

**HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting - March 27, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**Huntsville, Alabama**

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

**Mayor:**                                      **Mr. Tommy Battle**  
**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.

The invocation was offered by **Chaplain Zach Johnson**; **Councilmember Little** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

**Councilmember Little** said he wanted to withdraw item 14.c, which he sponsored, from the agenda.

President Meredith said the item was withdrawn.

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 13, 2025, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

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

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

**Resolution No. 25-200**, honoring the significant and enduring legacy of Ms. Pearlie Mae Stamper.

**Motion for Approval by Kling/Seconded by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted.**

#### **(RESOLUTION NO. 25-200)**

**Councilmember Kling and Councilmember Watkins** made the presentation of the resolution.

**Councilmember Kling** said he was very fortunate to have had the privilege of working with Ms. Stamper in the Council office, and she was one of the best supervisors he ever had, and she cared a lot about people all over the city and was very responsive to solving their needs.

**Councilmember Watkins** said Ms. Stamper's family was present, and she asked them to come forward.

A member of the family expressed appreciation for this recognition, noting she was very special to the family and was duly missed, that she had been a big part of their family and a big asset.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.**

**Presentation from Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau, by Ms. Jennifer Moore, President and CEO.**

**Ms. Moore** said the Convention & Visitors Bureau had recently undergone a complete rebranding process, which included new logos and a strong call to action, and they wanted to share these new assets with the Council and explain how they would enhance their marketing efforts. She said it had been more than a decade since their last rebrand, and they needed their new brand to reflect the growth and progress

of the city, including icons and imagery that would help them to convey the many facets of Huntsville visitors could experience. She said they were excited about the final product, and she was pleased to introduce Lauren Gowins, founder of the Bold Agency, to provide an overview of the numerous logos and the elements included.

**Ms. Gowins** said she had with her Ashton LaCroix, their design director, and they were excited to present the new brand identity for the CVB.

(Ms. Gowins made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Gowins displayed a slide depicting the new logo, and she said the new brand paid homage to Huntsville's history while also embracing the future, that from the iconic rocket silhouette to the rolling hills of the Appalachian Mountains, this new brand tied together the contrast of Huntsville's high-tech industry and natural landscape.

Ms. Gowins said that in addition to the new logo, their team had developed a tag line that was as unique as the community. She said this new tag line, "Gravitate Here," resonated on several levels, that "gravitate" was defined as "moving toward or being attracted to a place, person, or thing."

Ms. Gowins displayed another slide, and she said it included the various iterations of the logo package, noting that they were adaptable for diverse applications. She said the new brand ensured flexibility across different contexts.

Ms. Gowins displayed another slide depicting the logo, and she said the sun in the logo symbolized energy, optimism, and progress, reflecting Huntsville's growth as a tech and innovation hub, that the combination of natural and tech-inspired elements highlighted the city's balance between nature and high-tech industries, making the logo versatile for tourism, tech, and civic uses. She said the design also drew inspiration from Huntsville's landscapes, agricultural history, and environment,

fostering a strong connection to the region.

Ms. Gowins displayed another slide, and she said this depicted the color palette, noting that they had selected bright, contrasting colors that stood out and were unique within the community, ensuring the logo would capture attention and set itself apart.

Ms. Gowins displayed another slide, and she said this set out the goals for the new rebrand, including homage to history while looking to the future, to balance the community's high-tech industries and rolling landscape, to develop a brand that would differentiate itself from other local organizations to help decrease brand confusion; to appeal to diverse demographic groups by representing Huntsville as the clean, smart, creative, and driven city that it was; to provide better logo formats, applicable to different collateral and different use cases for every department; to step away from overused taglines, such as "visit" or "explore"; and to create a diverse color palette that could be used in multiple applications and stand apart.

Ms. Gowins said their team was proud to be a part of this community, and they would continue to support the promotion of the region.

Ms. Gowins introduced Daryl Whitworth with Madden Media.

(Mr. Whitworth made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Whitworth** displayed a slide, and he said Madden Media was a full-service destination marketing agency that specialized in tourism, that they brought nationwide best practices, nationwide insights, and a nationwide buying power to the CVB. He said they had spent a lot of time, effort, and money investing in data resources so they could do the best job marketing for their destination partners as they could.

