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, September 25, 2025 **5:30 PM** **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Huntsville Alabama Public Safety Chaplain, Zack Johnson.

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Performed by: Mae Jemison High School Choir

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Meredith announced that items 19h and 22 would be taken out of order, and that 15c had been withdrawn by the sponsor.
He also announced that 21c and 21d would require unanimous consent for consideration at this meeting.

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

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

This item was approved as submitted.

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

a. Recognition of the Mae Jemison High School Choir performer, Makayla Fullenwider.

Sponsors: Administration

Mayor Battle presented Makayla with her plaque.

b. Recognition of the Huntsville Youth Orchestra performers: Matthew Ng and Emilía Ng.

Sponsors: Administration

Mayor Battle presented Matthew and Emilia with their certificates of commemoration.

c. Proclamation to declare the month of September as OBGYN Cancer Awareness Month.

Sponsors: Administration

Mayor Battle presented the proclamation to Betsy Fetner with the Laura Crandall Brown Foundation.

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

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 for suspension of licensure for confidential tax related to case number: 407. (Set on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-751

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Case 407 Hearing 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Public hearing on the zoning of 0.33 acres of land lying on the north of Zierdt Road and west of Arnett Street to Residence 1-B District; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on August 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-604

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Arnett Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Public hearing on the zoning of 121.73 acres of land lying on the north and south side of Little Cove Road and west of US Hwy 72 E to Residence 1 and Residence 2 Districts; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on August 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-606

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Little Cove Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

d. Public hearing on the zoning of 6.40 acres of land lying on the west side of Segers Road and north of Hardiman Road to Planned Industrial District; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on August 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-608

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: McDonald Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

e. Public hearing on the zoning of 572.48 acres of land lying on the north of Bob Wade Ln. and east and west of Mt. Lebanon Rd. to Residence 2, Residence 2-B and Highway Business C-4 Districts; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on August 28, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-656

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Harris Farm Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

f. Public hearing on the zoning of 1,013.96 acres of land lying on the south of River Loop Road, and east and west of Vaughn Road to Residence 1 District and Industrial Park District; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set on August 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-610

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: McCutcheon-Vaughn Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

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.
Speaker(s):
Marissa Allison "public libraries funding"

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember David Little

- Town Hall recap from a few weeks ago.

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

- Bluegrass and BBQ will take place on October 1th from 1-7 pm at South Side Park. Admission is free, sponsored by commissioner Phil Riddick and South Huntsville Main.

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

- District 1 Drop In recap.
- Noted Jemison High School has been the first high school in Huntsville to receive a Redstone Federal Credit Union.
- North Woods will have a reunion on Saturday, September 27th at the ball park from 12-6 pm. Event will be free with good food and good times.
- October 13th town hall at the Showers Center.
- Condolences to Mark Bitters family.
- Thanked Makayla Fullenwider for her services in the anthem today.
- October 8th - State of the District Address. Register online, seating is limited.

Councilmember Bill Kling

- Noted that the Council had not had a meeting with the school board. Requested to do so within the next two months.
- Addressed shootings at Binford Court.
- Requested to have Animal Services look at Ordinances regarding coyotes and other wildlife.

Councilmember John Meredith

- Next Presidents' Forum on Tuesday, October 7th in Council Chambers at 4 pm. Topic is: How does the City embrace its stewardship and sustainability in managing the community's natural resources. Guests: Jesse Horton, Troy Bowman, Mark Byers, and Dennis Madsden.
- Attending the Lanier Lakes Home Owners Association Meeting on Monday, September 29th at 6:30 pm at the Good Sheppard Methodist Church on Old Railroad Bed.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.
Resolution No. 25-752

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: Expenditures - Complete

Councilmember Watkins 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 1 Council Improvement Funds.
Ordinance No. 25-753

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: District_1_Council Improvement_Complete_09.25.pdf

Councilmember Watkins moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Kling, Little, Watkins, and Robinson

Nay: None

c. Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.
Ordinance No. 25-754

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: District_5_Council Improvement_09.25_Complete.pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

a. Resolution to reappoint Lindsey Perry to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 16 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-693

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment LP.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Resolution to reappoint Melissa Musgrove to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 6 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-694

