#### **HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Regular Meeting - August 22, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

## City Council Chambers, Municipal Building Huntsville, Alabama

Members Present: Dr. Jennie Robinson, President Pro Tem

Mr. Devyn Keith Mr. John Meredith

**Members Absent:** Mr. David Little, President

Mr. Bill Kling

Mayor: Mr. Tommy Battle City Administrator: Mr. John Hamilton

City Attorney: Mr. Trey Riley

City Clerk: Ms. Shaundrika Edwards

**President Pro Tem Robinson** called the meeting to order at the time and place noted above. She said Council President David Little and Councilmember Bill Kling would not be in attendance at the meeting, but they had a quorum present, with three members.

The invocation was offered by **Donald Eade**, Public Safety Chaplain; **Councilmember Meredith** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said while the Council Bylaws set out that a majority of three members constituted a quorum, and they would have three votes on all items, there were two items on the agenda, under Board Appointments, items 15.a ad 15.b, that requited a four-fifths vote, so those items would need to be postponed until the next Regula Council meeting, on September 12, 2024.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said the Council members had been provided copies of the minutes of the prior meeting of the Council, on August 8, 2024, and she asked if there were any changes or additions to be made.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council on August 8, 2024, were approved as submitted.

MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.

Proclamation to declare the month of September as National Recovery Month.

**Mayor Battle** said they had some people present representing the Partnership for a Drug Free Community, and he asked them to come to the dais.

Mayor Battle thanked the representatives for attending this meeting, and he said he had a proclamation to present to them, concerning overall health and the prevention and treatment of mental illness and substance abuse disorder, and he said people were recovering in this area, and around the nation.

Mayor Battle continued to read from the resolution, and he said they were inviting all residents of North Alabama to participate in National Recovery Month, and he proclaimed the month of September 2024 as National Recovery Month in the City of Huntsville.

Mayor Battle presented the proclamation to the representatives of the Partnership for a Drug Free Community, and he asked one of the representatives to comment.

A representative expressed appreciation for the recognition, and she said collaboration around the opioid epidemic was so important. She said Huntsville was the largest city in Alabama, but they were a small city in the addiction prevention

community, and they worked together to make sure they were not duplicating services, and they all did what they did very well.

COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Special Recognitions.

Presentation honoring winners of NASA's Pale Blue Dot Challenge and UNOOSA's Space4Youth competitions hosted by UAH.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said this presentation was sponsored by Councilmember Kling, and he had asked her to make it on his behalf.

President Pro Tem Robinson said there were 17 winners of the NASA's Pale Blue Dot Challenge present and four winners of the Space4Youth competition. She asked them to come forward, and she asked Dr. Ward to comment on these competitions.

**Dr. Ward** said this was the third group, sponsored through the U.S. State Department, as well as by NASA, in the Pale Blue Dot Challenge. She said these were young professionals who represented the future and the hope of the work they were doing in collaboration with NASA, enumerating the areas in which they worked.

Dr. Ward thanked the Council and the Mayor for this recognition, noting that the Rocket City continued to be a big draw for competitions such as this, and the winners got to come to Huntsville and visit with researchers and scientists, the faculty at UAH, to visit the Space & Rocket Center, and the Space Camp, and then to have a trip to Washington, D.C., visiting NASA headquarters, along with other places.

Dr. Ward said she wanted to recognize these winners for all the things they had accomplished, as well as the things they would accomplish going forward.

President Pro Tem Robinson said there were participants present from the United States, as well as participants from several other countries, so this was an international group that she believed would have a great experience in the city.

Presentation honoring "A Cut Above" summer landscaping challenge winners.

**Councilmember Keith** recognized the winners of this challenge, as follows:

Most Captivating Floral Display: Ms. Barbara.

Best Landscaping: Ms. Johnson.

Councilmember Keith thanked the winners, and he said it meant so much to the Council and the Mayor that they cared about how their neighborhood looked, noting that this went far beyond the yards. He said what he was presenting was just a small token of their appreciation.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

Presentation by Huntsville Utilities explaining the issuance of Series 2024 Water Revenue Warrants for System Improvements.

Presentation by Mr. Wes Kelley, President and CEO of Huntsville Utilities.

(Mr. Kelley made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Kelley said this presentation was in follow up to a year prior, when Councilmember Meredith had been sharp enough to say that when they came to do these debt issuances, they had to have them by unanimous consent, and it felt like they just happened, and if they could come in before and tell the Council what they would be doing with that money. He said he thought that was an excellent suggestion, and he thanked Councilmember Meredith for that, and he said they would be doing it from this point forward.

Mr. Kelley displayed a slide, and he said the City of Huntsville Water System was the oldest public water system west of the Appalachian Mountains, that it supplied water to 107,000 homes and businesses, that they were capable of producing 120 million gallons per day, with more than 1,500 miles of infrastructure. He said it

was an impressive water system, and it was their workers at Huntsville Utilities who made it so.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said this showed customer growth and consumption, that the graph on the right showed average consumption per customer, and they could see it had risen over the prior two years, which he noted was in sharp contrast to their electric system, which was the exact opposite, where usage per customer was in sharp decline. He said their theory on this was that this was from apartment complexes, that they would set one master meter and have many residences hanging off that one meter, whereas with electric, each unit had its own meter.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said all this happened because the ratepayers provided the funds to make it happen, noting that the prior year, the Council had approved a rate action, and those rates were listed on the left side of the screen, and on the right side was a graph that showed a comparative for an average 4,400-gallon residential water user. He said if they took the lowest water user and the highest water user over the year, it came out to 4,400 gallons, so that was what a typical water customer used.

