HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting - October 23, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City Hall
Huntsville, Alabama

Members Present:	**Dr. Jennie Robinson, President** **Mr. Bill Kling** **Mr. David Little** **Mr. John Meredith** **Ms. Michelle Watkins**
Mayor:	**Mr. Tommy Battle**
City Administrator:	**Mr. John Hamilton**
City Attorney:	**Mr. Trey Riley**
City Clerk:	**Ms. Shaundrika Edwards**

President Robinson called the meeting to order at the time and place noted above.

The invocation was offered by **Chaplain Ethan Ryan**; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Councilmember Meredith.**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

President Robinson said the published agenda followed the order of business established by the Council Bylaws. She continued that the public should note there would be two opportunities for individuals to share concerns and ideas with the Council, that item 11 was the portion of the meeting reserved for individuals who wished to address the Council on matters related to specific items on the agenda, and non-agenda comments would be heard at the end of the Council's business meeting. She said individuals wishing to comment, either during the agenda-related or non-agenda-related comments periods, could do so after they had signed up in advance, in the lobby, and she asked that the information provided be legible and correct. She said they had added an option to include phone number and email on the sign-up sheet, that it was not required, but individuals could do it if they would like for a member of the Council or the Administration to follow up with them regarding their concern.

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

President Robinson said the Council members had been provided a copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held on October 9, 2025, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.

Proclamation recognizing October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Mayor Battle asked that this item be moved to the November 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation.

Resolution No. 25-826, honoring Second Chance Deliverance & Restoration Ministries, Inc., as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary of Service to the Huntsville Community.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-826)

Councilmember Watkins presented the resolution to Donna and Leo Robinson of Second Chance Ministries, and she said they were community changers, that they did work day-in an day-out in the community, from having a pantry at McDonnell Elementary School to collecting coats in the community, as well as hosting an annual musical gala, and they were greatly appreciated.

Mr. Robinson said he was grateful for the opportunity to receive this recognition, noting it had been 20 good years, and they were not going to stop.

Resolution No. 25-827, recognizing Edward Buckbee for his exemplary leadership in space exploration and museum education in the city of Huntsville and offering tribute to his 89th birthday, celebrated on September 15, 2025.

Motion by Little/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-827)

Councilmember Little read the resolution recognizing Edward Buckbee, noting that his achievements had made a lasting impact on the city of Huntsville, ensuring his legacy would long be remembered and admired, and he presented the resolution to Mr. Buckbee, along with a resolution from the Alabama House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

President Robinson said in keeping with the Council Bylaws, the Council meeting dates in November and December would be moved from the second and fourth Thursdays of the month to the first and third Thursdays, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She said the November meeting dates would be November 6 and November 20 and the December meeting dates would be December 4 and December 18.

President Robinson said they were in the process of scheduling a joint work session with the Board of Education to discuss funding for the School System Capital Plan, that the Capital Plan would be presented at that meeting, and they would discuss funding and how the City would manage the debt for the Plan. She said the Council members would be contacted with possible dates for the meeting, noting they had determined, in collaboration with the Board of Education president, that it would probably be best to do it in the Council Chambers at around 5 o'clock, and she said the staff was working on specific dates.

Community Health Care Announcement by UAH College of Nursing.

Dr. Karen Frith, Dean of the College of Nursing at UAH, thanked Councilmember Kling for providing them this opportunity. She turned the floor over to Dr. Azita Amiri, Associate Dean for Research, noting she was the faculty member who brought Neighborhood Nursing to the College of Nursing.

(Dr. Amiri made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Dr. Amiri, Associate Dean for Research at the UAH College of Nursing, said she was honored to introduce a movement that was shaping how they cared for one another, Neighborhood Nursing. She said Neighborhood Nursing was uniquely designed to embed nursing care directly into communities, led by trusted local ambassadors and powered by academic excellence, innovation, and deep community engagement. She said this was more than a health care model, that it was a community promise, a promise that every person, regardless of ZIP Code, income, or background, deserved access to care that was local, personal, and rooted in trust.

Dr. Amiri said disparities persisted, that Black residents faced higher rates of infant and maternal mortality and chronic illnesses. She continued that low-income families struggled with food insecurity and limited access to health care, and mental health remained out of reach for many, noting that Alabama ranked 46th nationally, and Huntsville reflected similar challenges. She said they also faced barriers that medicine alone could not fix: poverty, housing instability, education gaps, and provider shortages in underserved areas.

