John Meredith, President Jennie Robinson, Councilmember Bill Kling, Councilmember Michelle Watkins, Councilmember David Little, Councilmember



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

Thursday, May 22, 2025

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Present: John Meredith, Jennie Robinson, Bill Kling, and Michelle Watkins

Absent: David Little

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Huntsville Alabama Public Safety Chaplain, Jeff Warren.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Bill Kling

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Meredith announced that item 6a would be postponed until the 7/10/2025 meeting, also; that 21c was to be considered at this meeting and would require unanimous consent of the Council.

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

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

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on May 8, 2025. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

Attachments: 05-08-25.1.reg.pdf

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

a. Presentation acknowledging 52nd Crescen-Dough Auction Participant, Jennifer Lapidus.

Sponsors: Kling

The above item is postponed as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/10/2025.

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

Resolutions for Approval Only

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD

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; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set April 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Ordinance No. 25-267

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Living Facility ZO Amendment Complete

Frances Akridge spoke to this item.

President Meredith moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by President Meredith. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. The motion failed and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Robinson, and Kling

Nay: Meredith, and Watkins

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET

a. Resolution to declare a public nuisance located at 2216 Hall Ave. NW, Huntsville, AL and to set the date for when objections will be heard. (Set June 12, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 25-391

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: 2216 Hall Ave NW 1st Res 5-22-2025.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

 Resolution to set a public hearing on the vacation of a right-of-way at Memorial Parkway and McBroom Street; and, the introduction of a Resolution consenting to; and, the introduction of an Ordinance vacating the right-of-way pertaining thereto. (Set June 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 25-392 Resolution No. 25-393 Ordinance No. 25-394

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Wolde ROW Vacation Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for June 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by President Meredith. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

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. Speaker(s):

Fances Akridge "sewer rate, 2025-449"

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

- Appointed Charles Allen to the EarlyWorks Museum Board, Place 2, for a three (3) year term to expire May 22, 2028.

- Reappointment of Tonya Perry to the Human Relations Commission, Place 12 (her current seat) for a four (4) year term to expire March 13, 2029.

- Reappointment of Kim McQuinn to the Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 14 (his current seat) for a three (3) year term to expire May 22, 2028.

- 5/20/25 storm recap

- EMS Week

- New homeless camp is open

- Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on 5/21/25. Resolution naming "Curtis Vincent Day"

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember David Little

President Meredith delivered Councilmember Littles comments:

- Thanked WPC for quick response to sewage leak.
- Thanked Nick Nene for meeting with residents on a traffic concern within the district.
- Thanked the responders for the 5/20 weather event.

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

- Thanked the Green Team, Grissom football team, and neighborhood volunteers for helping with events.

- Euthanasia of the alligator at Hays Farm. WHNT has done a story and provided education for the community.

- Congratulated all graduates and thanked teachers.

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

- Congratulated Alabama A&M graduates
- Voojey Vegan grand opening last Thursday
- Mae Jemison baccalaureate
- Congratulations to all graduates
- June 17th Town Hall 5:30-7 Topic is "Roads Roads"
- June 21st is District 1 Community Day at the Johnson Legacy Center

Councilmember Bill Kling

- Town meeting recap from 5/19
- California St resurfacing
- Archer Park sculpture unveiling
- Noise complaints from the Lumberyard development.
- Homeless camp visit, potential updates
- Asked Parks & Rec to look at Pine Park for shelter/tent.

Councilmember John Meredith

- Next Presidents Forum is 6/3 at 4 pm in Council Chambers.
- Town Hall on 5/29 at Reserve Clubhouse at 6 pm, 119 Natures Way.
- Thanked the city workers who responded to the storms from earlier in the week.
- Sent a thank you out to those working to restore power.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director of Finance, Penny Smith, gave a mid-year budget report.

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment. Resolution No. 25-395

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: Expenditures - Complete

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

Resolution reappointing Joshua McCoy to the EarlyWorks Museum Board, Place 8 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire June 26, 2028. (Nominated May 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
 Resolution No. 25, 206

Resolution No. 25-396

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: EarlyWorks McCoy 052225.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/12/2025.

 Resolution to appoint Alex East to the Earlyworks Museums Board, Place 7, to fill the seat previously held by Chase Allen for a three (3) year term to expire June 26, 2028. (Nominated May 22, 2025, regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 25-397

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: East Early Works Appointment.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/12/2025.

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

a. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Statutory Warranty Deed, a Temporary Construction Easement Deed, and a Ingress/Egress Deed for certain properties at The Fields at Hays Farm for the Haysland Road Greenway. Resolution No. 25-398

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: Fields at Haysland Deeds for Acceptance Complate.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

Ordinance to amend Chapter 15- Licenses and Taxes, Article I - General Provisions of the code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, Alabama. (Introduced May 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Ordinance No. 25-388

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Ord. amending Chapter 15 Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Ordinance declaring property surplus no longer needed for municipal purpose. (Introduced May 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
 Ordinance No. 25-389

Sponsors: City Clerk

Attachments: SurplusEquipment.Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

 c. Ordinance annexing 27.61 acres of land lying on the west of Old Big Cove Road and north of Buford Drive. (Introduced May 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Ordinance No. 25-390

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Buford Annexation Complete

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

20. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

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

Items held for separate consideration: D, E, F, J, K, M, N, O

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

Aye:	Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins
Nay:	None

a. Resolution authorizing travel expenses. Resolution No. 25-399

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Travel Resolution Complete.pdf

b. Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds. Ordinance No. 25-400

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Budget Amendment Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

c. 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. 25-401

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Resolution Procurement Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

d. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 between the City of Huntsville and Turner Construction Company for the Von Braun Center Concert Hall Back of House Renovations project located at 700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, Alabama.