Mr. Whitworth displayed another slide, and he said they were beginning an interim campaign, and they had the phrase "A City That Pulls You In," indicating a

draw that complemented well with "Gravitate Here." He said the imagery that was displayed showed the diversity and depth of Huntsville as a tourism destination.

Mr. Whitworth displayed another slide, and he said as they moved forward, they would move into a simpler and more engaging view, as new assets were collected. He said they wanted to make sure they still utilized "A City That Pulls You In," and they wanted to make sure they were incorporating the "Gravitate Here" going forward.

Mr. Whitworth said they were aware that the Council wanted to know what they would be doing for the community. He said they knew they had new hotel rooms coming in soon, and it was their job to help them fill those new hotel rooms; and they were aware that the airport was undergoing development, and they wanted to make sure they were increasing inbound flight traffic from key markets; and they also wanted to make sure they were helping them grow conventions and sports.

Mr. Whitworth said that in order to do this, they would analyze everything, to see what worked and what did not, and what they could do moving forward. He said with all their data access, they were able to speak to the right people at the right time, to ensure they were inviting visitors to Huntsville who could come and experience all that they enjoyed. He said they were always working to optimize their campaigns and make sure they were doing the most responsible and efficient marketing they could for them.

Mr. Whitworth said it was their job, as the advertising agency of the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau, to ensure they were making the best use of the City's tax dollars and providing a positive net economic income and impact to Madison County and Huntsville.

**Councilmember Robinson** said she loved "A City That Pulls You In," that it was a great message.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD.**

**Public Hearing on authorizing Community Development to assess the cost of removal of a nuisance against certain properties.**

**Mr. Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development**, said this covered two properties, and the total amount of the assessment would be \$528.43. He continued that these two properties had local owners.

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

**Resolution No. 25-201**, authorizing Community Development to assess the cost of removal of a nuisance against certain properties.

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

**Councilmember Robinson** said she thought they should note that this was an owner, Mr. Nouri, who was frequently before the Council on such matters.

**Mr. Erwin** said these properties were across the street from each other.

**Councilmember Kling** said it was very frustrating when they had these types of properties, noting that they wanted to be fair to the property owner, but at the same time, there were neighbors who had to put up with such properties, and when these matters went on and on, it was a significant source of frustration.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-201)**

**AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**President Meredith** said this portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to the specific content of items on the meeting agenda. He said persons could sign up to speak on the Public Comments Roster prior to 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.

**Ms. Joy Johnson**, 709 West Arbor, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "14.c, 19.a."

**MAYOR COMMENTS.**

**Mayor Battle made the following reappointments:**

**Christopher Smith to the Human Relations Commission, Place 6**, his current seat, for a four-year term to expire March 14, 2029.

**Acacia Moore to the Human Relations Commission, Place 10**, his current seat, for a four-year term to expire March 14, 2029.

**Peggy Richard to the Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville**, for a three-year term to expire March 14, 2028.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Erwin to comment on the Derrick Street property, in response to Ms. Johnson's concerns. He said he was aware that Mr. Erwin's department had done yeoman's work trying to get it back into shape, making it a safe and sanitary place.

**Mr. Erwin** said the fire at the Derrick Street Camp in September had left the camp very unsafe and unsanitary, and the City had arranged for the occupants to move to a nearby temporary area while the site was cleared of all the hazardous debris. He said the renovated site contained a new hard-surface pad that would soon be equipped with a privacy fence and new entryways for emergency vehicle access, and it would have 84 identified spaces, and each space would be provided with a tent and a designated area for belongings.

Mr. Erwin said the camp occupants could return to the new camp or they could receive assistance to transition to an emergency shelter. He said that in listening

sessions they had with the unsheltered population, the top concern was consistently safety and security around the camp. He said the renovated Derrick Street Camp would provide a safe and secure location for the unsheltered to reside while they moved toward a more permanent housing solution and received the resources they needed from the local Continuum of Care providers.