Dr. Amiri said Neighborhood Nursing was born from listening to these challenges and from believing that the solutions must come from within the communities. She said their mission was clear: to improve health care access, reduce disparities, and help people live longer, healthier lives by bringing together local leaders, health care professionals, and other community stakeholders.

Dr. Amiri displayed a slide, and she said Neighborhood Nursing was composed of multiple elements that tackled challenging health disparities through a comprehensive approach, rooted in community engagement and participation and built on the College of Nursing's goals of educational excellence, innovative research, advancing access to health care, and nurturing the current and future nursing workforce. She said woven throughout every component of Neighborhood Nursing was, most importantly, their community partners, noting they could not do this without them.

Dr. Amiri said Neighborhood Nursing was sustainable and grounded in proven strategies that worked, founded by the College of Nursing at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She said this initiative thrived on partnerships with local providers, organizations, and leaders such as the City Council, and it was guided by their whole-hearted belief that community engagement was not optional, that it was essential. She said they envisioned a dynamic regional, multi-agency collaborative that would set a national standard for community-based, data-driven health care, with the UAH College of Nursing leading the way, as the founding academic institution.

Dr. Amiri displayed another slide, and she said their first onsite health screening event was planned for January 2026, that the initial focus groups had already taken place, and they had learned so much from listening to their neighbors, and they would show up consistently in neighborhoods, and not just as visitors but as partners. She said to assure that this initiative was community led, they would have neighborhood ambassadors, trusted individuals from within each neighborhood who would help to guide their efforts, to build trust, and to lead the way forward.

Dr. Amiri said at these events, individuals would move through stations, starting with a free health screening, which would include all the screenings displayed on the first column in the slide being shown, Cancer, Mental Health, Diabetes, Heart, Maternal Health, et cetera. She said if these test results suggested a need for follow up, people would be directed to a provider onsite, without leaving their neighborhood. She said their first pilot sites included neighborhoods surrounding the Bob Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center, Huntsville Housing Authority's neighborhoods of Brookside and Northwoods, and also the Town of Triana.

Dr. Amiri said they were asking for the Council's support, not just for a program but for a movement, a movement that honored the voices of their neighborhoods, that would strengthen trust and build a healthier, more equitable Huntsville, one neighborhood at a time.

Dr. Amiri said the Neighborhood Nursing Team was inviting each of them, Council members, community leaders, neighbors, to come and talk with them, to share their ideas, and to be a part of this movement. She said they would take Neighborhood Nursing to the state level, and they wanted to begin in Huntsville.

Dr. Amiri thanked the Council for their time, their leadership, and their commitment to the people of Huntsville.

President Robinson thanked Dr. Amiri and the College of Nursing for a collaborative program that would change the health of the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD.

Public hearing in order to hear, consider, and act upon all objections or protests, if any, for removal of a public nuisance at 2605 Leeman Ferry Rd. SW, Huntsville, AL, which hearing was set at the October 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

(Mr. Erwin made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Scott Erwin, Manager of Community Development, said this was a public hearing for a junk public nuisance at 2605 Leeman Ferry Road, and this was the time and place for the public to be heard for objections. He said upon the

Council's approval, the City would abate this public nuisance, and he said the property conditions which constituted this public nuisance were shown on the displayed slide. He said this was a commercial property, formerly operated as a daycare, and it had been neglected for many years, and he was seeking authorization to abate this nuisance.

Public Hearing Opened.

Ms. Sarah Colletti, Hartselle, appeared before the Council, saying that her address was listed correctly on the sign-up sheet. She said they saw a lot of these commercial properties around town, that a lot of them were business owners who just could not keep up with the economy, but some of them had been shut down by the City. She said regardless of why these businesses closed, the fact remained that this created public nuisances such as this. She said in past hearings about these public nuisance properties, they had talked a lot about the responsibility of the homeowner, and the responsibility of this gentleman, to get things taken care of, and she asked what the responsibility was of the City of Huntsville for its role in these failed businesses.

Mr. Antwoin Davis, 252 Pebblestone Drive, Huntsville, appeared before the Council, saying he was a commercial real estate agent, and he had been in the process of connecting with the owners of this building for the last month or so. He said he had already taken steps to assess and correct the issues that had brought this matter before the Council, that he had spoken with a local contractor, and they were ready to clean and repair the building within the next 30 to 60 days, so it would meet all City codes and safety standards, and he was respectfully requesting that the Council defer/postpone any demolition or abatement action to allow time to complete this remediation. He said he fully intended to work directly with Community Development and the Code Enforcement team to verify the progress and compliance.

