

David Little, President
Jennie Robinson, Councilmember
Bill Kling, Councilmember
Devyn Keith, Councilmember
John Meredith, Councilmember



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

Thursday, May 23, 2024

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Present: David Little, Bill Kling, John Meredith, and Devyn Keith

Absent: Jennie Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Moment of Silence

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: John Meredith

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

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

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 9, 2024. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as submitted

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

a. Presentation of Lifesaving Medal.

Sponsors: Administration

Chief Giles presented Officer Jordan Jones with the Lifesaving Medal.

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**Special Recognitions**

- a. Special Departmental Recognition.

Sponsors: City Council

Councilmember Keith presented the City keycard to Ricky Wilkinson.

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

- b. Resolution honoring Mr. Barry Oxley for his achievements as Director of the Huntsville-Madison County Builders Association.
Resolution No. 24-350

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: [B. Oxley Resolution](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- c. Resolution recognizing May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month.
Resolution No. 24-351

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: [ALS - Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

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

- a. Presentation from National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Greater Huntsville Chapter.

Sponsors: Finance

Robin Drake presented.

- b. Presentation from YMCA Child Development Centers.

Sponsors: Finance

Erin Ledet presented.

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD

- a. Public Hearing authorizing Community Development to assess the cost of cutting overgrown grass and/or weeds against certain properties; and consideration of a Resolution pertaining to the same.

Resolution No. 24-352

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [05.23.2024 Grass Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- b. Public Hearing authorizing the Manager of Community Development to assess the cost for the cleanup and removal of a junk public nuisance located at 2206 Hill St NW, Huntsville, Alabama; and consideration of a Resolution pertaining to same.

Resolution No. 24-353

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [2206 Hill St - Junk Public Nuisance Complete.pdf](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- c. Public hearing on the rezoning of 985.47 acres of land lying on the west of County Line Rd. and south of I-565 from Residence 1, Residence 2, and Commercial Industrial Park Districts to Planned Industrial and Commercial Industrial Park Districts; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set April 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)

Ordinance No. 24-236

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Airport Rezoning Complete](#)

Councilmember Kling moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly

seconded by Councilmember Meredith. President Little asked if there was any discussion. President Little called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- d. Public hearing on the zoning of 12.42 acres of land lying on the south of Old Hwy 431 and east of Wade Rd. to Neighborhood Business C-1 and Residence 2-B Districts; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set April 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-238

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [WadeRd Zoning Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- e. Public hearing on the rezoning of 161.67 acres of land lying on the west side of South Green Mountain Rd. and south of Knotty Walls Rd. from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set April 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-240

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Hillis Rezoning Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- f. Public hearing on amending the Zoning Ordinance Article 70 - Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements to add Section 70.3 - Electric Vehicle Readiness Requirements; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set May 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-287

Sponsors: Planning and Meredith

Attachments: [ElectricVehicle Readiness Complete](#)

David Patton, Daniel Tate and Ankur Shah spoke to this matter.

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

Aye: Little, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- g.** Public hearing on amending the Zoning Ordinance Article 3 - Definitions, Section 3.1 - Interpretation, to amend the definitions for Dwelling; Dwelling, Multiple Family; Dwelling, Single Family; Dwelling, Two Family; Dwelling Unit; and Family; and to add the definitions for Domicile; Residence; and Transient; and the consideration of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set May 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-289

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [DwellingDefinitions ZOAmendment Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson joined the meeting.

Cathy Reisenwitz spoke to this matter.

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

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

Nay: None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET

- a.** Resolution to set a public hearing on the vacation of a right-of-way in Kildare Estates, Block 1-5, 1315 Meridian Street and 113 Oakwood Avenue; and introduction of a Resolution consenting to, and introduction of an Ordinance vacating the right-of-way pertaining thereto. (Set June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting).
Resolution No. 24-354
Resolution No. 24-355
Ordinance No. 24-356

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [113 Oakwood ROW Vacation Complete.pdf](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing to June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Kling. President Little asked if there was any discussion. President Little called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

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

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.