Mr. Kelley said when he had come before the Council the prior year, before the rate increase, they had the lowest price water utility in the region, and after a 35 percent rate increase, they had moved to the second lowest in the region.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said in terms of Capital Spending, which got to the heart of why they were asking to borrow some more money, they could see the fiscal-year-to-date number, \$37.4 million, noting that they had a lot of capital improvement projects under way, and then they could see the five-year plan, going from '25 to '29. He said the graph over on the side showed the historical context five years back and five years forward, so they could get an idea of what the

total spend had been.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said as to where that was going, they had a map of current and planned projects. He said the South Parkway Water Treatment Plant had been redone almost from top to bottom, and he said he looked forward to taking President Pro Tem Robinson to that plant, noting that it was in her district. He said it had been the mainstay of Huntsville's water system, being built in the 1960s, and for the first time since the '60s, it had been completely reimagined, and it would last another 50 or 60 years, or 80 years, for Huntsville.

Mr. Kelley said they had some improvements they needed to make to the Southwest Water Treatment Plant, and he said he had the opportunity to take Councilmember Meredith there a few months prior. He said they were gearing up to make some infrastructure improvements at that plant, and that was in this five-year period of time they were looking at.

Mr. Kelley said they had had some improvements on Research Park Boulevard, and that was necessary to push water further north. He said that, surprisingly, the Southwest Water Treatment Plant, which was south of Triana, not only served the west side of Huntsville but also pushed water up into the North Huntsville Industrial Park. He said they had a bottleneck on Research Park Boulevard that they needed to get taken care of so they could push water to meet the needs out at the North Huntsville Industrial Park.

Mr. Kelley said, concerning Greenbrier improvements, they had put more millions than he cared to count at this time into improving the water system they had acquired from Limestone County when Huntsville moved to the west. He said they would continue that, that they had a lot more projects under way, that there was more work to be done out there.

Mr. Kelley said, concerning Green Mountain Improvements, that

neighborhood had been served from a single feed, and they were adding a redundant feed, but more than a redundant feed, it was capable of supporting the whole enchilada all by itself, that this was not just augmenting what was already there, that it was putting in a first-class system that could stand on its own in case something were to happen to the original line, not that they anticipated that happening. He said they would have better reliability and resiliency in that area.

Mr. Kelley said, concerning North Huntsville Industrial Park, that he had mentioned they needed to get water to it, and they were adding some booster stations, which was to meet some contractual obligations the City had with Meta, for the data center needs they had there.

Mr. Kelley said the eastern connector was the line they saw there, kind of pointing toward Gurley. He said that was to push water, obviously, on the east side of the system, to meet opportunities that might exist both from an economic development standpoint in that portion of the county and also to help support Madison County Water, which bought water from Huntsville Utilities. He said there was a lot of growth in that area, so they needed to put some more infrastructure in to push water in that direction.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said spending that kind of money had gotten harder because of inflation. He said the graph on the left of the display showed brass and ductile iron pricing. He said he had shown this the prior year when they had talked about rates, but he was going to provide an update. He said the good news was they could see that the moving average price in 2024 was pretty flat compared to 2023, so that was good news. He said they had seen sharp increases during the supply chain crisis, and those prices had now stabilized, but they had not come down. He said they had all seen that in their personal life with inflation, that once it went up, it never came down.

Mr. Kelley said, as to the displayed pie chart, the reason he had wanted to put this in was, (1), so they would know where the money went, and he also wanted to draw their attention to that 17 percent debt service, that out of the money that came in, 17 percent went to pay the principal and interest on their bonds.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said they would get more specific about funding. He said this was looking out during the five-year Capital Plan, and how they were going to pay for all the things that had been identified in the prior slides. He said they had been working with the State Revolving Loan Fund for several years, and he had a subsequent slide that would walk them through that in more detail. He said they had two tranches left within the State Revolving Loan Fund, and that equaled \$16.4 million. He said that had already been approved by the State, that they were just going through the paperwork and executing it.

Mr. Kelley said they anticipated during this whole five-year period the need for another \$67.5 million of additional debt, and he said what they were before the Council to talk about at this time, and what they would be back at the next Council meeting to talk about, was simply \$16.2 million of that \$67.5 million, because for the other amounts, they intended to come back to the Council in 2026 and 2028. He said they were borrowing this at a pace, and he said the reasons they were doing this were, (1), because they wanted to find out what the interest rate situation looked like, that they did not necessarily want to borrow a lot of money when the interest rate situation could be getting better; and, (2), they wanted to make sure they needed all the things they had on their plate, to make sure that these projects were critical and necessary before they committed the funds to do them. He said this would give them a little time to make sure they were building and borrowing in a very methodical, step-by-step way.

Mr. Kelley said the next \$19 million and \$37.5 million were necessary to fund

the Capital Plan, but they intended to pull that from cash. He said the \$19 million was revenue they anticipated getting from developers, aid to construction, all the things this growth was rolling into Huntsville.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said he would go into a little more on the State Revolving Loan Fund, because he was aware this could be a little unusual. He said he believed in 2021, they had come before the Council and said they had a big plan, but it was going to be broken up into increments. He said they could see the various installments displayed on the screen, and he said Installments 1 through 3 were complete, that that was what they saw ending in October of 2023. He said there was a \$2 million slice there that was ARPA Debt Forgiveness, noting that they had gotten notice from ADEM that they had allocated \$2 million of State ARPA money to retire some of their debt, in the State Revolving Loan Fund. He said that was money they did not have to pay back, and it was nice to get a little bit of ARPA money.