Mr. Erwin said, concerning the next steps, that the fencing had been ordered, and they were awaiting installation, and the tents had been ordered, and they were awaiting their arrival so they could erect them on the site, that they were in the final few weeks before individuals would be allowed to come back. He said as they had conducted the listening sessions, individuals had been asked to sign up what their intent was as to moving back, and they would receive the assistance they needed.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

**Councilmember Robinson** said the inaugural South Huntsville Art Walk & Chalk, sponsored by the South Huntsville Library and South Huntsville Main, would be on the upcoming Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. She said this would be an opportunity for the community to come out and decorate the sidewalks around the South Huntsville Library on Bailey Cove Road. She said there would be a competition, and for serious sidewalk artists the competition would be judged at 1 p.m. She continued that there would be an amateur and kids' area for other folks, and there would be food trucks there.

Councilmember Robinson said the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council would hold a forum in South Huntsville on April 8, at 6 p.m., at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, on Bailey Cove Road, and they would be providing updates for the public.

Councilmember Robinson said she would be holding a town hall meeting on May 1, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sandra Moon Complex, in the Band Rehearsal Room, and the focus would be on public safety.



Councilmember Robinson said the annual South Huntsville Cleanup Day would be on May 17, with the location to be determined. She continued that South Huntsville Main's Rosie's Fest would follow after that.

**Councilmember Watkins** said she had recently attended the Terry Heights Community Meeting, and it was very informative, that it was a group of concerned citizens who wanted their community to be safe and clean, and she appreciated their advocacy and being invited to the meeting.

Councilmember Watkins said on April 1, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Showers Rec Center, she would host a Drop-In. She said when she was campaigning, one of the things she had talked about was community members being able to come in and talk to her in an informal setting. She said persons could come in, and it would be a one-on-one, and they could tell her their concerns, and if they had ideas or suggestions, she would listen.

Councilmember Watkins said on April 5, District 1 would have its cleanup kickoff, in partnership with the Green Team. She said the public was invited to come out from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and help get everything cleaned up and looking fresh for spring.

Councilmember Watkins said she had recently had the opportunity to meet with the North Huntsville Task Force, a group of local individuals who wanted to discuss opportunities for District 1 residents. She said they had talked about curb appeal, noting that this was very important if they wanted to attract business to the community. She said several persons had contacted her about people operating businesses out of their yards, and she said this was not very refreshing to the community members who had to look at the mess in these yards. She said she would encourage everyone to clean these up. She said if persons did not have a business license, they should not be doing business in their front yard, especially in a

residential area.

**Councilmember Kling** said spring was right around the corner, and he had seen that a lot of the ball fields were opening, that Little League opening day would be on the upcoming Saturday.

Councilmember Kling said the demolition of the old City Hall was ongoing, and he believed that once the dust cleared and things were safe, they were going to allow people to get pieces of the marble from the old building.

Councilmember Kling said his recent town meeting had been very productive, and he appreciated the people who had attended.

Councilmember Kling said he had attended the Sherwood Park neighborhood meeting, and a lot of good things were taking place; and he had also attended a meeting in McThornmor Acres, and before this meeting the Landscape Management team had gone in with a street sweeper, and everything looked really good, and the residents were very appreciative of this.

Councilmember Kling said there had been a long-standing problem with a house on Telstar Circle, and he asked Mr. Erwin if he could provide an update on this.

**Mr. Erwin** said there had been some particular issues with this property, and the courts had become involved, with a sale being ordered, and the property had been sold to a local owner who was a developer, and it would be renovated and provide quality affordable housing in a great neighborhood.

Councilmember Kling said he was looking forward to visiting Friendship Baptist Church on the following Sunday, noting this was a wonderful facility, and the congregation did a lot to help the Triana Village neighborhood.

**Councilmember Little** said in April or early May, he would be holding a meeting in the Cove area, and people in that area should be watching for his newsletter concerning this.

Councilmember Little said he had seen the unveiling of the new poster for Panoply, and it was a great poster, and this was a great event for the region.

Councilmember Little said HPD had reported a 39 percent drop in violent crime over the last five years, noting this was including a 14 percent growth in the city. He said they deserved a lot of praise for helping to keep the city healthy and safe.

**President Meredith** said he had received an email from a constituent in the Providence area, and they had asked him to pass along their sincerest compliments to the Huntsville Sanitation Department for a job well done. He said that on two separate occasions, they had to call the Sanitation Department to pick up some larger debris, and they had been very quick to respond. He said this citizen wanted it to be conveyed that the Greater Providence area sincerely appreciated the efforts in promptly removing unsightly debris.

