John Meredith, President Jennie Robinson, Councilmember Bill Kling, Councilmember Michelle Watkins, Councilmember David Little, Councilmember



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

Thursday, July 10, 2025

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Huntsville Alabama Public Safety Chaplain, Steve Lacy.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: President John Meredith.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The above item is approved as submitted

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

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on June 26, 2025. (Minutes Received)

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as submitted

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

a. Presentation acknowledging 52nd Crescen-Dough Auction Participant, Jennifer Lapidus.

Sponsors: Kling

Councilmember Kling recognized Jennifer Lapidus.

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

b. Resolution honoring the 70th anniversary of Burritt on the Mountain Museum. Resolution No. 25-517

Sponsors: Little

Attachments: Burritt.pdf

Councilmember Little presented Melanie Thompson, CEO at Burritt Museum, with the resolution honoring its 70th anniversary.

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

Resolutions for Approval Only

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD

a. Public hearing on the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way in Seminole Park at Indiana Avenue. (Set June 12, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: HHA ROW Vacation Complete.pdf

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET

a. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to set a hearing for Luxury Transport Group, LLC, for the operation of an airport shuttle. (Set for July 24, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 25-518

Sponsors: Parking/Public Transit

Attachments: LTG Packet.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the July 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

b. Resolution to set a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way at 612 McKinley Avenue NE, Lots 2-13, Block 7; and, the introduction of a Resolution consenting to; and, the introduction of an Ordinance vacating the right-of-way pertaining thereto. (Set for August 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 25-519
Resolution No. 25-520

Ordinance No. 25-521

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Jackson Way Baptist Church ROW Vacation Complete.pdf

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the August 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, and Little

Nay: None

c. Resolution to set a public hearing on the zoning of 27.61 acres of land lying on the west of Old Big Cove Rd and north of Buford Dr. to Residence 2 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set for August 28, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 25-522
Ordinance No. 25, 523

Ordinance No. 25-523

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Buford Zoning Complete

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for the August 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Little. President Meredith asked if there was any discussion. President Meredith called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, and Little

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. Speaker(s):

Nikki Jescuke "19a" Joy Johnson "19c, 19b, 20n"

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

- Mayor Battle discussed the tragic accident that occurred involving Public Works employees on July 1, 2025. He sent out condolences to Hank Hornbuckle's wife and children, who unfortunately passed due to the accident. He wished Director of Public Works, Chris McNeese and Project Supervisor, Donal Dowdy a quick recovery. He thanked the community for their prayers and compassion to all of the families involved.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Bill Kling

- Echoed Mayor Battles comments regarding the accident on July 1st, 2025.

- Thanked the departments in the city for addressing issues encountered on neighborhood walks.

- Noted discussions will begin for upcoming budget for FY26.

- Shoutout to Eric Wade for he and his lodge brothers for cleanup effort.

Councilmember David Little

- Echoed Mayor Battle and Councilmember Klings comments on the accident.

- Shoutout to EMA, Public Works, HPD and Engineering for responding to citizens needs over the last couple of weeks.

- Announced he will be absent from the next work session.

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

- Spoke of "unity in community" regarding the visitation of Hank Hornbuckle in New Hope. Commended the New Hope community. Also noted the gathering of communities during the tragic events in the flooding of Texas.

- Encouraged everyone to pay attention to tornado warnings as we go into tornado season, and not suffer from warning fatigue.

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

- Mayor Battle spoke for Councilmember Watkins.

- Opening of fourth Food City in North Huntsville at Bob Wade Lane and North Memorial Parkway.

Councilmember John Meredith

- Thanked participants of the last Presidents Forum: James Gossett, Jeffrey Birdwell, Thomas Nunez and Shaundrika Edwards.