Mr. Kelley said Installment 4 was what they intended to close before the end of the current calendar year, noting that it could close as soon as the next couple of weeks, that they were just waiting for the paperwork to come in from the State, and Installment 5 would be in 2026.

Mr. Kelley said that completed what they had arranged with the State Revolving Loan Fund in Montgomery, and what they were going to be talking about and asking for the Council's approval for the next month were traditional warrants, which were separate from the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said this was Huntsville Utilities'
Current Debt Service, not including what had not closed with the State Revolving
Loan Fund or what the Council had not yet approved in terms of warrants. He said
this would give the Council an idea of how their current debt service was stacking up,

noting that when he said "debt service," that meant principal and interest payment, how much money was coming out of their budget each year to pay principal and interest on debt. He said they could see that this was hovering at approximately \$10.5 million at this time.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said if they moved forward with this issuance, it would be approximately \$16.2 million, and they could see on the displayed graph how that would stack on top. He said the light blue was the debt service for this additional \$16.2 million, and the dark blue that would kick in in 2026 would be the next installment of State Revolving Loan Fund money, just to give them the full picture as it laid out at this time.

Mr. Kelley displayed another slide, and he said, in terms of timeline, they had done their interviews with Moody's and Standard and Poor's, which were the rating agencies that were rating these bonds, and he believed they had gone very well. He said they would get these ratings the following week, and that would tell them how that would be helping the marketing of the bonds. He said PFM was their financial advisor, the same as the City of Huntsville's, and PNC was the underwriter for the bonds. He said PNC was going to start marketing the bonds September 3rd, and he would be back for the September 12th Council meeting, where they would have a representative from PFM, and Rod Kanter with Bradley would be there to walk them through the particulars of the bond sale, and they anticipated the bonds closing on September 25th.

Mr. Kelley said because of the way this would work, it would require unanimous consent, to amend their normal protocol, to accept that in a single meeting.

Mr. Kelley asked if the Council members had any questions.

Councilmember Keith said that in the rate change, the way it was decided

on and voted on, Mr. Kelley had said he believed that in the next four years, with the current year considered, there would not be a consideration of a water rate change because of that.

Mr. Kelley said that so far, that was still the plan. He said in the fifth year of their five-year plan, they thought they would have to come back before the Council and have a conversation.

Councilmember Keith asked if Mr. Kelley thought this would be a conversation about adding front-end guarantees or if he thought there was going to be more demand, since he had said the demand had gone up, so a demand-regulated rate.

Mr. Kelley said they were in the heavy water use period of the year at this time, so every month they were getting more information. He said because of the way they had structured the rate increase, understandably to have a lower impact for low-usage customers and a higher impact for high-usage customers, they had found that some of those high-usage customers had cut back on their use. He said a lot of them probably had leaks they did not bother to fix, but then they saw their water bill and had gotten their leaks fixed. He said that was all good, that there was not a problem with that, but they needed to see how much revenue they were producing off the rate increase. He said they were not going to make any rash decisions, that they were going to let a whole year of data come in and see what it looked like.

Mr. Kelley said he needed to put in one important asterisk, and it was related to PFAS and PFOS, which were what were known as forever chemicals. He said Huntsville Utilities had outside legal counsel they were working with on the PFAS issue, and there were remediation steps Huntsville would need to take to be compliant, but he was not rushing forward to implement changes for PFAS until he could get a sense of the pace of the regulatory change. He said the next presidential election might determine the pace at which the EPA enforced those changes, so they

would want to process that and understand what the deadlines were that Huntsville needed to meet. He said if there were some regulatory requirements that came down related to PFAS, that was not included in this budget, so they would have to come back and have that conversation.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD.

Public Hearing on authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building, constituting a public nuisance, located at 1412 Cavalry St NW, Huntsville, AL.

(Mr. Erwin made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development, said this was a public hearing on authorizing the demolition of an unsafe structure, located at 1412 Cavalry Street. He said this property was subject to a fire and many other activities over the last several years, because of the ownership, and the property had been boarded, and these conditions had not always existed, but at this time, by their staff and an independent assessment, conditions existed that were a public nuisance, and they were asking for the Council's authorization to abate this nuisance.

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

**Resolution No. 24-595**, authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building, constituting a public nuisance, located at 1412 Cavalry St NW, Huntsville, AL.

Moved for Approval by Keith/Seconded by Meredith.

**Councilmember Keith** inquired as to the date of the first citation on this property.

Mr. Erwin said this property was subject to a fire in April of 2023, and there was a deceased owner. He said some of the notices had gone back 20 years, and over that time, there had been several different notices.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.** 

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-595)

Public Hearing on authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building, constituting a public nuisance, located at 1418 Cavalry St NW, Huntsville, AL.

(Mr. Erwin made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Erwin** said this property was about two blocks south of the previous property the Council had considered, and it was also subject to a fire, and there was a deceased owner. He said they had given time to the family, which at one time had wanted to rehabilitate this property, but they were unable to do so. He said there had been a fire caused by individuals who had broken into the property, and he said with the conditions at this time, he believed this was a public nuisance, and he was asking for the Council's authorization to abate it.

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

**Resolution No. 24-596,** authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building, constituting a public nuisance, located at 1418 Cavalry St NW, Huntsville, AL.

Moved for Approval by Keith/Seconded by Meredith.

**Councilmember Keith** said there were five such fires in this area, and the police had done a great job. He said this structure had been like this at least three years. He said Mr. Erwin and the Administration had done a tremendous job to legally walk the tightrope in getting rid of public nuisances.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** thanked Mr. Erwin for addressing this.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.** 

**(RESOLUTION NO. 24-596)** 

**Public Hearing on authorizing Community Development to assess** 

the cost of cutting overgrown grass and/or weeds against certain properties.

