

**HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting - April 10, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Huntsville, Alabama**

**Members Present:**                      **Mr. John Meredith, President**  
   **Dr. Jennie Robinson**  
   **Mr. David Little**  
   **Ms. Michelle Watkins**

**Members Absent:**                      **Mr. Bill Kling**

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

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**President Meredith** called the meeting to order at the time and place noted above. He said Councilmember Kling would not be in attendance at the meeting.

The invocation was offered by **Chaplain Jeff Warren**;

**Councilmember Robinson** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

**President Meredith** said item 20.x on the agenda had been withdrawn by the Planning Department, the sponsor.

The agenda was approved as corrected.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

**President Meredith** said the Council members had been provided copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held on March 27, 2025, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.**

**President Meredith** said in Mayor Battle's absence, Mr. John Hamilton,

City Administrator, would step in for this recognition.

**Proclamation declaring April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child.**

**Mr. Hamilton** said that joining him were Col. Erin Eike, the Garrison Commander on Redstone Arsenal, and a whole team of folks involved in education in the community, including representatives from the Huntsville City Schools.

Mr. Hamilton said the City was declaring this month as the Month of the Military Child. He said they oftentimes got to see the folks in uniform like Col. Eike and reflect on the sacrifices the military members made every single day on behalf of the nation. He continued that their families served right along beside them and made some of the same sacrifices, so it was important that they recognized their sacrifices and the things they did for the freedom of the nation, and also to make sure they had the resources they needed as they moved around the country and around the world in that service, to make sure those children were cared for in the way they needed to be. He said there were hundreds, if not thousands, of people who touched these children's lives every day, and that mattered a lot.

Mr. Hamilton said it was his honor and privilege to declare this the Month of the Military Child.

Mr. Hamilton recognized Col. Eike to comment on this.

**Col. Eike** said this was a crucial opportunity to recognize the extraordinary resilience of the military children. She said as they celebrated the Army's 250th birthday this year, they also recognized the sacrifices made by military families, especially the kids, noting that they often took on significant responsibilities at home, navigated frequent moves, school transitions, and the anxieties of deployment, often demonstrating a maturity beyond their years.

Col. Eike thanked the City for recognizing the military children and providing

awareness to the community of the unique challenges they faced, as well as recognizing the courage and adaptability they embodied. She said supporting the military children was an investment in the future, the wonderful community in Huntsville, the amazing network of the school system that was provided for the children, the Army, and the nation.

Col. Eike asked as they commemorated the Army's 250th anniversary, that they reaffirm their commitment to providing these remarkable young people with the resources and support they deserved.

### **COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.**

#### **Resolutions for Approval and Presentation.**

**Resolution No. 25-236**, honoring the extraordinary legacy of Mr. Wayne Bonner.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

#### **(RESOLUTION NO. 25-263)**

**Councilmember Robinson** made the presentation of the resolution.

Councilmember Robinson asked Mr. Bonner's family to come forward, and she read from the resolution, noting that they wished to honor his life while celebrating his many achievements. She said Mr. Bonner was a pillar of the community, always striving to leave things better than he found them, that he was a visionary leader, having changed lives and built a lasting legacy of service, that he had played a vital role in shaping his community. She said she had known Mr. Bonner through his service on the Von Braun Center Board of Control, where he served as Chairman for many years, bringing visionary leadership, dedication, and a strong sense of stewardship to the role. She continued that his service to the community included serving on many boards, and he was also a past president of the Homebuilders

Association, but above all, he cherished his family.

Councilmember Robinson presented the resolution to Mr. Bonner's wife and daughter, noting that they wished to honor the extraordinary legacy he left behind.