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember John Meredith

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

Councilmember Bill Kling

Councilmember Devyn Keith

Councilmember David Little

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.
Resolution No. 24-357

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: [Expenditures - Complete](#)

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

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

Nay: None

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

- a. Resolution to reappoint Jerry Cargile to the Huntsville-Madison County Railroad Authority, Joint Place 4 (his current seat), for a five (5) year term to expire May 22, 2029. (Nominated May 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-358

Sponsors: Little

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

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

Nay: None

- b. Resolution to reappoint Tammyier Leeth to the Historical Preservation Authority of the City of Huntsville to her current seat for a six (6) year term to expire June 3, 2030. (Nominated May 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 24-359

Sponsors: Meredith

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

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

Nay: None

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

Councilmember Kling nominated Marshall Schreeder Jr., Kim Harley and Jay Chandler to the Randolph School Building Authority.

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

- a. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Village of Providence Phase1 Part E, Off Broadway Street.
Ordinance No. 24-360

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Providence eas ord Complete.pdf](#)

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

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

Nay: None

- b. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement between Lots 1A and 1B, Buck Island Commercial Park, 2104 and 2106 Island Circle SW.
Ordinance No. 24-361

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Buck Island eas ord Complete.pdf](#)

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

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

Nay: None

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance (Introduced May 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-347

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Amend Classification and Salary Plan - Complete](#)

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

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

Nay: None

- b. Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 23-762 to modify the authorized strength of the departments. (Intoduced May 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-348

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Ord. No. 23-762 - Complete](#)

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

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

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.

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

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

Nay: None

- a. Resolution authorizing travel expenses.
Resolution No. 24-362

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Travel Resolution Complete](#)

- b. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 and FINAL between the City of Huntsville and Pearce Construction Company, Inc., for the Von Braun Center North Hall and Playhouse Renovations located at 700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, Alabama.
Resolution No. 24-363

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [VBC Resolution CO2 Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- c. Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 1 Council Improvement Funds.
Ordinance No. 24-364

Sponsors: City Council

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

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- d. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to 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. 24-365

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: [Jack & Bore Mod 1 - COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 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. 24-366

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: [Directional Drilling Mod 1 -COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Chorba Contracting Corporation for the construction of the Martin Road Recreation Center.
Resolution No. 24-367

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Completed Chorba Contract](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Dunlap Contracting Inc., for the construction services of the John Hunt Park Public Restrooms.
Resolution No. 24-368

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [COMPLETE-Dunlap-JHP Public Restrooms.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- h. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke CB&S Bank Letter of Credit No. 555882 for the Preserve at Limestone Creek Phase 3 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-369

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Preserve LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- i. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Merit Bank Letter of Credit No. 1555 for Knoll at Hampton Cove Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-370

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Knoll LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Terry Cagle.
Resolution No. 24-371

Sponsors: Fire and Rescue

Attachments: [Complete Terry Cagle](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- k. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Andrew Gollop.
Resolution No. 24-372

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- 2024- Gollop](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- l. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ronald Finley.
Resolution No. 24-373

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: [Finley - COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain equipment as surplus and no longer needed for municipal use.
Ordinance No. 24-374

Sponsors: City Clerk

Attachments: [PrintShopSurplusEquipment.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/13/2024.

- b. Introduction of an Ordinance to declare approximately .23 acres of real property located on Pearl Avenue as surplus and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and JPThree Properties, LLC, for the same.
Ordinance No. 24-375

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Pearl Avenue Parking Lease Complete.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/13/2024.

- c. Introduction of an Ordinance dedicating a Sanitary Sewer Easement for the Pulaski Pike Sewer Improvements Project.
Ordinance No. 24-376

Sponsors: Urban Development

Attachments: [Pulaski Pike Sewer Easement Complete.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/13/2024.

- d. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain equipment surplus and to be recycled for monetary value.
Ordinance No. 24-377

Sponsors: Fleet Department

Attachments: [FleetVehicleSurplus May 2024.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 6/13/2024.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Speaker(s): Kristen Hunsberder, Lara Person, Austin Jones, Carissa Callan, Afura Taylor, Dr. Marisa Allison, Susan Stewart, Alyx Kim-Yon, Gail Carter, Sarah Colletti

23. ADJOURNMENT

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