**Mr. Erwin** said this was a hearing on authorizing the assessment of property owners who failed to maintain their grass, and the City had to bring the properties into compliance. He said the total number of properties was 25, and the total amount of the assessment was \$7,423.93, with an average per property of \$296.96, and the owners of 3 of the properties being in the city limits of Huntsville, and the owners of 22 being out of the area.

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

**Resolution No. 24-597,** authorizing Community Development to assess the cost of cutting overgrown grass and/or weeds against certain properties.

Moved for Approval by Keith/Seconded by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-597)

Public hearing in order to hear, consider, and act upon all objections or protests, if any, for removal of a nuisance at 3106 Drake Ave SW, Huntsville, AL, and consideration of a resolution ordering abatement of a nuisance located at 3106 Drake Ave SW, Huntsville, AL, which hearing was set at the August 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

(Mr. Erwin made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Erwin** said this property failed to be in compliance with the junk ordinance, and after working with the ownership as long as they could, and having given appropriate time, they wanted to move forward with the authorization to abate this junk public nuisance. He said the conditions they saw before them currently existed.

## **Public Hearing Opened.**

**Mr. Howard Ross**, 6620 Willow Pointe Drive, addressed the Council, stating he believed the people who rented this house were building a fence in the back, and they had called him to find out what was going on concerning the public nuisance, and Community Development had said to come to the Council meeting to find out what was going on. He said he had spoken to someone who said there was a problem with the leftover fence material, and he believed it had been removed. He said they had gotten all the stuff out of there.

## **Public Hearing Closed.**

**Resolution No. 24-598,** ordering abatement of a nuisance located at 3106 Drake Avenue, SW, Huntsville, AL.

Moved for Approval by Keith/Seconded by Meredith.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said, concerning Mr. Ross's comments, that this was more than a broken-down fence.

Mr. Erwin said if the property was brought into compliance before they went out to abate it, they would be good with that, that they wanted owner compliance when possible.

**Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.** 

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-598)

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET.

**Resolution No. 24-599,** to declare a public nuisance located at 3603 Drake Ave SW, Huntsville, AL, and to set the date for when objections will be heard, at the **September 12, 2024,** Regular Council Meeting.

Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Keith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-599)

#### MAYOR COMMENTS.

**Mayor Battle** made the following appointment and reappointment:

Appointment of **Erica Washington** to the Human Relations Commission, Place 9, for a four-year term to expire September 24, 2028.

Reappointment of **Shaquila Willie** to the Huntsville Housing Authority, for a five-year term to expire August 14, 2029.

Mayor Battle said this was the time of year when a lot of activities were going on in the city, with a lot of groups visiting Huntsville, and he said one of the comments was always that the city was so clean, and this was something they pushed on a daily basis. He thanked Green Team and Landscaping, and he said that on this date, there were the Beautification Awards, recognizing the companies and businesses that had gone out of their way to make their premises beautiful.

Mayor Battle said they were entering into budget season, that they would be rolling out the budget in September, and it was going to be one they would have to be disciplined in. He said the numbers were not running 8 and 9 percent ahead of the prior year, as they had seen in the past, but they were running at right about the 3 percent number, which was what they had budgeted for, 3 percent above the prior year. He said they could see the slowdown coming, and they would have to be very prudent and very disciplined in how they funded the processes in the City. He said that with the General Budget, they would be working with their City services, to make sure they could provide the services that were necessary, and they would look at each of the outside agencies and work with them. He said they had a team of five members who had worked very closely with the outside agencies' requests and had done a great job with making sure they got the most out of their dollars, and he thought they would end up with a good budget coming to the Council in September. He said they would be having conversations with Council members prior to that time, and they

would also have their Council input session, where each of the Council members could put forward items, at the first meeting in September.

## COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.

**Councilmember Keith** recognized Cubmaster Carl Johnson of Cub Scouts Pack 7156 and the Cub Scouts attending the meeting.

Councilmember Keith said there had been a great meeting at the Showers Center, and people were very excited, noting that Mr. Hamilton had promised them whatever they wanted there, and he had certainly heard from people about what they wanted. He said the community appreciated this, noting that one resident had told him she finally felt involved in what the City was doing in her city.

Councilmember Keith asked Mr. Erwin to present an update to the Council.

Mr. Erwin said the Council members might recall that during the prior year's budget season, upon Councilmember Keith's motion, they had approved an Affordable Housing Manager position as part of the Community Development staff, and after much time and research had gone into developing a job description and making a national recruitment effort that had taken a while, he was pleased to tell them they had made the selection for this position, and this person would be relocating from Phoenix, Arizona, to fill this position and would start on the following Monday. He said the priorities for this position would be to identify the current data for housing in Huntsville, to evaluate the current programs that were under way to address the affordable housing issue, to assemble a group of local citizens who understood the issues surrounding affordable housing, and to turn in recommendations they could consider.

Mr. Erwin said they wanted the Council members to have the opportunity to meet the new Affordable Housing Manager, and they would try to set up a time for each of them to do so.

Councilmember Keith said they were excited to have a new member of this team, that they knew this would have an immediate impact on the things they were doing concerning affordable housing in the city.

**Councilmember Meredith** said everyone should mark their calendars for the following day, at 10 a.m., so as not to miss the latest milestone in the road to Huntsville's newest rec center. He asked everyone to join them at 150 Martin Road, SW, to celebrate the first rec center anywhere in District 5, as they were breaking ground on the project.

