

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, February 8, 2024

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Moment of Silence

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Councilmember Jennie Robinson

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Meredith withdrew item 19a with the understanding that he will introduce an updated sustainability commission ordinance that will be published under section twenty-one at the next meeting on February 22, 2024. He also stated that by taking this action now the need to have multiple primary as well as secondary amendments and time consuming debate on the mayors' original solution to the council can be avoided. A clean and palatable version that incorporates the sentiments of his colleagues expressed from the dais in prior meetings, as well as the voices of not only District 5 residents, but advocates throughout the city who have contacted him on this issue, can be debated and hopefully approved at their meeting on March 14, 2024.

The agenda was approved as amended.

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

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 25, 2024. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as submitted.

b. Minutes of Special Session Meeting of the City Council held January 25, 2024. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as submitted

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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****10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET**

- a. Resolution to set a public hearing on the zoning of 3.66 acres of land lying on the west side of US 431 S Hwy and south of Miller Lane to Highway Business C-4 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set March 28, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-57
Ordinance No. 24-58

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Woodling Zoning](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the set the public hearing for March 28, 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

Mayor Battle made the following appointments:

Danny Davisto to the Huntsville Music Board of the City of Huntsville for a two (2) year term to expire February 8, 2026.

Kelvin Wooten to the Huntsville Music Board of the City of Huntsville for a two (2) year term to expire February 8, 2026.

Jim Page to the Huntsville Music Board of the City of Huntsville for a two (2) year term to expire February 8, 2026.

Kim Tibbs to the Huntsville Music Board of the City of Huntsville for a two (2) year term to expire February 8, 2026.

Lynn Dingo to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, to complete the unexpired portion of a three (3) year term, vacated by the resignation of Alan Spearman, set to expire November 28, 2025.

Lisa Strickland to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, to complete the unexpired portion of a three (3) year term, vacated by the resignation of Karen Mitchell, set to expire November 28, 2025.

He also announced the appointment of Steven Simpson to the Research Park Board, Place 5, to complete the unexpired portion of a seven (7) year term, set to expire on July 23, 2029. He stated this appointment to the Research Park Board requires confirmation by the Council. The resolution is on the agenda and is listed under item 20k.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

Councilmember Bill Kling

Councilmember John Meredith

Councilmember Devyn Keith

Councilmember David Little

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a.** Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.
Resolution No. 24-59

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: [Expenditures - Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson 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, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS**Vacation of Easements**

- a. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, East of Holladay Road, Inverness Springs Phase 2 Subdivision.
Ordinance No. 24-60

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Elite Properties 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

- b. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of Utility and Drainage Easements, 1658 Zierdt Road, Cambridge Subdivision Phase 4.
Ordinance No. 24-61

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Titanite 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

- c. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 1, Thornton Acres, 2702 Day Road.
Ordinance No. 24-62

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [McCurry 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 authorizing the Mayor to establish the Huntsville Sustainability Commission.
(Introduced January 25, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-63

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: [HSV Sustainability - Complete](#)

The above item is withdrawn as submitted

- b.** Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance.
(Introduced January 25, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-55

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Complete Amend Classification package Jan 2024.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

- c.** Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 23-762 to modify the authorized strength of the departments. (Introduced January 25, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-56

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Complete Budget package Jan 2024.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

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: E, M, P, Q

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. 24-64

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Travel Resolution Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- b. 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. 24-65

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Resolution Procurement Summary](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- c. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations.
Resolution No. 24-66

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Donations Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- d. Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 23-762, by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds.
Ordinance No. 24-67

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- e. Ordinance approving transfer of funds from City Council department to Administration/Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.
Ordinance No. 24-68

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: [Transfer of Funds - Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, 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, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- f. Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.
Ordinance No. 24-69

Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: [District 5 Council Improvement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority.
Resolution No. 24-70

Sponsors: Urban Development

Attachments: [Airport Authority MOU Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- h. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Pettus Plumbing & Piping, Inc., for the Art Museum HVAC Renovation.
Resolution No. 24-71

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Complete- Pettus - Hsv Art Museum Reno.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 and Water Girl Consulting, LLC for the Huntsville Water Pollution Control Collection System Operator Certification Preparatory Course and Additional Safety Training.
Resolution No. 24-72

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: [Water Girl Coll Sys Op Course-COMLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Water Girl Consulting, LLC for the Huntsville Water Pollution Control Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Preparatory Course.
Resolution No. 24-73

Sponsors: Water Pollution

Attachments: [Water Girl WWTP Operator Course-COMplete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- k. Resolution to appoint Steven Simpson to the Research Park Board, Place 5, to complete the unexpired portion of the seven (7) year term, set to expire on July 23, 2029.
Resolution No. 24-74

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Research Park Board Complete](#)

This Board Appointments was approved.

- l. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville and RP Media, Inc., for Digital Billboard Services for increased services.
Resolution No. 24-75

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [RP Media Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- m. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, The Huntsville Housing Authority and McCormack Baron Salazar, for the support of the Mill Creek Choice Neighborhood Initiative Implementation Grant Application.
Resolution No. 24-76

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [MOU Choice Neighborhoods COMPLETE.pdf](#)

Councilmember Keith 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

- n. Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 23-762 to modify the authorized strength of the department.
Ordinance No. 24-77

Sponsors: Human Resources

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

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- o. Resolution to adjust the salaries of employees in certain positions in assigned department.
Resolution No. 24-78

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Certain Dept. Positions COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- p. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Peace Communications Huntsville, LLC for Operation and Maintenance of Existing Public WiFi.
Resolution No. 24-79

Sponsors: ITS

Attachments: [Peace Communications 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

- q. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Service Agreement between City of Huntsville and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS).
Resolution No. 24-80

Sponsors: Landscape Management

Attachments: [2024 APHIS Full Packet.pdf](#)

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

- r. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Jasmen Q. Peacock, et al. v. City of Huntsville, et al., Case No. 47-DV-2024-900142.00 in the District Court for Madison County, Alabama.
Resolution No. 24-81

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Peacock Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- s. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Epic-Live-Events, LLC for the Jazz, Blues, and BBQ Father's Day Festival.
Resolution No. 24-82

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Epic Live Events Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- t. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Lisa Mason.
Resolution No. 24-83

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

- a. Ordinance naming the disc golf course at Brahan Spring Park as The Tom Monroe Disc Golf Course at Brahan Spring.
Ordinance No. 24-84

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: [Tom Monroe 2024 Complete](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 2/22/2024.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Speaker(s): Joy Johnson, Dario Gonzalez

23. ADJOURNMENT

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