Resolution No. 25-402

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: ResolutionVBC Change Order Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Consent to Assignment of Contract Agreement between Commercial Flooring Services, Inc., and Commercial Finish Solutions, LLC., D/B/A Commercial Flooring Services to transfer the rights and obligations of the Carpet & Tile Products and Installation Contract, awarded under Resolution 23-1050, from Commercial Flooring Services, Inc., to Commercial Finish Solutions, LLC., D/B/A Commercial Flooring Services. Resolution No. 25-403

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Reassign Carpet /Tile Products and Installation Contract

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Garver, L.L.C., for Land Acquisition for Winchester Road Additional Lanes, Project No. 65-09-RD03 & ALDOT Project No. STPHV-DEMO-A183.

Resolution No. 25-404

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: Garver Mod #1 Land Acq Winchester Rd Addtl Lanes

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

 g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Design Services for Mooresville Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, Project No. 71-25-SO01. Resolution No. 25-405

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: Garver Mooresville SS Interceptor complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and The Ferguson Group, L.L.C., for Grant Writing Services for Resolute Way Interchange, Phase 1, Project No. 71-25-SP15. Resolution No. 25-406

 Sponsors:
 Engineering

 Attachments:
 The Ferguson Group Grant Writing Services Resolute Way

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This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and SAIN Associates, Inc., for West Park Boulevard and U.S. 72 Intersection Improvements, Project No. 71-25-SP16. Resolution No. 25-407
 - **Sponsors:** Engineering

Attachments: SAIN Associates West Park Blvd & US 72 Intersection improv.

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 2 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville and McCord Construction, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Sanitary Sewer Jack and Bore Items-2023, Project No. 71- 23-SP18. Resolution No. 25-408

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: Jack & Bore Mod 2 - COMPLETE.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

 k. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 2 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville and McCord Construction, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Sanitary Sewer Directional Drilling Items-2023, Project No. 71-23-SP19. Resolution No. 25-409

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: Directional Mod 2 - COMPLETE.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Ram Construction Services of Michigan, Inc., for Construction Services for the Clinton Avenue Parking Deck. Resolution No. 25-410

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: COMPLETE-RAM-CO1-ClintonAveParkingDeck.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 m. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Pettus Plumbing & Piping, Inc., for Construction Services for the Art Museum HVAC Renovation. Resolution No. 25-411

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: COMPLETE-CO1Pettus-ArtMuseumHVAC.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No.1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mims Engineering, Inc., for Engineering Services for the Museum of Art HVAC Renovation. Resolution No. 25-412

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: COMPLETE-MIMS-Mod1-HsvMuseumofArtHVAC.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Simple Helix. Resolution No. 25-413

Sponsors: ITS

Attachments: Simple Helix Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Watkins

Nay: None

p. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the claim of Kayla Hilbrant (Claim FY24-99).

Resolution No. 25-414

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Hilbrant Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

q. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the claim of Cassandra Ruffin (Claim FY24-197).

Resolution No. 25-415

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Ruffin Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bryant Bank Letter of Credit No. 1470 for Clubfield Subdivision.
 Resolution No. 25-416

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Clubfield LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Trustmark National Bank Letter of Credit No. 24-024-SP for Reunion at Green Mountain Subdivision. Resolution No. 25-417

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Reunion 024 LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Trustmark National Bank Letter of Credit No. 24-027-SP for Reunion at Green Mountain Subdivision. Resolution No. 25-418

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Reunion 027 LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke CB&S Bank Letter of Credit No. 555882 for Preserve at Limestone Creek Phase 3 Subdivision. Resolution No. 25-419

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Preserve LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and West Publishing Corporation.
 Resolution No. 25-420

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: West Publishing Corp 2025 Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

w. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Steven L. Black for the Police Department's Unmanned Aerial Systems operations.

Resolution No. 25-421

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: Complete File 2025.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

x. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Unmanned Aerial Systems Information Sharing Organization (UAS ISAO).

Resolution No. 25-422

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: Complete File 2025.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ronald Finley. Resolution No. 25-423

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: Finley COMPLETE.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

a. Ordinance to name the property located between North Rose Drive, South Rose Drive, Pine Avenue and 9th Avenue as Westlawn Park. (Introduced May 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Ordinance No. 25-424

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: Westlawn Park Naming Complete.pdf

Councilmember Kling moved for unanimous consent of the Council to consider this item at this meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Robinson. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Robinson, and Kling

Nay: Meredith, and Watkins

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/12/2025.

b. Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and to be donated to Calhoun College. (Introduced May 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
 Ordinance No. 25-425

Sponsors: ITS

Attachments: Surplus for Donation to Calhoun College Complete.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/12/2025.

 C. Ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 21, Article II, Division 9 (Rates) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama. (Introduced May 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Ordinance No. 25-426

Sponsors: Urban Development

Attachments: Sewer Rate Ordinance Complete.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/12/2025.

Director of Urban and Economic Development, Shane Davis, gave a presentation on this item.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Malik Furniss "development proposal" Angela Sommerset, MD "HSV Utilities + Transparency" Brenda Elliott Michael Jones David Snyder "Derrick St" Ray Muhammad "Jones Family" Taylor Miller "Apartment Fees" Marisa Allison "Libraries" Alyx Kim-Yohn "Library Funding" Sarah Colletti "not agenda related"

23. ADJOURNMENT

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