Councilmember Meredith congratulated the Paddock Club at Providence on being this year's winner of the District 5 Beautification Award.

President Pro Tem Robinson said it had been her pleasure to join the Mayor and Councilmember Meredith at the Beautification Awards earlier in the day, noting that the Magnolia Trace community received the District 3 award. She said one person who had made a great difference on the Beautification Board for many years was Joy Parker, and she was present at the event. She said Ms. Parker had served as Chairman of that board for 20 years, and now she was emeritus on the board, and they certainly appreciated her service.

President Pro Tem Robinson said she would be joining the Chaffee
Neighborhood Association on the following Monday evening, August 26, when
Quisha Bryant, the Director of Parking and Public Transit, would be speaking. She said she would also be providing a short report of what the City was doing, as well.

Resolution No. 24-600, authorizing expenditures for payment.

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/ Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-600)

**President Pro Tem Robinson** commended Penny Smith, the Finance Director, and her staff, noting they were going into a very busy budget season, that it was going to be a very challenging budget, and she was aware they were having some very difficult conversations with some of the department heads.

President Pro Tem Robinson noted the following dates:

September 3, 2024, at 1 p.m., Work Session for Council Input on the Budget.

September 12, 2024, Introduction of the Budget.

September 19, 2024, Work Session on the Budget.

September 26, 2024, Final Approval of the Budget.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON.

**Resolution No. 24-557**, to reappoint **Eric Milberger** to the Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 5, his current seat, for a three (3) year term to expire September 21, 2027.

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith.

Motion to postpone consideration of this resolution to the September 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/ Unanimously Approved by the Council Members Present.

**Resolution No. 24-558**, to reappoint **Kenneth Chandler** to the Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 12, his current seat, for a three (3) year term to expire September 21, 2027.

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith.

Motion to postpone consideration of this resolution to the September 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/ Unanimously Approved by the Council Members Present. **Resolution No. 24-559,** to reappoint **Larry Stewart** to the Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries, Place 1, his current seat, for a three (3) year term to expire September 21, 2027.

Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Robinson/ Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-559)

#### BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS.

Nomination to appoint **Collin Keller** to the Animal Services Advisory Committee, Place 5, the seat previously held by Brian Farnell, for the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire September 8, 2026. (Kling)

LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS.

Vacation of Easements.

**Ordinance No. 24-602,** authorizing the vacation of Utility and Drainage Easements at 1325 Old Monrovia Road.

Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Robinson/ Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 24-602)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION.

**Ordinance No. 24-592,** authorizing the Mayor to execute a Utility Easement Deed to Huntsville Utilities, which ordinance was introduced at the August 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Keith/Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 24-592)

**Ordinance No. 24-593,** to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance, which ordinance was introduced at the August 8, 2024,

Regular Council Meeting.

Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Robinson/ Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

**(ORDINANCE NO. 24-593)** 

**Ordinance No. 24-594,** to amend Budget Ordinance No. 23-762 to modify the authorized strength of a department, which ordinance was introduced at the August 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Robinson/ Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present.

(ORDINANCE NO. 24-594)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION.

Motion for Consolidation and Adoption of the following items:

(Items 20.e and 20.j were held from the consolidation.)

Moved for Approval by Robinson/Seconded by Meredith/

**Unanimously Approved by the Council Members Present.** 

**Consolidated Items:** 

Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

(RESOLUTION NO. 24-603)

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. 24-604)

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

**(ORDINANCE NO. 24-605)** 

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City

of Huntsville and Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC., for Actuarial Services on the City's Post-Retirement Medical Plan.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-606)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amendment, Assignment, and Assumption Agreement by and among the City of Huntsville, C3 Presents, LLC., and C2 Acquisitions.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-608)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Barge Design Solutions, Inc., for Clinton Avenue Improvements, Project No. 71-24-TIO1.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-609)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Grayson Carter & Son, Inc., for Pratt Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Project No. 71-22-SP18 & ALDOT Project No. TAPHV-TA23(933).

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-610)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Standard Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Engineered Solutions Incorporated, for the Municipal Justice Public Safety Complex - HVAC Upgrades.

#### (RESOLUTION NO. 24-611)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Rogers Group, Inc., for the Resurfacing Residential Streets FY2024 Phase 3 project.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-613)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Madison County Commission regarding Jazz In The Park 2024.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-614)

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

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-615)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Verta Technologies, for the City of Huntsville's Audio Visual Services and Support.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-616)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for an Alabama Forestry Commission Urban and Community Forestry Tree Planting Assistance Grant.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-617)

Resolution accepting a 0.06-acre parcel of real property dedicated for Public Utility and Drainage Easement from MREC Placemakers VOP, LLC, and Providence Neighborhood Association, Inc., to the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-618)

Resolution accepting a 0.01-acre parcel of real property dedicated for Public Utility, Drainage and Sewer Easement from ECG Monrovia, LP, to the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-619)

Resolution accepting 0.429 acre of real property for a Temporary Construction Easement from Had Land Equity II, LLC., for the Martin Road Recreation Center Project.

#### (RESOLUTION NO. 24-620)

Resolution authorizing the City of Huntsville to acquire and/or condemn certain permanent utility and drainage easements on, over, under, across, and upon certain parcels of land for the Big Cove Station Project.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-621)

Resolution authorizing the City of Huntsville to acquire and/or condemn certain permanent sanitary sewer and utility easements on, over, under, across, and upon certain parcels of land for the Limestone Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-622)

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the property damage claim/subrogation claim of Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company on behalf of Minette Hilbrant (Claim FY24-149).