President Meredith said the next President's Forum would be on April 1, at 4 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and the topic would be Regionalism, specifically using District 5 as an example of the ongoing collaboration of governments and services that were necessary to make citizens of Huntsville whole and functional. He said the public was strongly encouraged to attend this forum and to participate by asking questions that were important to them. He said he would have various guests present to answer the public's questions.

President Meredith thanked Carlos Mathews, Huntsville School Board President, who also represented District 5, for joining him at the Town Hall on Education earlier in the month, noting that he had done an excellent job answering constituents' questions on education. He said Mr. Mathews was 100 percent behind a joint School Board and City Council meeting in the near future, and the two of them would be working with the Mayor and the Superintendent to get this scheduled as soon as possible.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Resolution No. 25-202**, authorizing expenditures for payment.

**Motion for Approval by Watkins/Seconded by Meredith/  
Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-202)**

**Ordinance No. 25-203**, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.

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

**President Meredith** said this was an appropriation of \$7,000 to the Downtown Rescue Mission, to provide meal preparation supplies for emergency services and program participants, and an appropriation of \$21,000 to Oakwood University, to provide educational resources for their students.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-203)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON.**

**Resolution No. 25-166, to appoint Lisa Bradford to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 4**, to the seat previously held by Harold Kemp, for a three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2028.

**Motion for Approval by Kling/Seconded by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-166)**

**Resolution No. 25-167 to appoint Sara Beth Wilcox to the Solid Waste Disposal Authority of the City of Huntsville, 2nd Director**, to the seat previously held by Layne Dorning, for a four (4) year term to expire January 1, 2029.

**Motion for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-167)**

**Resolution No. 25-199, to appoint Janna Peterson to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council, Place 1,** to the seat previously held by Amanda Burns, for a three (3) year term to expire April 14, 2028.

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

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-199)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS.**

**Nomination 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. **(Kling)**

**Nomination to reappoint John Beard to the Bingo Review Committee,** to his current seat, for a two (2) year term to expire April 8, 2027. **(Kling)**

**Nomination to reappoint Eddie Sherrod to WellStone, Inc. Board, Place 8,** his current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire April 1, 2031. **(Kling)**

**Nomination 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. **(Robinson)**

**Nomination 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. **(Robinson)**

**Nomination 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. **(Meredith)**

**Nomination 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. **(Robinson)**

**Nomination 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. **(Robinson)**

**Nomination 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. **(Kling)**

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS.**

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

**Motion by Robinson/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Approved.**

**Vacation of Easements.**

Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement for CityCentre Phase 3 (Bartley Lofts Apartments), at 805 Monroe Street. (Bartley Lofts)

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-214)**

Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement for Eagle Trace Subdivision Phase 3. (Rask)

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-215)**

Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of a Utility and Drainage Easement in Heritage Village Subdivision, Phase 1, Tract 1. (Heritage AC)

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-216)**

Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement in Max Luther Commercial Subdivision, Phase 2, at 1803 Keats and 2413 Memorial Parkway.

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-217)**

Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement for Watson Grande Preserve Phase 6 Subdivision on Watson Grande Way. (JWE Properties)

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-218)**

Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement in Watson Grande Preserve Phase 6 Subdivision, for Lot 43, Summer Breeze Circle (Cul-de-sac) off of Watson Grande Way. (JWE Properties)

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-219)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION.**

**Ordinance No. 25-194**, to amend Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, to add Article XIII, concerning control of access to City-owned, controlled, and leased premises, which ordinance was introduced at the March 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

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

**Mr. Trey Riley, City Attorney**, said this item was not related to the property Ms. Johnson had questions concerning.

Mr. Riley said this was an extensive ordinance being put forward, and he had provided memorandums in detail concerning it. He said this was an ordinance designed to control physical access to many of the City's public buildings and facilities, especially City Hall, as well as access to information within these facilities, concerning the ability to photograph and video, things of that nature. He said that in the City Hall building, they had put a lot of effort into providing security, to enhance the privacy and safety of not only the employees who worked in the building but also the public who came to the building for the purpose of conducting business. He said they had security personnel at the public entrances, and they screened for weapons and things of that nature. He continued that the stairwell access doors were locked,

so that people who should not be able to gain access would not be able to get into the building and get to individual floors where City employees were doing business, and the individual offices in the building were locked as well.