He said his goal was to restore and repurpose the building for productive use that aligned with Huntsville development goals in the Leeman Ferry corridor, to keep this property contributing to the community.

Public Hearing Closed.

Resolution No. 25-828, ordering the abatement of a public nuisance at 2605 Leeman Ferry Road, SW, Huntsville, AL

Motion by Kling/Second by Robinson.

Councilmember Kling said Mr. Erwin would have the discretion to give whatever time extension he thought was reasonable on this. He said he believed 60 days would be much too long, but they would give that authority to Mr. Erwin if this were to pass.

Mr. Erwin said they had been in constant contact with the out-of-state owner of this property, that there was a family issue there, that a long-time Huntsville resident had to move out of state for care. He said they were working with that owner to bring the property into compliance. He said he was not aware of what might be happening concerning the investor activity, but they had made it clear that they needed this corrected. He said voluntary compliance was always their first goal, so they would work with the owner to get this compliance, if at all possible.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-828)

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET.

Resolution No. 25-829, to declare a public nuisance located at 2107 Southline Drive NW, Huntsville, AL; and to set the date for when objections will be heard, at the November 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Little/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-829)

Resolution No. 25-830, to set a public hearing on suspension of licensure for confidential tax related case number 411, at the November 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Kling/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-830)

Resolution No. 25-831, to set a public hearing on suspension of licensure for confidential tax related case number 412, at the November 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Little/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-831)

Resolution No. 25-832, to set a hearing for Kymberly Alverson, d/b/a Nooga Shuttles, LLC, for the operation of two (2) airport shuttles, at the November 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Little/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-832)

MAYOR COMMENTS.

Mayor Battle made the following Board Appointments:

Appointment of Brenda Conville to the Huntsville Housing Authority Board, for a five (5) year term, beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring January 1, 2031.

(Note: The Mayor advises that his appointment announcement at this meeting was erroneous, in that rather than running from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2031, the term should actually run from August 15, 2025, to August 15, 2030. The correction will be announced by the Mayor at the meeting of November 6, 2025.)

Appointment of Troy Skinner to the Huntsville Ice Skating Complex

Board of Control, Seat 6, for a three (3) year term to expire November 22, 2028.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.

Councilmember Watkins said she held a District 1 Town Hall on October 13, and she thanked the staff members who had assisted with this meeting. She said also on October 13, she had hosted a community meeting to receive feedback about a potential development on Blue Spring Road, and a lot of community members had been unable to attend, so another meeting had been scheduled for November 10, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the Showers Center.

Councilmember Watkins said on November 3, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30, at the Meadow Drive Baptist Church, she would have her monthly Drop-In, where she would talk one-on-one with interested individuals.

Councilmember Watkins said she had attended the State of the County address recently, with Chairman Mac McCutcheon, who had provided a lot of updates and information; that she had toured the new facility for the Boys and Girls Club on Pulaski Pike in District 1, and she was thoroughly impressed with the facility; that she had brought greetings at the Alabama State Council of Machinists Conference on the prior Saturday, and she was honored to do that; and she had participated in the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run.

Councilmember Watkins asked that everyone keep the Reed family in their prayers, noting that Mr. Reed would be laid to rest on the upcoming Saturday.

Councilmember Kling said numerous losses had taken place in the community. He said the airplane deaths of Mark, Lainey, and Ellie Anderson was something that was felt at Huntsville High School and in the neighborhood and the community as a whole, that everyone cared and was very devastated about this loss.

Councilmember Kling said Andy Roberts, a long-time Huntsville attorney, had recently passed away, and they were also mourning this loss.

Councilmember Kling said that, also, John Weber, a resident of Old Town, had passed away. He said Mr. Weber was a brilliant electrical engineer and had contributed to the performing arts in the community, and prayers were going out to his wife and children.

Councilmember Kling said on the upcoming weekend, he would be working with Operation Green Team, on a neighborhood cleanup in the Lowe Mill neighborhood; that he had passed out candy at a Halloween event at John Hunt Park, with the Police, Fire, and other City employees, to approximately 15,000 kids, and it had been a great event; and he would be participating in the Old Town neighborhood outing on the upcoming Saturday.