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-623)

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke United Community Bank Letter of Credit No. 8000010617 for Estates at Morningside Mountain Phase 2 Subdivision.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-624)

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Citizens Tri-County Bank Letter of Credit No. 4183003776 for Lyla's Gate Phase 2 at McMullen Cove Subdivision.

#### (RESOLUTION NO. 24-625)

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Citizens Tri-County Bank Letter of Credit No. 4202429718 for Silo Hill Phase 4 at McMullen Cove.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-626)

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke SouthState Bank Letter of Credit No. 17001020958 for Natures Walk at the Flint Phase 3 Subdivision.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-627)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Court Referral Officer Contract between the Administrative Director of Courts Judicial Branch, State of Alabama and the City of Huntsville.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 24-628)

#### **Items Not Consolidated:**

**Resolution No. 24-607**, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement by and among the City of Huntsville, City Centre IV, LLC., and City Centre I, LLC.

## Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Keith.

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, said the item before the Council was an economic development project. He said the Council members were very well aware of a project they had entered into a development agreement on several years prior, the CityCentre, which was adjacent to the Von Braun Center, across from Big Spring Park.

Mr. Davis displayed a slide, and he said it showed the area of that original project agreement, that it was the former Holiday Inn and the downtown recreation center pool that had been replaced by the new Natatorium. He said originally they had done competitive RFPs for this project, at that time working with Big Spring Partners, Inc., which was at this time known as Downtown Huntsville, Inc. He said they had done requests for proposals, and the chosen package with City Centre I was a three-phase project. He said what they saw on the screen was Phase I, which was complete, the AC Marriott; and Phase II, which was the Eclipse, a mixed-use building, with 248 multifamily units, with about 8,000 square feet of retail on the ground floor; and then Phase III, which was The Bartley, a mixed-use building that had office, multifamily, and additional retail. He said this fully completed the requirements of the development agreement.

Mr. Davis said due to demand, the growing need downtown, and the market, the original group had come back to the City wanting to do a Phase IV project within the site. He displayed another slide, and he said this would be in the red-shaded area, open space and the surface lot behind the AC Marriott. He said he wanted to walk them through what would be delivered to this area.

Mr. Davis displayed another slide, and he said the area in red, with the developer commitment, would be to deliver an additional 120-room Moxy Hotel by Marriott, and 8,000 square feet of additional food and beverage/restaurant space, and \$3 million cash to the City for a new Parking Garage.

Mr. Davis said the area in the red box was all owned by the City of Huntsville, that they had done a ground lease to the developer, that they had not wanted to sell it, that they waned to control it because it fronted Big Spring Park and the VBC. He said they would relinquish a portion of that ground lease they were currently getting income from, in the blue box, and the lease would terminate, and it would revert back to the City, that surface lot. He said the area in red would remain in that ground lease they were currently paying, with the AC Marriott, but it would go to a new entity called "City Centre, Phase IV," for financing purposes.

Mr. Davis said the Council had approved several amendments to this ground lease, segregated into each phase, that City Centre I was the AC Marriott, and there was a City Centre II, LLC, which was The Eclipse; and The Bartley Lofts, which was City Centre III. He said that was just to secure their financing for each of these projects.

Mr. Davis said they would create a new LLC, called City Centre IV, which would build, construct, operate, and carry the private debt service for the Moxy Hotel and the Food Hall, so they would assume the lease in that red area, and City Centre I would continue to pay their lease payment to the City for the AC Marriott piece.

Mr. Davis said the area in blue would have no ground lease revenue coming to the City, but it would be retained by the City. Mr. Davis said City Centre would certainly have the right to build, without the City's approval, the Moxy and the Food Hall, but when those plans had come in, to accommodate both the AC Marriot and the Moxy Hotel, they had a one-level parking garage over the existing parking lot behind the AC Marriott that they owned.

Mr. Davis said they had been trying, from the Downtown Master Plan, to assemble more downtown parking because of the future of downtown, the public amenities, and the extension of the VBC, so this was one of those opportunities. He said even though it was the City's land, that with a 75-year lease, City Centre had a right to use it, under an agreement the Council had approved.

Mr. Davis said he had sat down with City Centre and asked what if they took that out and let them build a deck to support downtown parking, and support the VBC. He said he wanted to walk the Council through what it looked like.

Mr. Davis displayed another slide, and he said the area in yellow was the future expansion of the VBC, which was the former Meadow Gold property, which the City had purchased several years prior. He said that was the surface parking currently supporting the VBC and all the activities that happened there, and they knew that was going to go away, as the needs of the VBC expanded.

Mr. Davis referred the Council members to the display, to the two green boxes, and he said the Council had approved a few years prior for Facilities to tear down a dilapidated portion of the parking garage there on the north side of Big Spring Park and build a new and expanded parking garage, which had been in service for two or three years. He said that was the first strategy to support the VBC in the future, and downtown parking. He said they had captured only a little bit of new parking there.

Mr. Davis said for the Front Row project, the Council had approved a ground lease to create surface parking on a lot at Monroe and Holmes, again supporting downtown activities, large events in the park, and also the VBC, especially when

conferences were coming in.

Mr. Davis said the next project that was putting a pinch on parking around the VBC was the area shaded in red, which they referred to as Lot K. He said the PARC project, the flood mitigation project, would take a sizeable portion of Lot K.

Mr. Davis said the opportunity before the Council was for the City to take back a piece of property that was theirs, that was currently under a ground lease, and cancel that ground lease and leverage this development, noting that the developer was willing to provide to the City \$3 million, and the City would put money with that, to build a 430-space parking garage that would be City-owned, City-controlled, with City revenue coming out of that garage, that no one would be getting free parking, and they could secure parking as the VBC continued to grow, as well as downtown demand.