**Ms. Caroline Bonner** expressed appreciation for the recognition of her father, noting that she and her mother certainly appreciated it.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.**

### **Presentation of Life Saving Medal.**

**Mr. Hamilton** asked Chief Kirk Giles and his team to come forward for this presentation.

**Chief Giles** introduced members of his staff and Officer Bethany Glazier. He said on the night of January 24th at approximately 10:20 p.m., Officer Glazier had responded to a shooting call in the 1700 block of Slaughter Road, that she was the first to arrive on the scene, and she found that the victim was suffering from significant blood loss from two gunshot wounds, that she had packed the wounds and applied tourniquets, and she had remained with the victim, holding pressure on the wounds, until HEMSI arrived and took over the care. He said her actions had saved this young man's life, as affirmed by the HEMSI supervisor who was on the scene.

Chief Giles presented a life saving medal to Officer Glazier.

### **Presentation on the Importance of Recycling at School by 4th Grade Students from Hampton Cove Elementary School.**

**Maddie Blackwell, Addie Sahyouni, Beckett McKee, and Calvin Morrow** presented.

(There was a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Maddie** said they would like to take a few minutes to explain why they must bring recycling back to schools.

**Calvin** said they were passionate about being more responsible with the

earth's resources, which was why they were appearing before the Council at this time.

**Maddie** said their ultimate goal was to bring recycling to every school in Huntsville, noting that in their research, they had discovered some very concerning facts about waste. She said the United States was one of the largest trash producers in the world, that in one year alone, 292 million tons of trash had been discarded, and, unfortunately, schools were a big part of that problem, especially with paper.

**Beckett** said he would like to talk about the pros and cons of bringing back recycling to the schools. He said they believed this might not just benefit Huntsville, that it could change a lot of people's lives, and possibly other cities also. He said on the prior slide, they had been shown some very concerning statistics about trash, and the more they could recycle, the better they could take care of the local community. He said as young people who would have to deal with the consequences of not recycling, it was important for them to change this now, while they still could.

**Addie** said she wanted to talk about the potential cost of recycling in the schools. She said they were suggesting focusing on recycling paper only, which would reduce the cost because they would not have to pay for having the recycling sorted. She said if they limited it to five bins per school, the estimated annual cost for this would be about \$12,500; and they would need training materials so the students would understand where to put the waste, and pamphlets and posters at the schools would cost about \$9,000 annually, with the students making the posters; that the collection would cost about \$54,000 annually; and the maintenance and monitoring, relabeling bins and replacing broken bins, would cost about \$22,500 annually; resulting in an approximate annual cost of about \$98,000. She said the Huntsville City Schools' annual budget was about \$406 million, so what they were asking for would barely make a difference in the money, but it would make a huge impact.

**Calvin** said while there was a cost associated with recycling, that on average,

recycling was cheaper than trash collection because maintaining a landfill could be very costly. He said grants could be used to help with the cost of recycling, that, for example, the Alabama Recycling Fund, or ARF, provided money for local recycling efforts, and this might be an excellent option to help reduce the cost to the City.

**Addie** said Huntsville was building and growing, that new neighborhoods were popping up all over, and people were coming in from all over the country, and they wanted to show the new families that Huntsville was a leader in sustainability. She said Alabama was 47th in the nation in recycling, and that meant 46 states were doing better than Alabama, and they wanted to show these new families that Huntsville was ready to change these statistics.

**Beckett** said they understood this project was not going to be cheap, but the benefits clearly outweighed the cost, benefits such as giving them a clean world. He said the Council members should consider their kids and their grandkids, to think about their lives if this were not changed now. He said they were asking them to act now or the kids would face the consequences.

**Beckett** said they hoped the Council would consider bringing back recycling to the schools, and he thanked them for their time.

**President Meredith** thanked the students for the proposal, and he asked them to come forward for something special the Council had for them.

**Councilmember Little** said he felt a lot better about the future of the city after the presentation by these students.

Councilmember Little presented the students certificates signed by Mayor Battle and the Council members.

Councilmember Little said he would be glad to help make the recycling a reality, that he was aware it was a lot of money, but he would like to help.

**Councilmember Watkins** recognized the principal of Hampton Cove

Elementary School, Ms. Lakeeta Perkins, and she said she was doing a great job, and she had taught science previously, so this was right up her lane.