Mr. Riley said this ordinance was intended to enhance these security efforts, and also to enhance the privacy of not only employees but of citizens as they came to conduct City business, so someone would not be able to film them or disturb them while they were trying to provide their Social Security number or other confidential information that should not be shared with the general public.

Mr. Riley said one of the things that had brought this on was the advent of the popular thing that was occurring across the country with these so-called "First Amendment Auditors," who would sweep into a building and overwhelm the security staff, and then they would be all over the building, sticking cameras in people's faces, and, as a general rule, trying to incite anger or misconduct on the part of employees. He said he had personally experienced this a couple of times, and it was very disruptive to City business, and it was invasive of the privacy of the employees, and it destroyed their ability to serve the public.

Mr. Riley said this ordinance would address a lot of these things, and it would give the security personnel the tools they needed to provide and enhance security of the building.

**Councilmember Kling** asked Mr. Riley if it was correct that this would not do anything that would prohibit a person from having access to their elected officials. He continued that President Meredith sometimes held the President's Forum in these Council Chambers, and people would come in who wanted to meet with him in his office, and he asked if it was correct that all of that would still be available, that they would still be doing the people's business.

Mr. Riley replied in the affirmative, stating that the Council members would be



able to invite and allow whomever they wanted to in their offices, but, by the same token, someone would not be able to enter the building and just go to any floor and barge into their private offices and start filming them and questioning them and interfering with whatever relationship they were having with a customer or a citizen.

**Councilmember Robinson** said while they were considering this as mostly pertaining to City Hall, she was assuming there were other public building locations this would be applied to.

Mr. Riley said that was correct. He said this would enable the flexibility that would arise through subsequent work they would be doing to provide particular rules with regard to certain facilities, such as the Solid Waste Disposal Authority, where there would be significantly different expectations for access. He continued that they would not want someone gaining access there and messing around with the important machinery and such in that facility. He said this would not affect a lot of the facilities such as playing fields and things of that nature, recreational facilities, that they had their own sets of rules that would not be impacted by this ordinance.

Councilmember Robinson asked if they would have signage posted that would inform individuals as to which areas were restricted and which were public, and the appropriate behavior regarding videotaping and recording in those areas.

Mr. Riley said they were working on some additional signage that would be installed to provide that notification to the public.

Councilmember Robinson said she had seen the video with the First Amendment Auditors, and she wanted to commend everyone who was in that video, noting that the First Amendment Auditors had tried their best to provoke reactions, and they did not get any. She said everyone had done a fine job of responding appropriately, firmly but politely, so it was a good job in a difficult situation.

**Councilmember Watkins** asked Mr. Riley what the penalty, or fine, was for

an individual.

Mr. Riley said these would have the penalties that were normally provided in Municipal Court, and he did not know these off the top of his head, but he thought they were fines up to \$500 for violations. He said he might be wrong about this, but it was the jurisdictional limits that were provided for municipal court, which were not exorbitant limits, but at least they would be such that someone's attention would be gotten. He said the idea was not to try to punish people but to maintain security, safety, and privacy in the building.

Councilmember Watkins said she definitely agreed with safety and privacy, but she wanted to make sure they did not go over the line and violate anyone's First Amendment rights. She asked, when they talked about restricted areas, what areas they considered restricted.

Mr. Riley said there were about five different types of areas in the building that they would have controlled access areas, open meeting areas, such as the Council Chambers, where they had regularly scheduled Council meetings that were open to the general public, but that was limited, to the extent that someone could not just come into the Chambers any time they wanted to, when the Council was not in session. He continued that there were private work areas, public meeting areas, and there were restricted areas people would not be able to go into. He said he could not recite all of those, but they were all defined in the ordinance, so people would be able to be informed, and it would provide a guide for people at the security desk.