Mr. Davis displayed another slide, and he said this was the existing City Centre I ground lease area that came into being several years prior, and he displayed another slide, noting it showed how the modified ground lease would work. He said the area in black was what would still remain with City Centre I, LLC, because they had ownership of the AC hotel; and the area in pink would be the new ground lease for City Centre IV, and they would build and construct the Moxy Hotel and the Food Hall; and the area shaded in blue would just be City property, with no ground lease income coming in, and the City would construct that Parking Garage there.

Mr. Davis said he wanted to show the Council a couple of renderings of what Phase IV would look like, and he displayed another slide, which he said depicted The Bartley Social, which was the ground floor Food Hall, and the 8,000 square feet of retail. He said it was actually two-story retail, with food and beverage on both, and there was the 120-room Moxy hotel, Floors 3 through 5.

Mr. Davis displayed another slide, and he said this was an image of the Parking

Garage the City would own. He said the developer was willing to put in, through their proforma, what they were going to pay for their portion of the Parking Garage, which was one level, and it was \$3 million. He said they had asked for no credit from the City on parking spaces, so they would provide the City \$3 million, and the City would pay the remainder, which they believed would be approximately \$11 million, which was secured in the downtown parking budget which the Council had approved over the years; and in addition to that, the developer would pay Parking and Public Transit \$56 a month per space they leased.

Mr. Davis said they believed this was an opportunity to make sure they secured downtown parking, especially considering the future expansion of the VBC.

Mr. Davis said he would be happy to answer any questions the Council members might have.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** asked of the 430 spaces in the garage, how many would be for residents. She asked where those people were going to park.

Mr. Davis displayed a slide he had previously displayed, of Phase II, The Eclipse, and he said they could see that parking garage, kind of the dark-shadowed area, so they were self-parked, and he said Phase III, which was under construction, The Bartley, was self-parked. He said they did not incentivize residential parking downtown, that they made the developers pay for it, provide that on their own.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked how many spaces they would lose from Lot K and the North Hall surface parking. She asked what their net gain would be with the 430 spaces.

Mr. Davis displayed one of the slides he had previously displayed, and he said as far as what was being referred to as the Meadow Gold lot, or the surface parking lot, at the VBC, he did not have at this time how many spaces the VBC had there, but they were going to lose 100 percent of those, and the latest number from the

Engineering Department on Lot K was about 120 spaces, along the riverwalk, or the flood mitigation project there.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked if the net gain would probably be around 100 spaces in that parking deck.

Mr. Davis said the deck would be 430, and the agreement allowed City Centre to lease 110, so the net plus-up there would be 320.

President Pro Tem Robinson said that, then, that would be to balance out what they were losing in other areas.

Mr. Davis said that was correct.

**Councilmember Keith** said this was in proximity to the Library, and he asked if there would be a presentation concerning the findings on the Library.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked if Mr. Hamilton would like to comment on that, as a point of information. She said it was located on the edge of this property, and it could affect parking.

**Mr. Hamilton** said that related to the ongoing look at the existing downtown library branch, KPS was under contract to do an assessment of that facility, to do two things, with one being to assess the existing facility, as to what its issues and capabilities were, et cetera, and to do a needs assessment with the library, as to what they needed the downtown library to be, so they could then come back with recommendations on options. He said one option could be to renovate the existing building, what that would look like, versus new construction, either on that same site or elsewhere.

Mr. Hamilton said once that study was completed, he would come before the Council and lay out the assessment and the options. He said the Capital Plan, in out years, had money set aside for solving that issue. He said they would have multiple options, and they would have to decide what the best one would be.

President Pro Tem Robinson said if the library stayed on that site, that could potentially affect that parking deck.

Mr. Hamilton said it could, but whatever they would do on that site, whether it would be renovation or new construction, the required parking would be part of the conversation as well.

## Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present. (RESOLUTION NO. 24-607)

**Resolution No. 24-612,** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Fite Building Company, for construction services for the John Hunt Park Recreation Center/Don Mincher Entrance.

Moved for Approval by Meredith/Seconded by Robinson.

(Mr. Wilkinson made a PowerPoint presentation.)

**Mr. Ricky Wilkinson, Director of General Services,** said this was a construction services contract with Fite Building Company, and the contract value was \$18,529,323, and the contract duration was 420 days. He said he had a presentation to show the Council the scope of work.

Mr. Wilkinson displayed a slide, and he said talking about the site, they could see the northern portion of John Hunt Park and Joe Davis Stadium, located at the center of the screen. He said the rec center site was the gravel parking lot just to the northwest of Joe Davis Stadium. He said in addition to the rec center construction, they had quite a bit of streetscape improvements within John Hunt Park. He said they could see the green site there, to include the rec center, and then the roads, highlighted in yellow, would be receiving some improvements, to the John Hunt Park streetscape standard.

Mr. Wilkinson displayed another slide, and he said they would first talk about

the streetscape. He said this would include a new monument sign, with a visual message board, at the entrance of Don Mincher Drive, just off the Parkway. He said that would be at the eastern connection to the Parkway there. He said in addition to that, they would be adding decorative streetlights, landscaping, sidewalks, and irrigation to Don Mincher Drive; portions of Steve Ivey Drive, on the east side of Joe Davis Stadium; and a small portion of Philip Dotts Drive, to the southwest of the stadium.