Councilmember Kling said about two weeks prior, there had been a Hispanic Resource meeting pertaining to mental health, and it had been very informative, with a lot of good information that was needed being presented.

Councilmember Kling said he had a Town Meeting on the prior Monday, and it was literally standing room only, that the Planning Department staff had presented an update, focusing primarily on projects within his district, and there had also been a presentation about historic preservation, how it worked and the importance of it.

Councilmember Kling said the "Shop With a Hero" group would be providing gift cards to young, special-needs children, and they needed a friend to go with them through Walmart and pick out toys and things they would like for Christmas, that there was information about this on the internet, at shopwithahero.info, and it was open for whoever wanted to participate.

Councilmember Little said the Anderson family were friends of his family, and this was an unspeakable tragedy, that it was something that really hit home.

Councilmember Little thanked the Planning Department for putting together a good meeting the prior evening at Optimist Park, noting that people were excited to hear the great things that were being done for District 2.

Councilmember Meredith said he had the opportunity to visit the Calhoun Community College campus on the previous day, noting there had been an Open House featuring the school's new Respiratory Therapy Program, which was a great program; and, also, he had recently had a tour of the UAH Nursing Program, and it was very impressive, with the potential of being the Best Practices program for things that were ancillary to the Nursing Program, such as 3-D printing of certain devices that students could train on that were far more effective than some of the alternative methods at this time. He said he had discussed the Neighborhood Nursing Program with them, and he was looking forward to working with them on it, to get medical care to folks who needed it.

Councilmember Meredith said Columbia High School had recently had a wonderful Hispanic celebration that had included a lot of games, food trucks, and the Huntsville Chorale; and the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church held their annual Fall Festival in the southeast corner of Limestone County that called Huntsville "home," and he said this was a great event, with a lot of families, a lot of kids, that it was a diverse community, and there were many events going on.

President Robinson said she would be hosting her last Town Hall of the year on October 30, at 6 p.m., with a change in venue due to construction at the Sandra Moon Center, that Torch Technologies had offered the use of their Freedom Center, located at 4090 Memorial Parkway, SW, and John Hamilton, the City Administrator, would present the 1990 Capital Plan, including road paving, parks, and quality-of-life projects; and there would also be a presentation by the Traffic Engineering Department on the results of the Bailey Cove traffic study.

President Robinson said they would be having the ribbon-cutting for the park at Hays Farm on November 5 at 1:30 p.m. She said that, also, there would be a little

Halloween treat on October 31, when they would start up the waterfall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Resolution No. 25-833, authorizing expenditures for payment.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-833)

Ordinance No. 25-834, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 2 Council Improvement Funds.

Motion by Little/Second by Robinson.

Councilmember Little said this included a $15,000 appropriation to the Huntsville Ballet, providing funding for performances, education, and their outreach programs, and $75,000 to HEALS, Inc., Health Establishments at Local Schools, that put medical, dental, and optometry clinics in schools where children did not have ready access to that type of care. He said their electronic medical billing service they had just paid off, in the amount of $75,000, had gone out of business, and it was mostly software, and they were left in a lurch, so this money was capital intensive and would go into covering that expense.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 25-834)

Ordinance No. 25-835, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 3 Council Improvement Funds.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Kling.

President Robinson said this appropriation would go to the Huntsville Ballet.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 25-835)

Ordinance No. 25-836, approving appropriations, goods, or services for

District 4 Council Improvement Funds.

Motion by Kling/Second by Robinson.

Councilmember Kling said this was a $5,000 appropriation for Downtown Huntsville, Inc., to provide funding for promotional purposes, for everything they were doing downtown; a $5,000 appropriation for the North Alabama Railroad Museum, to be used for repairs to some of their equipment, as well as complimentary train rides for people throughout the community; and a $5,000 appropriation for the Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, to be used to provide funding for their Fallen Officer Memorial Service.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 25-836)

Ordinance No. 25-837, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling.

Councilmember Meredith said the first appropriation was $6,000 to the Columbia High School Wrestling Team, for support for equipment and participation fees; and the second appropriation was $5,000 to the Schools Foundation, to support principals, teachers, and students in the Huntsville City Schools.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 25-837)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON.

Resolution No. 25-795, reappointing Kelsey Smith to the Huntsville Ice Skating Complex Board of Control, Position 5 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire November 21, 2028.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Kling.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Kling, Little, Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Meredith, Watkins

Motion Passed.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-795)

Resolution No. 25-796, reappointing Kristin Wilson to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, Place 4 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire November 28, 2028.