Councilmember Watkins said the Council appreciated the presentation, and she thanked the students for taking the time to think about the environment because it was very important, and she said any way they could support this program, they would.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD.**

**Public hearing on authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building, constituting a public nuisance, located at 301 Salem Dr., NE, Huntsville, AL.**

(Mr. Erwin made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development**, said this property had been inspected by staff and an independent contractor on February 5th of the current year, and it had been determined that the structure was not economically feasible to repair. He said the amount of loss of this structure was 90 percent, that on the exterior, the framing, windows, and doors, were a total loss, the roofing system was a total loss, and on the interior, the floors, the walls, and the ceiling were all deemed to be a total loss, and on the utility systems, the electrical, heating, and plumbing were determined to be a total loss.

Mr. Erwin said no action had been taken by the owners or interested parties, so he was at this time requesting authorization to abate this public nuisance.

### **Public Hearing Opened.**

**President Meredith** asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak concerning this matter.

**Ms. Robbie Bailey** said she was the owner of this property, and she asked the Council for time to get together with a group of people who were willing to help

her. She said she had talked to Dr. Danny Blanchard, and he knew a group that was willing to do this demolition for her. She said she agreed with them that it was a nuisance, but her mother had Alzheimer's and dementia, and she just needed a little time.

**President Meredith** asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak concerning this matter.

**President Meredith said that seeing no one, the public hearing was closed.**

**Resolution No. 25-264**, authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building, constituting a public nuisance, located at 301 Salem Dr., NE, Huntsville, AL.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith.**

**Councilmember Watkins** said she understood Ms. Bailey was putting together a team to do the demolition of the home, and she asked approximately how much time she thought it would take her to put this team together.

**Ms. Bailey** said she was not exactly sure, that she had just recently spoken to Dr. Blanchard about this matter, and he seemed to be very positive about this group he knew that would be willing to do this for her, but it was a matter of getting together on this. She said she would need more than 30 days.

Councilmember Watkins asked Mr. Erwin when notice had been given on this property.

**Mr. Erwin** said this property had first been declared unsafe on August 9, 2023. He said there had been recent notices, 30 days prior, advising the property owner that this would be the time and place that they could appear before the Council.

Councilmember Watkins asked if the owner would have 30 days on this.

Mr. Erwin said upon the Council's approval of this, his department would work



with the property owner as they started mobilizing the utility removal and having Public Works available. He said it was usually at least two or three weeks, under normal circumstances, but they could certainly work with the property owner that no demolition would start before 30 days.

Councilmember Watkins asked Mr. Erwin if he could talk with Ms. Bailey to determine what her demolition team would do.

Mr. Erwin replied in the affirmative. He said they would work with the property owner, but upon the Council's approval of this, there would be a finite time in which they had to set a deadline for the action by the property owner to be completed.

**Councilmember Robinson** said it had been declared a nuisance in August of 2023, and she asked if the fire was prior to that.

**Mr. Erwin** said he did not have the exact date they had inspected it and found the conditions unsafe.

Councilmember Robinson said it had been at least a year and a half, that there had been time to take care of it, and it had not been taken care of, but Mr. Erwin was willing to work with the owner in the next 30 days.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council members present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-264)**

**Public Hearing on authorizing Community Development to assess the cost for the demolition and cleanup of a structural public nuisance located at 6032 Normal Heights Cir., NW, aka 5203 Normal Heights Cir., NW, Huntsville, Alabama.**

**Mr. Erwin** said this demolition was as a result of authorization by the Council to remove a structural public nuisance at 6032 Normal Heights, also known as 5203 Normal Heights. He said the reason for the difference in the address was that one

was for the Postal Service, and the second was what the Tax Assessor records indicated. He said the total amount of this assessment was \$24,229.43.