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment MM.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Resolution to reappoint George Cannon to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 5 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-695

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment GC.pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

d. Resolution to reappoint Ahmad Brown to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 3 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-696

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment AB.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

e. Resolution to reappoint Jeffrey Blackwell to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 2 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-697

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment JB.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

f. Resolution to reappoint Charles Below to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 17 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-698

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment CB.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

g. Resolution to appoint Traci Gillespie to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 9, to the seat previously held by Paula Cushman for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-699

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt appointment TG.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

h. Resolution to reappoint Cindy Griner to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 10 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-700

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt reappointment CGriner.pdf

This item requires a 4/5 vote of the Council:

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

Aye: Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: Meredith

Abstain: Watkins

i. Resolution to appoint Amy Kemp to the City Tree Commission to the seat previously held by James Peters for a two (2) year term to expire October 8, 2027. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-701

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: Tree Commission AK.pdf

Councilmember Kling moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

j. Resolution to reappoint Troy Bowman to the City Tree Commission (his current seat) for a two (2) year term to expire October 8, 2027. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-702

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: Tree Commission TB.pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

k. Resolution to appoint Matt Burke to the City Tree Commission to the seat previously held by William McBride for a two (2) year term to expire October 8, 2027. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-703

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: Tree Commission MB.pdf

President Meredith 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

l. Resolution to reappoint James Cochran to the Beautification Board, Place 8 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-704

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Beautification reappointment JC.pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

m. Resolution to reappoint Michelle Omenski to the Beautification Board, Place 11 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting).
Resolution No. 25-705

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Beautification reappointment MO.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

n. Resolution to reappoint Alexis Quinn to the Beautification Board, Place 7 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-706

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Beautification reappointment AQ.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

o. Resolution to reappoint Laurel Miller to the Beautification Board, Place 12 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting).
Resolution No. 25-707

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: Beautification reappointment LM.pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

p. Resolution to appoint Zachary Hester to the Beautification Board, Place 15, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Celia Wettstein for the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2026. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-708

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Beautification appointment ZH (002).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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

q. Resolution to reappoint Ethan Walker-Jones to the Beautification Board, Place 10 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting).
Resolution No. 25-709

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: 25-709.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

r. Resolution to reappoint Billy Lenox to the Beautification Board, Place 9 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-710

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: 25-710.pdf

Councilmember Kling moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

s. Resolution to reappoint Mark Seeley to the Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 4 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 21, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting).
Resolution No. 25-711

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Seeley Complete.pdf

This item requires a 4/5 vote of the Council:

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Kling, and Little

Nay: Meredith

Abstain: Watkins

t. Resolution to reappoint Josh Steele to the Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 3 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire September 21, 2028. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-712

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Steele 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

u. Resolution to reappoint LaFreeda Jordan to the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority, City Place 5 (her current seat), for a six (6) year term to expire October 24, 2031. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting).
Resolution No. 25-713

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: 25-713.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

v. Resolution to appoint Wiley Day to the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council, place 13, due to the resignation of Brian Webb for the remainder of a vacant four year term to expire August 1, 2027. (Nominated on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-755

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: Wiley Day Appointment Complete.pdf

The above item was withdrawn at the adoption of the agenda.

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

a. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of two 5-foot Utility and Drainage Easements between Lots 124 and 126, The Heritage of Monte Sano, Darlington Road. (Waggoner)
Ordinance No. 25-756

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Waggoner eas ord 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of a 60-foot Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 23, Creekstone Subdivision, Phase II, 5006 Willow Creek Drive. (Mayberry)
Ordinance No. 25-757

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Mayberry eas ord 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of two Utility and Drainage Easements between Lots 2 and 3, Carroll Creek Subdivision, Winchester Road. (Iglesia de Dios)
Ordinance No. 25-758

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Iglesia de Dios eas ord Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

d. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of Utility and Drainage Easements, Lots 15 through 21, Creekside Commons, Gallows Cove. (Meritage Homes)
Ordinance No. 25-759

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Meritage Homes eas ord Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

e. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 1, Schrimsher-Willowbrook Subdivision, at Grove at Indian Creek.
Ordinance No. 25-760

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Indian Creek Housing eas ord 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Ordinance to adopt the City of Huntsville annual budget for fiscal year 2026 beginning October 1, 2025. (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-744