Motion by Kling/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-796)

President Robinson said the next resolution would require four votes for approval.

Resolution No. 25-797, reappointing Harold Weatherly to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, Place 1 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire November 28, 2028.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-797)

Resolution No. 25-838, reappointing Thomas Holliday to the Huntsville Ice Skating Complex Board of Control, Position 1 (his current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire November 21, 2028.

Motion by Kling/Second by Little.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Kling, Little, Watkins, Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Meredith

Motion Passed.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-838)

Resolution No. 25-839, to reappoint Loyd H. Little to the Special Care Facilities Financing Authority - Redstone Village, to his current seat, for a six (6) year term to expire November 10, 2031.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Watkins.

Councilmember Meredith said it had been brought to his attention that moving forward, what was said from the Council during the nominations had to be reflected in what was voted on, and he had nominated Loyd H. "Buddy" Little, and "Buddy" had been left out. He said he did not know what that really meant, but he just wanted to point out that it was not what he had said.

President Robinson said the record needed to reflect that the nomination was for **Loyd H. "Buddy" Little to the Special Care Facilities Financing Authority - Redstone Village.**

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Kling, Meredith, Watkins, Robinson**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTAIN: **Little**

Motion Passed.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-839)

President Robinson said the next resolution would require four votes for approval.

Resolution No. 25-840, to reappoint Cindy Griner to the Burritt Memorial Committee, Place 10 (her current seat), for a three (3) year term to expire October 1, 2028.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-840)

BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS.

Nomination to appoint **Ray White to WellStone, Inc., Place 7,** to fill a vacancy due to the passing of Sidney White, for the remainder of a six (6) year term to expire April 1, 2029. (Robinson)

President Robinson asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

There was no response.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION.

Ordinance No. 25-824, annexing 4.91 acres of land lying east of Hillcrest Avenue NW and north of US Hwy 72 W, which ordinance was introduced at the October 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Kling/Second by Robinson.

(Mr. Nunez made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Thomas Nunez, Manager of Planning and Zoning Services, said this was for a proposed commercial development.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 25-824)

Ordinance No. 25-825, declaring property surplus and authorizing and directing its conveyance to the Land Trust of North Alabama, Inc., which ordinance was introduced at the October 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Watkins/Second by Little.

Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, said this was to help facilitate the Land Trust's new Discovery Center, which had been planned for years, and they were now ready to move forward on construction. He said this facility would be built just off Highway 72 East, back of the Trailhead Community, which was very close to most of the Land Trust's natural trails. He said there was a very small public parking lot there that accessed the Land Trust's trails, and it was a piece of City property, so should the Council approve this, the City would transfer this property to the Land Trust, and during their construction, they would replace the parking and give them back parking, that their parking was in the wrong location for them to be able to move forward. He said once the construction was finished, the City would be budget neutral in their parking spaces, to allow the public access to those trails.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 25-825)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION.

Items 20.c, 20.e, 20.i, 20.r, and 20.s were held from the consolidation.

Motion for consolidation and adoption of the following items:

Motion by Robinson/Second by Kling/ Unanimously Approved.

Consolidated Items:

Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-842)

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. 25-843)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Family Services Center, Inc., acting as a Community Housing Development Organization, for the use of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds to construct affordable housing at 6204 Olson Street NW.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-846)

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Utility and Drainage Easement for certain property located in Lot 2, Brockway Place Phase 3.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-848)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville-Madison County Rescue Squad.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-849)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No.1 to the contract between the City of Huntsville and Wallace Construction, for the construction of the John Hunt Park street signs at various locations.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-850)

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

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-852)

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Synovus Bank Letter of Credit No. 16531488769, for Spragins Cove Subdivision.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-853)

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to seek forfeiture of the surety bond (Bond No. 7901120117) issued by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-854)

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to seek forfeiture of the surety bond issued by Auto-Owners Insurance Company.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-855)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC, for insurance on a parcel of land at 500 Church Street.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-856)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the plat entitled "Arbours at Moores Mill Lot 1A Boundary Plat."

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-857)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the plat entitled "Huntsville North Village."

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-858)

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

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-859)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute First Amendment to Ground Lease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Clinton Row Partners, LLC.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-862)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the low bidder, Mark Johnson Construction, L.L.C., for Periodic Bid for Sanitary Sewer Operations-2025, Project No. 71-25-SP30.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-863)

Items Not Consolidated.