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

**Resolution No. 25-265**, authorizing Community Development to assess the cost for the demolition and cleanup of a structural public nuisance located at 6032 Normal Heights Cir., NW, aka 5203 Normal Heights Cir., NW, Huntsville, Alabama.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little.**

**Councilmember Watkins** asked Mr. Erwin if he had had any communication with Mr. Hayden.

**Mr. Erwin** said he had not personally had any communication with him.

Councilmember Watkins said she was not trying to give any preferential treatment, but she noted that Mr. Hayden was a local veteran who had become disabled after having an amputation, and he was the one who had stood guard over President Kennedy's body. She said she thought he was in a facility, getting rehabilitation, but she was not sure. She asked if it was correct that Mr. Erwin had not ever had any communication with him.

Mr. Erwin said they had worked with the owner or family members representing the owner in the process leading up to the demolition action.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-265)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET.**

**Resolution No. 25-266**, to set a public hearing on an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Definitions, Section 3.1, Interpretation, to modify and add definitions, Article 73, Supplementary Regulations and Modifications, Section 73.1.1, Subsections (1) and (2), to modify definitions and requirements; and to add

Article 78, Community Homes, **at the May 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.**

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Watkins/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-266)**

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-267**, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Definitions, Section 3.1, Interpretation, to modify and add definitions, Article 73, Supplementary Regulations and Modifications, Section 73.1.1, Subsections (1) and (2), to modify definitions and requirements; and to add Article 78, Community Homes.

**Resolution No. 25-268**, to set a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way in Seminole Park at Indiana Avenue, **at the May 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.**

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-268)**

**Introduction of Resolution No. 25-269**, consenting to the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way in Seminole Park at Indiana Avenue.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-270**, vacating a portion of a right-of-way in Seminole Park at Indiana Avenue.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

**Councilmember Watkins** said her District Drop-In on April 1 had gone very well, with more than 40 constituents coming in and sharing their concerns about things from property to roads to recreational amenities, a variety of things they had questions concerning, and they had had suggestions. She said her next Drop-In would be the following month, and she would provide that date.

Councilmember Watkins thanked the department heads she had sent

numerous emails to for their quick response in addressing her concerns.

Councilmember Watkins said on the following Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the annual Easter Egg Hunt in North Huntsville would be held at Stoner Field, and she invited people to come out and bring their kids.

Councilmember Watkins said on April 19th, Representative Anthony Daniels would host an Easter Egg Roll at 3001 Oakwood, from 2 to 6 p.m. She said it had been requested that people register at <https://bit.ly/eggroll2025>.

**Councilmember Little** said on May 6, there would be a Town Hall with the Cove Area Citizens for Growth at the Wellpoint facility at Hampton Cove.

Councilmember Little said he was also working on a joint Town Hall to be held with Holly McCarty, his counterpart on the School Board, and that date was to be determined.

Councilman Little said he had taken the Hampton Cove fourth graders and a few more on an Art Tour in City Hall, and it was a lot of fun.

**Councilmember Robinson** said she had started meeting with the leaders from different neighborhood associations and civic associations every couple of months or so, and she had one of those meetings in the current week, and it had underscored for her once again the value of neighborhood associations, that the neighbors were looking out for each other, that they were knowledgeable about the needs of their neighborhoods, and they expressed their concerns. She continued that she had been able to share with them some information regarding some ordinances they had put in place and others they were getting ready to put in place that would impact their neighborhoods, and they were very grateful for that information.

Councilmember Robinson said the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council had held one of their district meetings in District 3, and Officer Williams and Officer Tucker had presented data for the South Precinct, and they had commented

on the low crime rate, and they thought this was because the people in the South Precinct were not at all shy about calling and reporting incidents, and she said this went back to folks who were working together to maintain neighborhoods.

Councilmember Robinson said on May 1, at 6:30 p.m., she would be hosting a Town Hall at the Sandra Moon complex, in the Band Room, and the focus would also be on public safety, and there would be representatives from NAMACC, the North Alabama Multi-Agency Crime Center, and they would be sharing citywide data, and they would be looking at what had been in the news recently, that they had a population that was growing, but the crime rate was decreasing, and they would be looking at the reason for this.

Councilmember Robinson said the South Huntsville Annual Clean-Up Day would be on May 17, at Bell Mountain Park, and the Green Team and the hazardous waste folks would be there, handing out supplies and collecting electronics, et cetera, for disposal. She said they would be working on neighborhood entrances and cleaning up neighborhood trouble spots, starting at about 9 a.m.