Mr. Riley said the idea was not to in any way restrict people from having access to City Hall and being able to conduct business, that that was not the intent. He said constitutional considerations and concerns was something that was at the forefront of their work as they drafted this ordinance, that this was very much of an emphasis for them, if for no other reason than if they violated Constitutional protections and such,

they would be setting themselves up for litigation, and they did not want to have that, that they wanted to avoid that. He said the idea was just to have good conduct of public business.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-194)**

**Ordinance No. 25-195**, annexing 20.80 acres of land lying on the north side of Miller Lane and west of US 431 S Highway, which ordinance was introduced at the March 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

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

**President Meredith recognized Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development.**

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Davis** said what they had before them was that the petitioner was seeking to annex 24.80 acres for City services. He said this property lay on the north side of Miller Lane, in the Hampton Cove area, along US 431. He said the petitioner's plan was for a single-family, detached neighborhood, a future development similar to the one they could see on the left on the displayed screen. He said they were coming into the city for public schools and City services.

**Councilmember Little** asked if there were any future plans, if this was still going to be single-family residential.

Mr. Davis said as they could see on the displayed slide, there was at this time one single-family home, and should the Council annex this property, what they would do after annexation would be to recommend zoning to the Planning Commission, and ultimately come to the Council for approval of the zoning. He said in keeping with this neighborhood, the most likely zoning would be residential because it was surrounded by residential houses.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-195)**

**Ordinance No. 25-196**, annexing 91.69 acres of land lying on the north side of Bibb Garrett Road and west of Mooresville Road, which ordinance was introduced at the March 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

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

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Davis** said the petitioner was requesting annexation for public utility services, sewer, water, and certainly public safety. He said this property was located just west of the Greenbrier exit, and as they could see on the displayed slide, it lay just east of Bocar and to the south the City of Huntsville SouthPoint Industrial Park. He said should the Council annex this property and commence with City services, the most likely zoning would be Planned Industry, because that was what surrounded this property at this time.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-196)**

**Ordinance No. 25-197**, to amend Division 4, Alabama Constitution Village Board, of Article VIII, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Authorities, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which ordinance was introduced at the March 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

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

**Mr. Hamilton** said the ordinance before the Council would update the organizational structure for the EarlyWorks Museums. He said they had been in the process over the last year or so of closing down the way they had previously been using the Depot property and returning that to the City, and the City now had the

physical control, and this ordinance would codify returning the Depot property to the City, with the exception, as noted in the ordinance, that because they had already accepted reservations for the Round House, they had worked out an agreement with them to allow them to maintain control of the Round House, and an annex to the Round House, through calendar year 2026, and then that would also come back under the City's control.

Mr. Hamilton said what they would see happening over the coming months was a series of public surveys, as well as planning sessions, to get input from the public on future uses of this property. He said at this time, they believed it would remain a City facility and be used for some sort of public amenity. He said there were a wide variety of things that could potentially happen there, and they wanted to hear about this from the public. He said they would go through a good advertising process, to receive and correlate that input and then report back to the public as to how they might use this property.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(ORDINANCE NO. 25-197)**

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

**(Items 20.u, 20.v, and 20.w were held from the consolidation.)**

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

**Motion by Meredith/Seconded by Little/Unanimously Approved.**

**Consolidated Items:**

Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-220)**

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-221)**

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. 25-222)**

Resolution to amend Resolution No. 25-129 to correct a scrivener's error in wording of the resolution.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-223)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Huntsville and John H. Brown for the south 100 feet of Lot 53 of the Tate Lowry Subdivision.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-224)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Local Home Buyers, Inc., for the south 100 feet of Lots 53, 54, and 55 of the Tate Lowry Addition to the City of Huntsville.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-225)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Morell Engineering, Inc., for Monroe Street Drainage Improvements, Project No. 71-25-DR02.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-226)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Construction Administration Services for I565 Force Main Relocation, Project No. 71-24-SP13.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-227)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and GTEC, L.L.C., for McDonald Creek Culvert Remediation, Project No. 71-24-DR02.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-228)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Johnson & Associates, Inc., for Engineering Hydraulic and Hydrologic Modeling Services for Flood Study for Fagan Creek, Project No. 71-25-DR01.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-229)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Access Easement Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-230)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C., for Land Surveying Services for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Mapping, Project No. 71-25-SP11.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-231)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and AshaKiran, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-232)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Community Action Partnership of Huntsville/Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-233)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Crisis Services of North Alabama, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-234)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and First Stop, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-235)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Family Services Center, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-236)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and New Futures, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-237)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Salvation Army, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-238)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., for the use of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-239)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Jeff White Photography.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-243)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amendment, Assignment, and Assumption Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville, Merrill Hudnall, DVM, and Luminous Vet Services, LLC.