Resolution No. 25-844, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and International Data Base Corp., d/b/a Bidnet Direct, for the provision of web-based bid solicitation software.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little.

Ms. Penny Smith, Director of Finance, said this was a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with International Data Base, better known as Bidnet. She said Bidnet basically helped them with the solicitation of bids, that they went out and kind of scattered their bids, and helped them retrieve more bidders on the different items they had. She said the cost was a little over $3,000 per year, that it was a three-year contract, and it escalated each year by three percent.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-844)

Resolution No. 25-847, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and low bidder Grayson Carter & Son Contracting, Inc., for Tennessee River Greenway, Phase III, Project No. 71-23-WP04.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little.

Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, said approval of this resolution would authorize construction by Grayson Carter & Son Contracting, to construct 1.5 miles of greenway, and the total contract amount was $1,478,933.88. He said this would complete a missing final link of the Tennessee River Greenway, and once completed, it would provide a 15-mile loop on the west and east sides of South Memorial Parkway.

President Robinson said she had held this because there was a lot of interest in it. She said this was a crucial piece to complete, and everyone would be excited about it, the biking community in particular.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-847)

Resolution No. 25-851, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a License Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville Housing Authority, for property located at 2900 Fairbanks Street, also known as the Cavalry Hill Center.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little.

Mr. John Hamilton, City Administrator, said this was for a lease inside the Cavalry Hill Center to the Huntsville Housing Authority, that it equated to four classrooms in one of the wings that was currently being managed by Parks & Recreation, and they would use the space to deliver a number of wraparound services, et cetera, to the community.

Councilmember Watkins said Antonio McGinnis, the Director of the Huntsville Housing Authority, a couple of years ago wanted to do a program called "Envision," which would provide services such as workforce development, continuing education, health care, financial management, financial literacy, and she said these services were needed so the residents in her district would have a foundation to continue out of public housing. She said, also, Happy Health was coming on and would be offering medical services to all the residents in the community, not being limited to pediatrics; as well as financial literacy, continuing education, and work force development programs in partnership with Drake.

Councilmember Watkins said she wanted to thank the City of Huntsville for allowing them to have this space, because it was much needed in the community.

President Robinson said this had proven to be successful in so many cities, and it was much like the Neighborhood Nursing they had heard about.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-851)

Resolution No. 25-860, authorizing the City of Huntsville to acquire and/or condemn certain parcels of property, easements, and temporary construction easements, for the Swancott Road Improvements Project.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson.

Mr. Davis said in the current year's budget, the Council had approved funding for Swancott Road improvements, and there were two resolutions on the agenda for the same project, that this was Swancott Road widening improvements, essentially from Boeing Boulevard west to Rabbit Lane, and they would soon be bringing before the Council a design contract to pick up from there, to I-565, with a school going in there, to create a loop from County Line Road to the interstate.

Mr. Davis said the road construction would start at County Line Road, working west, and it would be five lanes, and then it would transition, as they got into the residential district, into three lanes. He said this did not mean they would condemn anyone, but it would authorize them to get appraisals for the right-of-way needed, make the offers, and get them acquired so they could start construction, hopefully in the spring of the upcoming year.

Councilmember Meredith asked how long the project would take.

Mr. Davis said Athens Electric would be starting work on some utility relocation within the next 45 days, and that would greatly accelerate construction, so he thought probably 180 days, so he would say in late summer, or about this time in the following year, it should be completed.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-860)

Resolution No. 25-861, authorizing the City of Huntsville to acquire and/or condemn certain parcels of property, easements, and temporary construction easements, for the Boeing Boulevard Extension Project.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little.

Councilmember Meredith said this was the same project, but this was essentially just extending Boeing Boulevard 90 degrees, and this piece would assure that the connection directly to County Line would happen.

Mr. Davis said that was correct.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 25-861)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-864, naming the new Arboretum at John Hunt Park the "Joy McKee Arboretum."

Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-865, concerning a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Fiber Utility Network, Inc., d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network, Inc.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 25-866, annexing 4.65 acres of land lying on the south side of Hwy 72 E and east of Shields Road.

SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

President Robinson said this portion of the meeting was provided for making comments to the City Council relating to City business, whether or not such items were on the meeting agenda. She said each speaker shall state their name, home address, and city of residence for the record, and each speaker could address the Council for three minutes. She said speakers shall use this time to offer opinions, concerns, or ideas about City matters, and Council members shall listen without engaging in dialogue. She said items may either be referred to the City Administrator, or at the request of Council members, be scheduled for discussion in a separate meeting. She asked that individuals be prepared to make their comments by coming to the center microphone when their name was called. She said she would also call the name of the person following, to ensure a smooth transition from speaker to speaker. She said speakers shall refrain from making comments regarding the good name and character of any individual.

Mr. David Snyder addressed the Council, saying his address was listed correctly on the sheet (3816 Bob Wallace Ave.), and having signed up to speak concerning "Derrick St. Access, Black Hist Museum, FOIA Reg., ICE agreement, and 708 - Double Standard."

Ms. Cynthia Davies, 123 Wolf Creek Trail, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ISC Board of Control."

Ms. Kasha Benton, 428 McClung Avenue, SE, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ICE cooperation."

Mr. William Batie, 116 Corrine Drive, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ICE"

Mr. Geoffrey Angle, Sherwood Park, addressed the Council, saying his address was correct on the sheet (516 Seaborn, Hsv), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE, Terrorism against civilians."

Mr. Malcolm Gopher, 1422 McCrary Street, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Racism - Statistics."

Ms. Susan Stewart, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was on the sheet (2027 Cameron Rd., SW.), and having signed up to speak concerning "Immigrant safety."

Ms. Sarah Colletti, Hartselle, addressed the Council, saying her address was listed correctly on the sheet (Lawrence Rd., Hartselle), and having signed up to speak concerning "Constitutionally protected reasons."

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.

President Robinson said a member of the Council shall be elected by the Council to serve as its representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and she said nominations were opened.

Councilmember Kling nominated Councilmember Michelle Watkins.

President Robinson asked if there were any other nominations, and she said hearing none, nominations were closed.

President Robinson called for a roll-call vote on Councilmember Michelle Watkins to serve as the Council's representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Roll-Call Vote:

AYES: Meredith, Kling, Little, Watkins, Robinson

NAYS: None

President Robinson said Councilmember Watkins would serve as the Council's representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

President Robinson said a member of the Council shall be elected by the Council to serve as its representative to the City of Huntsville Planning Commission, and she said nominations were opened.

Councilmember Kling nominated Councilmember John Meredith.

President Robinson asked if there were any other nominations, and she said hearing none, nominations were closed.

President Robinson called for a roll-call vote on Councilmember John Meredith to serve as the Council's representative to the City of Huntsville Planning Commission.

Roll-Call Vote:

AYES: Meredith, Kling, Little, Watkins, Robinson

NAYS: None

President Robinson said Councilmember Meredith would serve as the Council's representative to the City of Huntsville Planning Commission.

President Robinson said a member of the Council shall be elected by the Council to serve as its representative to the Research Park Board, and she said nominations were opened.

Councilmember Kling nominated Councilmember David Little.

President Robinson asked if there were any other nominations, and she said hearing none, nominations were closed.

President Robinson called for the vote on Councilmember David Little to serve as the Council's representative to the Research Park Board.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

AYES: **Meredith, Kling, Little, Watkins, Robinson**

NAYS: **None**

President Robinson said Councilmember Little would serve as the Council's representative to the Research Park Board.

President Robinson said a member of the Council shall be elected by the Council to serve as its representative to the Historic Preservation Commission, and she said nominations were opened.

Councilmember Little nominated Councilmember Bill Kling.

President Robinson asked if there were any other nominations, and she said hearing none, nominations were closed.

President Robinson called for the vote on Councilmember Bill Kling to serve as the Council's representative to the Historic Preservation Commission.

ROLL-CALL VOTE:

AYES: **Kling, Little, Watkins, Robinson**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTAIN: **Meredith**

President Robinson said Councilmember Kling would serve as the Council's representative to the Historic Preservation Commission.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments.

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

Councilmember David Little

Community Action Partnership Huntsville/Madison & Limestone Counties, Inc.

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

City of Huntsville Insurance Committee.

Councilmember John Meredith

Councilmember Bill Kling

Advisory Commission on Accessibility.

Councilmember David Little

Chairperson of the Finance Committee and one (1) other member of the Council as Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Councilmember John Meredith, Chairperson

Councilmember Michelle Watkins, Vice Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

(Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on October 23, 2025.)