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: FY2026 Budget Ordinance Packet Complete.pdf

President Meredith moved to approve the Ordinance 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, Kling, Watkins, Robinson, and Little

Nay: None

Councilmember Watkins moved to amend the Ordinance by appropriating $36,000 to United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley Inc., by reducing Wellstone appropriation from $900,000 to $864,000. This 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, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: Robinson

Councilmember Watkins motioned to amend the Ordinance by increasing the amount assigned to the Huntsville Ballet Association by $25,000, increasing the allocation from $40,000 to $65,000, by reducing the same amount from the North Alabama Homebuilders Academy from $200,000 to $175,000.

Councilmember Robinson suggested they could take $25,000 from Council Improvement Funds for the Ballet.

Councilmember Little committed $15,000, Councilmember Kling committed $5,000 and Councilmember Robinson committed $5,000 from Council Improvement Funds.

Councilmember Watkins thanked the Council members and withdrew her amendment.

President Meredith moved to amend Ordinance No. 25-744 (the General Fund Budget), under Revenue Sources, at Simplified Sellers Use Tax (SSUT), to provide that from any SSUT revenue received in excess of $20,750,000.00, 30% of said excess shall be distributed to the 1990 School Support Fund for Huntsville City Schools, with said excess funds to be used by Huntsville City Schools exclusively for new construction or capital improvement for existing structures. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

Discussion ensued between Council members.

Councilmember Kling made a motion to amend the primary amendment by deleting the words "exclusively for new construction or capital improvements for existing structures". The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Ayes: Little, Watkins, Robinson, Kling
Nays: Meredith

Secondary Amendment to Primary Amendment passed.

Aye: Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: Meredith

b. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 89-79, to provide all eligible employees of the City of Huntsville a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), as reflected in the first pay period in the fiscal year 2026 budget, effective October 13, 2025. (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-745

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: COLA Resolution_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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Ordinance to declare certain property surplus and no longer needed for public or municipal purpose. (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-746

Sponsors: Natural Resources

Attachments: Equipment Disposal September 2025.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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

d. Ordinance annexing 9.93 acres of land lying on the east of Hwy 431 S and south of Wade Rd. (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-747

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Nirmala 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

e. Ordinance annexing 14.62 acres of land lying on the east of Greenbrier Road, and north of I-565. (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-748

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Greenbrier 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

f. Ordinance to change the name of a portion of "Avocent Way" to "Old Monrovia Road NW". (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-750

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Avocent Way Name Change Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

g. Ordinance to change the name of a portion of "Dunlop Boulevard SW" to "Town Madison Boulevard". (Introduced on September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-749

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Dunlop Blvd Name Change 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

h. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Platform Access and Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and City Detect. (Postponed on July 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-579

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: City Detect Agreement Complete.pdf

The above item is withdrawn as submitted

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: a, b, k, q

a. Resolution approving the City of Huntsville 1990 Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2035.
Resolution No. 25-761

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: 1990 Capital Improvement Plan_Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

b. Resolution approving the City of Huntsville 2014 Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2035.
Resolution No. 25-762

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: 2014 Capital Improvement Plan_Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, 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: Robinson, Kling, Little, Watkins, and Meredith

Nay: None

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

c. Resolution authorizing travel expenses.
Resolution No. 25-763

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Travel_Resolution_Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

d. Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds.
Ordinance No. 25-764

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Budget_Amendment_Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

e. 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. 25-765

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Resolution_Procurement_09.25_Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Independent Audit Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs & Advisors.
Resolution No. 25-766

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: FY25 Audit Mauldin_Jenkins CPAs_Advisors_Resolution_Complete .pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 the contract between the City of Huntsville and GKL Companies, Inc., for the Von Braun Center Selected Replacement of Several Roof Areas project. The contract was awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 24-666.
Resolution No. 25-767

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: VBC_Change_Order_Resolution_09.25_Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

h. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and U.S. Geological Survey for Water Resource Investigations, Project No. 71-25-DM02.
Resolution No. 25-768

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: USGS Joint Funding Agrmt 2025-2026 complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

i. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Skipper Consulting, Inc., for Engineering Design Services for Traffic Signal Warrant at U.S. Highway 231 and AL 255 Northern Bypass, Project No. 71-25-SP27.
Resolution No. 25-769