- Recap on meeting with those concerned with smart meters. Those concerned are encouraged to attend the next Huntsville Utility Board meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:30 am at the Huntsville Utilities building.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment. Resolution No. 25-524

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: Expenditures - Complete

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON

a. Resolution to appoint Rose Allen to the Solid Waste Disposal Authority of the City of Huntsville, 1st Director, to fill a vacancy due to the passing of James Splawn for the remainder of a vacant four (4) year term to expire January 1, 2027. (Nominated on June 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 25-525

Sponsors: Meredith

Attachments: Allen SWDA 071025 .pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

Resolution to appoint Barbara Hughes to the Human Relations Commission, Place 4, to fill a vacancy due to resignation of Cheryl Birney for the remainder of a vacant four (4) year term to expire September 22, 2026. (Nominated on June 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 25-526

Sponsors: Kling

Attachments: Hughes HRC 071025.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

a. Nomination to reappoint Carole Jones to the Museum Board of the City of Huntsville to her current seat for a six (6) year term to expire August 13, 2031. Resolution No. 25-527

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Jones Museum Reappointment.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

b. Nomination to reappoint John Johnson to the Von Braun Center Board of Control to his current seat for a four (4) year term to expire August 27, 2029. Resolution No. 25-528

Sponsors: Kling and Little

Attachments: VBC Johnson.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

Nomination to reappoint William Sullins to the Von Braun Center Board of Control to his current seat for a four (4) year term to expire August 27, 2029.
Resolution No. 25-529

Sponsors: Little and Kling

Attachments: VBC Sullins.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

d. Nomination to appoint Tonita Phipps to the Madison County Department of Human Resources Board, Place 5, to the seat previously held by Sanoyia Williams for a six (6) year term to expire August 1, 2031.

Resolution No. 25-531

Sponsors: Watkins

Attachments: Williams DHR 071025.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

e. Nomination to reappoint Tammyier Leeth to the Madison County Department of Human Resources Board, Place 2 (her current seat), for a six (6) year term to expire August 1, 2031. Resolution No. 25-532

Sponsors: Watkins

Attachments: Leeth DHR 071025.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

f. Nomination to reappoint Barrington Dames to the Madison County Department of Human Resources Board, Place 6 (his current seat), for a six (6) year term to expire August 1, 2031. Resolution No. 25-533

Sponsors: Watkins

Attachments: Dames DHR 071025.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

g. Nomination to reappoint Karessa Acosta Lee to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals to her current seat for a five (5) year term to expire August 22, 2030. Resolution No. 25-534

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Housing Adj & Appeals Reppointment Lee 071025.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

 h. Nomination to reappoint William Hanks to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals to his current seat for a five (5) year term to expire August 22, 2030. Resolution No. 25-535

Sponsors: Robinson

Attachments: Housing Adj & Appeals Hanks 071025.pdf

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS

18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS

Vacation of Easements

a. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 4, Block 6, Willowbrook Subdivision, 8003 Tea Garden Road. (Aplin)

Ordinance No.

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Aplin Easement Vacation Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

 b. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement on Lot 71, Tammerack Links Fourteenth Addition. (Miller) Ordinance No. 25-537

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Miller Easement Vacation Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

c. Resolution consenting to the vacation of a Right-of-Way in Seminole Park at Indiana Avenue. (Introduced June 12, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Resolution No. 25-438

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: hha row RES.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

d. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Right-of-way in Seminole Park at Indiana Avenue (Introduced June 12, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Ordinance No. 25-439

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: HHA ORD vacating ROW.pdf

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

- Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little
- Nay: None

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Ordinance declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction. (Introduced June 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting) Ordinance No. 25-514

Sponsors: Fleet Department

Attachments: FowlerAugustAuction25.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

b. Ordinance annexing 1,013.96 acres of land lying on the south of River Loop Road, and east and west of Vaughn Road. (Introduced June 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-515

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: McCutcheon-Vaughn Annexation Complete.pdf

Thomas Nunez addressed the Council.

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

c. Ordinance to change the name of "Webb Nursery Drive" to "Max Meadows Way". (Introduced June 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 25-516

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: Max Meadows Way Name Change Ordinance Complete.pdf

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

20. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

These items will be approved in one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion. The reading of each item will be waived unless a Councilmember requests otherwise.