Mr. Wilkinson displayed another slide, and he said looking at the area where the rec center would be, it would be a one-story recreation center, just over 60,000 square feet. He said what most people would notice was that along the northern boundary of the site, they had 25 pickleball courts, constructed under a pre-engineered metal building cover, and the rest of the structure would be open. He said, as they could see, in the central part of that structure, there was what would potentially operate as a championship court, and then they had 12 courts on either side, flanking the championship court, for a total of 25 pickleball courts.

Mr. Wilkinson said with the Council's approval at this time, this would be the largest collection of pickleball courts at a City facility.

Mr. Wilkinson said they were also constructing a parking lot, to include 298 parking spaces.

Mr. Wilkinson displayed another slide, and he said the Council could see the floor plan for the rec center, that they could see they had the administrative functions on the left-hand side, and they had a large gymnasium, with four regulation-size basketball courts. He said they also had eight high school regulation volleyball courts included, and they had two fitness rooms, and two activity rooms, and, of course, restrooms, a small concession area, and offices, as well.

Mr. Wilkinson said he would be happy to answer any questions the Council

members might have.

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said she knew the pickleball folks had really been excited about a covered facility, and she said she thought one of the questions they would like answered was if they would be lighted.

Mr. Wilkinson replied in the affirmative.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked if there would be seating.

Mr. Wilkinson said there would be bleacher seating on the championship court, and they could get some small bleachers and things inside the pickleball facility as needed.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked, in regard to the rec center, how this would be different from the Ray Jones Center.

Mr. Wilkinson said there were two different programming methods, that this was more of an athletic center, that this was to support basketball and volleyball, that it was more structured like their typical recreation center, that it was larger. He said, concerning the Raymond Jones Armory facility there, that they had partnered with organizations to utilize it, like with the Parkinson's program they had there. He said this one was more structured toward youth athletics and that sort of thing.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked if it would be set up to host tournaments
Mr. Wilkinson replied in the affirmative. He said between Parks & Rec and the
organizations they partnered with, this facility would be able to host tournaments.
He said this gave Parks & Rec and their partner agencies a little more flexibility with
regard to that, having this number of pickleball courts, basketball courts, and
volleyball courts all in one location.

President Pro Tem Robinson asked Mr. Hamilton if he wanted to comment on this.

**Mr. Hamilton** said the Armory was a completely different facility, that there

were three main functions that occurred at the Raymond Jones Armory building, which was now called the Community Center, and one was the front office for John Hunt Park. He said John Hunt Park was a significant piece of City infrastructure, so there was a Parks & Rec staff dedicated to operating that facility, and was where their offices were, and that was where one would go for reservations and other support that might be needed in the park. He said that also, as had been noted, there was the Parkinson's Dynamic, which was a fitness program specifically geared around people afflicted with Parkinson's and similar types of issues. He said there was a good bit of the dedicated square footage that was purely for that purpose. He said this was not something that the public could just show up and use, people who were not within that specialized program.

Mr. Hamilton said there was also a little bit of meeting space available in the Armory, so if some community groups needed a meeting space, like they often did at rec centers, they could certainly do that at the Jones Armory, as they would be able to do at this rec center as well.

**Councilmember Meredith** asked if they were going to be hosting tournaments, and if so, had they started that process, of recruiting conferences, or whatever it would take to hold these tournaments.

Mr. Hamilton said when they looked at how they resourced the entire city with recreational facilities, he would put them into two categories, ones that were designed to serve the immediate area, the neighborhoods that surrounded a particular site, and ones like at John Hunt Park, and some of the other facilities kind of in the central part of the city, that were designed primarily to serve the needs of the community, every single day, seven days a week, but were delivered in a format where they could bring in tourism and handle large tournaments. He said that was exactly the way this one was designed, that people who lived in the central part of the city might go there

for their daily fitness and recreation, but the Sports Commission and the CVB were aware of this project and aware of the timelines, and as they went through this process, they would be able to start recruiting events, pickleball tournaments and also basketball and volleyball tournaments.

President Pro Tem Robinson said President Little was watching the meeting, and his question was if the pickleball courts would have some sort of barrier between them, to keep the balls from going all over the place.

Mr. Wilkinson replied in the affirmative, noting they had implemented lessons learned from a number of pickleball courts they had constructed, at the Sandra Moon Center and the Shurney Center as well. He said there would be fencing around the courts, and then there were actually fences that would divide the courts. He said wind affected the ball when playing pickleball, and this was an open facility, but they would have wind screens, similar to what they had at the Sandra Moon Community Complex.

# Unanimously Adopted by the Council Members Present. (RESOLUTION NO. 24-612)

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said this concluded the business portion of the meeting, and that would bring them to Second Roster Public Comments.

## (At this point, the livestreaming of the meeting was ended.) SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

President Pro Tem Robinson 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. She 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. She 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. Kelly Taylor,** 1113 Rison Avenue, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "HSV Animal Shelter."

**Ms. Judy Rollins**, 1006 Hermitage Avenue, SE, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "HSV Animal Shelter."

**Ms. Tonia Stulting**, 105 Gen. Jackson Ct., Madison, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Library."

**Ms. Carissa Callan**, Limestone County, addressed the Council, stating that her address was on file (Mooresville Road, Athens), and having signed up to speak concerning "Library Board Concerns."

**Ms. Eloisa Chacon**, 2518 Dug Hill Road, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "HSV Animal Shelter."

**Mr. Ed McNamara**, 2518 Dug Hill Road, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "HSV Animal Shelter."

**President Pro Tem Robinson** said the meeting was adjourned.

	PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ATTEST:	
CITY CLERK	

(Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on August 22, 2024.)