Councilmember Robinson said she had had some inquiries recently about markers, and she had been told there was a new process concerning this, and she asked if they could have a brief explanation of this.

**Mr. Dennis Madsen, Manager of Long-Range and Urban Planning,** said their staff preservationist had been working on something they would post on the website, and when the Council got inquiries of this nature, they could direct persons to that page, and it would very clearly outline the process.

Mr. Madsen said they would make a presentation concerning this matter at a Council meeting in the near future.

Councilmember Robinson said she thought the entire community would benefit from that because the Council was receiving many requests concerning this.

**President Meredith** thanked the people who had attended his last President's Forum, where there had been a discussion of collaborative regionalism. He said if persons had not seen this, he would encourage them to log onto the City's website and watch it. He said if one lived in District 5, especially in Limestone County or Northwest Madison County, it was must-see TV. He thanked everyone who had participated in the meeting.

President Meredith said at this time, they were one step closer to getting Meals on Wheels to deliver in the westernmost portions of District 5, and he thanked Madison County Commissioner Phil Vandiver, TARCOG, and Tom Glynn at the Senior Center for their assistance with this. He said the next step would be finding the volunteers, particularly drivers to deliver the meals. He asked persons who wished to volunteer to contact his office, at 256-427-5011.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Resolution No. 25-271**, authorizing expenditures for payment.

**Motion for Approval by Watkins/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

#### **(RESOLUTION NO. 25-271)**

**Ordinance No. 25-272**, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.

**Motion for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Little.**

**President Meredith** said this would allocate \$7,000 to Ability Plus, Inc., to provide scholarship funding for clients with limited resources. He said the funding would be used to cover dental expenses, community activities, and other residential needs. He said Ability Plus managed and handled clients with developmental disabilities.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-272)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON.**

**President Meredith** said the first resolution would require a four-fifths vote of the Council for adoption.

**Resolution No. 25-205, to reappoint Joyce LeDuc-Hampton to the Bingo Review Committee**, to her current seat for, a two (2) year term to expire April 8, 2027.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-205)**

**Resolution No. 25-206, to reappoint John Beard to the Bingo Review Committee**, to his current seat, for a two (2) year term to expire April 8, 2027.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-206)**

**Resolution No. 25-207, to reappoint Eddie Sherrod to WellStone, Inc. Board, Place 8**, his current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire April 1, 2031.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-207)**

**President Meredith** said the next resolution would require a four-fifths vote of the Council for adoption.

**Resolution No. 25-208, to reappoint Robert Stagg to the Huntsville-Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors**, to his current seat, for a four (4) year term to expire April 11, 2029.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-208)**

**Resolution No. 25-209, to appoint Sarah Bailey to the Madison  
County 310 Board, City Place 9, to the seat previously held by Nancy Colin, for a  
six (6) year term to expire April 1, 2031.**

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously  
Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-209)**

**Resolution No. 25-210, to appoint Deidra Willis to the Alabama  
Constitution Village and Historic Huntsville Depot Board, Place 6, to fill  
the seat previously held by Terrance Vickerstaff for a three (3) year term to expire  
June 26, 2027.**

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-210)**

**Resolution No. 25-211, to appoint Claude Moore to the Board of  
Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 6, to the seat  
previously held by John Powell for a three (3) year term to expire September 13,  
2025.**

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously  
Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-211)**

**Resolution No. 25-212, to appoint Christopher Smith to the Board  
of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 16, to the  
seat previously held by Julieann Oxley for a three (3) year term to expire**



September 21, 2026.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-212)**

**Resolution No. 25-213, to appoint Danita Hall to the Bingo Review Committee, to the seat previously held by Stephen Walker, for a two (2) year term to expire April 8, 2027.**

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-213)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS.**

**Nomination to reappoint Mark Russell to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville, Place 5, his current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire May 27, 2031. (Kling)**

**Nomination to reappoint Linda Spalla to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville, Place 3, her current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire May 27, 2031. (Robinson)**