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

Aye: Meredith, Robinson, Kling, and Little

Nay: None

a. Resolution authorizing travel expenses. Resolution No. 25-538

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Travel Resolution Complete.pdf

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. 25-539

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: Resolution Procurement Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 c. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Design Services for Martin Luther King Jr. Sanitary Sewer Extension, Project No. 71-25-SP18. Resolution No. 25-540

Sponsors: Engineering

<u>Attachments</u>: <u>Garver Martin Luther King Jr Sanitary Sewer Ext.</u> <u>complete.pdf</u>

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

d. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Pearce Construction Company, Inc., for the HPD Crime Scene Investigation Building and Warehouse. Resolution No. 25-541

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: CO2-Pearce-HPDCSIBldg.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 to the Contract between the City of Huntsville and Chorba Contracting Corporation for Construction Services for the Martin Road Recreation Center. Resolution No. 25-542

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: CO2-CHORBA-MARTIN RD.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke First National Bank Letter of Credit No. 513424300 for Preserve at Inspiration Phase 3 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 25-543

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Preserve 4300 LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

g. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke First National Bank Letter of Credit No. 554612300 for Preserve at Inspiration Phase 3 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 25-544

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Preserve 2300 LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Servis 1st Bank Letter of Credit No. 33928 for Mountain Cove Subdivision.
Resolution No. 25-545

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Mountain Cove LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke TrustMark Bank Letter of Credit No. 21-057-SP for Villages Phase 2 at McMullen Cove Subdivision. Resolution No. 25-546

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Villages LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 j. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke United Community Bank Letter of Credit No. 8000010523 for Midtowne on the Park Phase 12 Subdivision. Resolution No. 25-547

> <u>Sponsors</u>: Legal Attachments: Midtowne LOC Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 k. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Lisa Watts v. City of Huntsville, et al., Case No. 47-cv-24-901919, in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama (Claim No. FY23-048). Resolution No. 25-548

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Watts Settlement Res Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Jose D. Casiano-Esteban, et al. v. City of Huntsville, et al., in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama, Civil Action No. 47-CV-2024-900378 (Claim Nos. FY24-86, FY24-87, FY24-88). Resolution No. 25-549

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: Casiano-Esteban Settlement Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 m. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Buses and Bus Facilities Grant (5339b).
Resolution No. 25-550

Sponsors: Parking/Public Transit

Attachments: BUSSES AND FAC GRANT PKT.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Low or No Emission Grant (5339c), for the purchase of All Electric Paratransit Vans. Resolution No. 25-551

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Sponsors: Parking/Public Transit

Attachments: DR LOW N O EMMISSIONS PKT.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make a grant application to the Federal Transit 0. Administration (FTA) for the Low or No Emission Grant (5339c), for the purchase of Fixed Route Hybrid Engine Buses. Resolution No. 25-552

> Parking/Public Transit **Sponsors:**

Attachments: FIXED ROUTE LOW EMMISSONS PACKET.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to the Memorandum of p. Understanding by and between the City of Huntsville and National Recreation and Park Association, Incorporated. Resolution No. 25-553

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: PAR.NRPA-MoU.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between q. the City of Huntsville and Mary C. Cates. Resolution No. 25-554

> Legal Sponsors:

Attachments: Cissy Cates Employee Agreement Complete.pdf

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

Ordinance No. 25-555

Human Resources **Sponsors:**

Attachments: Class Salary Plan Complete.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 24-700 to modify the b. authorized strength of the departments. Ordinance No. 25-556

> **Sponsors**: Human Resources

Attachments: Budget Ordinance Complete.pdf

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 7/25/2025.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Sarah Colletti "no taxes for war crimes" David Snyder "Derrick Street" Donald Campbell "smart meters" Christine Anne "AMI" Alicia Booth "project in the city"

23. ADJOURNMENT

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