**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-244)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Granicus, L.L.C., for Legistar Administration Onsite Training.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-245)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mobile Communications America, on behalf of the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, for siren maintenance.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-246)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mobile Communications America, on behalf of the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, for communication software maintenance related to siren activation.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-247)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the State Subaward Certified Local Emergency Manager Salary Supplement Subaward.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-248)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant Award.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-249)**

Resolution to adjust the salaries of employees in certain positions in assigned departments.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-250)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Smartsheet, Inc., for Smartsheet Business Plan and Calendar App yearly support.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-251)**

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank of Frankewing Letter of Credit No. 15321700 for Monte Sano Cove Subdivision.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-252)**

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bank of Frankewing Letter of Credit No. 15322000 for Monte Sano Cove Subdivision.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-253)**

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Rachel Heilman vs. Ian Wiley, City of Huntsville, et al., Case No. 47-CV-2024-900747, in the Circuit Court of Madison, County, Alabama.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-254)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama National Guard Counterdrug Program, for counterdrug support services to Huntsville Police Department.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-255)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Service Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mobile Communications America.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-256)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Brenda Martin.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-257)**

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Daniel Shea.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-258)**

**Items Not Consolidated:**

**Resolution No. 25- 240**, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Hands Across Decatur, Inc., for the use

of ADECA PY24 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

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

**Mr. Erwin** said the City of Huntsville received Emergency Solutions Grant funds from ADECA. He said since they led the CoC, the Continuum of Care, for North Alabama, their service area for ESG funding was three counties: Madison, Limestone, and Morgan, so Hands Across Decatur was one of the entities that was eligible to receive funding from the ESG ADECA grants.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-240)**

**Resolution No. 25-241**, authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Family Services Center, Inc., for the use of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funds at 6211 Hollow Road, NW.

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

**Mr. Erwin** said generally the HOME Investment Partnership grants they received were intended to create new affordable housing opportunities within the community. He said for this one at 6211 Hollow Road, they had a development agreement with Family Services Center, and they had an unusual issue, in that they were digging out for the foundation and found a house buried underneath, and it involved quite a bit of additional earthwork to remove it, and, also, the original bid was procured two years prior, and there was a cost plus a fixed-price thing, so the escalated cost, from inflation of the building industry, elevated the cost to build.

Councilmember Watkins asked if it was correct that this was supposed to be affordable housing.

Mr. Erwin replied in the affirmative. He said the house had sold, that they had a contract for \$205,000. He said it cost more to build, but that was an investment in

the neighborhood, that they were investing in the neighborhood to spur additional development within that area.

Councilmember Watkins asked how much the home had sold for.

Mr. Erwin said it sold for \$205,000, the appraised amount.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-241)**

**Resolution No. 25-242**, authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Family Services Center, Inc., for the use of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funds at 2460 Mount Vernon Road NW.

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

**Mr. Erwin** said this was similar to the previous one; however, this one did not have a house underneath it, that it just had the escalation of cost of materials which caused the cost to increase.

**Councilmember Watkins** asked if this property had sold.

Mr. Erwin said they had a contract to sell this property at \$195,000.

Councilmember Watkins asked if Mr. Erwin knew the average cost of a home on Mount Vernon. She said if he did not know, he could get back with her on this.

Mr. Erwin said he did not have that information at this time, but he would look into it.

Councilmember Watkins said she was concerned because she knew that area, and she was concerned about the cost of \$195,000 for a home in that area.

Mr. Erwin said it was higher, but they had used a professional appraiser for the dollar amount.

**Unanimously Adopted.**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 25-242)**

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION.**

**Introduction of 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.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-260**, declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-261**, to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-262**, to amend Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, to modify the authorized strength of various departments.

## **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 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 SW), and having signed up to speak concerning "Derrick St. Camp."

**Mr. Patrick Brady**, 118 Cotton Bend Drive, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Indian Creek Dogpark restoration."

**Ms. Ashley Douthit**, 44 Pine Street, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Providence Streets."

**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 March 27, 2025.)**