**Nomination to appoint Ron Poteat to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville, Place 4, to the seat previously held by John Stallworth, for a six (6) year term to expire May 27, 2031. (Meredith and Robinson)**

**Nomination to reappoint Frank Caprio to the Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville, Place 4, his current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire April 15, 2031. (Kling)**

**Nomination to appoint Laurel Miller to the Beautification Board, Place 12, due to the resignation of Linda Hess, for the remainder of a three (3)**

year term to expire September 30, 2025. **(Meredith)**

**Nomination to reappoint Beth Richardson to the Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville, Place 5**, her current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire April 15, 2031. **(Meredith)**

**Nomination to appoint Belinda Hampton to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 2**, to the seat previously held by Leslie Trippe, for a three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2028. **(Meredith)**

**Nomination to appoint Dr. Patricia Sims to the Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville, Place 5**, to the seat previously held by Beth Richardson, for a six (6) year term to expire April 15, 2031. **(Robinson)**

**HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS.**

**Resolution No. 25-280**, authorizing the Mayor to approve significant Huntsville Utilities gas main relocations along Winchester Road.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little.**

**Mr. Joe Gehrdes, Director of External Affairs, Huntsville Utilities**, said the Council had approved the electric part of this project the prior month, and this represented the gas main relocation, in the amount of approximately \$2 million. He said this was not included in their FY 25 budget because the project had been on the docket for a while, and it was not getting done, and they needed to make room in the budget for some other projects. He said once this was approved, they would need about \$200,000 for the design work in this fiscal year, and the balance would be in their FY 26 budget when it would be proposed in September.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-280)**

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS.**

**Vacation of Easements.**

**Ordinance No. 25-281**, authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 1, Plat Book 2022, Page 136, in Mark C. Smith Subdivision, 905 Mark C. Smith Drive. (IDB)

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-281)**

**Deeds of Acceptance.**

**Resolution No. 25-282**, authorizing the acceptance of a 0.096-acre (4,201 square feet) tract of land from Parkway Vesta, L.L.C., and Green Mountain Properties, L.L.C., for a natural gas supply easement for Stadium Commons Land Condominium.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-282)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION.**

**Ordinance No. 25-259**, to amend Chapter 15, Licenses and Taxes, Article II, Business License, Division 2, Business License Required: Application Process, Section 15-44, License required for each location and line of business, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, Alabama, which ordinance was introduced at the March 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith.**

**Ms. Penny Smith, Director of Finance**, said the Council had recently received a memo concerning this item, and she said the basic conclusion was that at this time the City Code required multiple lines of businesses to be reported separately for licensing purposes, down to 10 percent, that if someone had just 10 percent of their business moving off in a different direction, that would have to be reported as

they went through the licensing process.

Ms. Smith said the State allowed them to move that threshold up to 35 percent, and they were requesting the Council to do this. She said at this time, this created a lot of confusion for both staff in explaining it and for the businesses that tried to report on it, and this would clear up that confusion.

**President Meredith** asked Ms. Smith if she could explain, for the general public, what she meant by a line of business within a business.

Ms. Smith said, for example, in the line of cosmetology, they would do hair and also sell hair care products, so there would be a retail line of business as opposed to a service line of business. She said if only 10 percent of this business was retail, they would have to report that line, and, also, if they did something different in that business, they would have to report that line, so it would get very cumbersome; whereas if the threshold were moved up, it would give the appearance and the understanding that they were very different lines of business, that they were actually doing two totally different things, if the threshold were increased up to 35 percent.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-259)**

**Ordinance No. 25-260**, declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction, which ordinance was introduced at the March 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/**

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-260)**

**Ordinance No. 25-261**, to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance, which ordinance was introduced at the March 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-261)**

**Ordinance No. 25-262**, to amend Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, to modify the authorized strength of various departments, which ordinance was introduced at the March 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-262)**

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION.**

**(No items were held from the consolidation.)**

**Motion for consolidation and adoption of the following items:**

**Motion by Meredith/Seconded by Little/Unanimously approved by  
the Council Members present.**

**(Consolidated Items:)**

Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-283)**

Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds.

