alcohol complete.pdf](#)

c. **2026-104** Introduction of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement by and between Limestone County Commission and the City Council of the City of Huntsville for the acquisition of certain properties related to the Boeing Boulevard Extension Project.
Ordinance No. 26-89
Sponsors: Urban Development
Attachments: [Boeing HSV Purch ord Complete.pdf](#)

d. **2026-105** Introduction of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement by and between Limestone County Commission and the City Council of the City of Huntsville for the acquisition of certain properties related to the Swancott Road Improvements Project.
Ordinance No. 26-90
Sponsors: Urban Development
Attachments: [Swancott Rd Purch ord 2 Complete.pdf](#)

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