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: Traffic signal warrant study Hwy 231-AL 255 complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Preliminary Engineering Construction Agreement for a Federal Aid Project between the State of Alabama and City of Huntsville, Alabama, Project No. 71-25-SP28 and ALDOT Project No. CRPHV-MR26( ).
Resolution No. 25-770

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: ALDOT TSMO Advanced Corridor complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

k. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Chorba Contracting for the John Hunt Park Military Museum Expansion.
Resolution No. 25-771

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: Complete-Chorba-VetMilitaryMuseum.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

l. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture (MPS) to accept the assignment of the contract owned by Fuqua & Partners Architects as of September 25, 2025.
Resolution No. 25-772

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: Complete-MPS-Consent_to_Assign_Contract.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

m. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an authorization to renew a group accident policy for volunteers with Markel Insurance Company.
Resolution No. 25-773

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: Volunteer Policy 2025-2026.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

n. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the application for excess workers' compensation insurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation.
Resolution No. 25-774

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: Excess Worker's Compensation 2025- 2026.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

o. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the application for renewal of Government Crime Policy with Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.
Resolution No. 25-775

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: Crime Policy 2025.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

p. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Service Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Rippleworx for software.
Resolution No. 25-776

Sponsors: Inspection

Attachments: COH INSP RippleWorx 2025 Final CC Res Packet Rev 09.18.2025.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

q. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Clearview AI, Inc., for the purpose of providing law enforcement with a more effective and less expensive suspect recognition search engine.
Resolution No. 25-777

Sponsors: ITS

Attachments: Clearview Agreement Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: Meredith

r. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Trustmark Bank Letter of Credit No. 23-058-SP for Wilson Cove Phase 2 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 25-778

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Wilson Cove LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

s. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Wellstone, Inc., for public transportation services for the Adult Day Treatment clients.
Resolution No. 25-779

Sponsors: Parking/Public Transit

Attachments: WELLSTONE PACKET.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

t. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the City of Madison for Dispatching Services of Paratransit Vehicles.
Resolution No. 25-780

Sponsors: Parking/Public Transit

Attachments: MADISON CONTRACT PACKET.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

a. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction.
Ordinance No. 25-781

Sponsors: Fleet Department

Attachments: Nov2025Auction.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 10/9/2025.

b. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance.
Ordinance No. 25-782

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: Complete package Class Salary Plan No. 89-79 10-2025.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 10/9/2025.

c. Introduction of an Ordinance concerning a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement between Southern Light, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, and the City of Huntsville.
Ordinance No. 25-783

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Southern Light ROW Agreement Complete.pdf

President Meredith moved for unanimouse consent of the Council to consider this item at this meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

President Meredith moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

d. Introduction of an Ordinance concerning a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement between Uniti Fiber GulfCo, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and the City of Huntsville.
Ordinance No. 25-784

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Gulfco ROW Agreement Complete.pdf

President Meredith 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: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

President Meredith moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Little, and Watkins

Nay: None

e. Introduction of an Ordinance to declare certain property as surplus and to authorize the Mayor to enter into an exchange agreement between UMH MidCity, LLC, and the City of Huntsville for conveyance of the same.
Ordinance No. 25-785

Sponsors: Urban Development

Attachments: UMH MidCity Exchange Ord Complete.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 10/9/2025.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to City business whether or not such items are on the meeting agenda. You may sign up to speak on the Second Public Comments Roster prior to or during 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):
Jacob Morrison "city detect"
Whitney Washington "city detect, helping elderly"
Ryan Redding "various surveillance measures - City Detect"
Malcom Gopher "708 business"
Julius Jennings "708 closing"
Peter Proctor Jr. "economic issues"
James Franchini "smart meters"
Kyle Jennings "urban development"
Demarco Stewart "budget/708/urban development"
Sharon Smith
Yvonne Lassiter "North HSV"
Karen Hislop "sidewalk at L+N"
Dr. Shawnette Bone "north HSV"
Susan Stewart "immigration"
Tremaine Johnson "business closure, 708 bar & grill"
David Snyder "transparency"

23. ADJOURNMENT

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