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-284)**

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. 25-285)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement to mutually terminate the Traffic Signal Poles contract with CDK Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a

Southern Lighting and Traffic Systems, which was awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 23-719.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-286)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute modification No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs & Advisors, for the Independent Audit Agreement.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-287)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Project Development Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Infinity Labs, L.L.C., for its expansion project.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-288)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to exercise the City's repurchase option with Vision Composite Products, L.L.C., for property located in Cummings Research Park, and authorizing the purchase of the same.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-289)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Grayson Carter & Son Contracting, Inc., for North Public Safety Complex Access Road, Project No. 71-23-RD01.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-290)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and GTEC, L.L.C., for On-Call Testing for Residential Roadways, Project No. 71-25-RD02.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-291)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City of Huntsville and Chorba Contracting Corporation, for Construction Services for the Martin Road Recreation Center.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-292)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City of Huntsville and Fite Construction Company, L.L.C., for Construction Services for Sandra Moon, Phase 4.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-293)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Catholic Center for Concern, to provide supplemental funding for Huntsville Housing Helps program.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-294)**

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. 25-295)**

Resolution to reappoint Martin Sisson to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, to his current seat for, a three-year term effective immediately and to expire on March 10, 2028.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-296)**

Ordinance to amend Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, to modify the authorized strength of a department.

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-297)**

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Synovus Bank Letter of Credit No. 16526020807 for Chadwick Pointe Phase 3 Subdivision.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-298)**

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank Independent Letter of Credit No. 30020528 for High Park Estates Phase 2 at Mountain Preserve.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-299)**

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke First Bank Letter of Credit No. 1740101867 for Villas in Greenlawn Phase One Subdivision.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-300)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release among the City of Huntsville, Hammons of Huntsville, L.L.C., JD Holdings, L.L.C., and Atrium Hospitality LP.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-301)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Wildlife Federation, Inc., to sponsor the Madison County Wildlife Game Cook-off.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-302)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Thompson Reuters.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-303)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville and the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-304)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville and the City of Madison regarding placement of license plate readers for public safety purposes.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-305)**

**Item x, Resolution No. 25-306**, was withdrawn by the sponsor.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Equipment Rental Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Global Rental Company, for a bucket



truck for Traffic Engineering for detection upgrade projects.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-307)**

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION.**

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-308**, naming the new recreation center on Martin Road the West Huntsville Recreation Center.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-309**, annexing 1.14 acres of land lying west of Old Big Cove Road and north of Knotty Walls Road.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-310**, amending the Towing Ordinance set forth in Division 2, Vehicle Towing and Impoundment, of Article II, Administration and Enforcement, of Chapter 25, Traffic and Vehicles, of the Code of Ordinances.

**SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**President Meredith** 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. He said persons could sign up to speak on the Second Public Comments Roster prior to or during the meeting, and that when called, they should approach the microphone and state their name, home address, and city of residence. He said each speaker could address the Council for three minutes, and that 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. David Snyder**, Huntsville, addressed the Council, stating that his address was on the sheet (3816 Bob Wallace), and having signed up to speak concerning "Derrick St."

**Ms. Alyx Kim-Yohn**, Huntsville, District 3, addressed the Council, stating that her address was on file (12013 Chicamauga Tr., SE), and having signed up to

speak concerning "Public Library Funding."

**Ms. Sarah Colletti**, Hartselle, addressed the Council, stating that her address was on the sheet (Lawrence Rd Hartselle), and having signed up to speak concerning "Representation."

**Dr. Marisa Allison**, Huntsville, District 2, addressed the Council, stating that her address was on file (719 Owens Dr., SE, HSV), and having signed up to speak concerning "Library Funding."

**Mr. Christopher Lioi**, Madison, addressed the Council, stating that his address was on file (114 Ardsley Dr.), and having signed up to speak concerning "Free speech."

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**(Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on April 10, 2025.)**