

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

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Thursday, January 9, 2025

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

### CALL TO ORDER

#### 1. INVOCATION

A moment of silence was observed.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Councilmember Bill Kling

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Agenda as submitted, 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

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

##### a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 19, 2024. (Minutes Received)

**Sponsors:** City Clerk

This item was approved as submitted.

#### 5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

##### a. Presentation of Life Saving Medal.

Mayor Battle and Chief Giles presented the medal to Officer Jason Tony.

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

**Special Recognitions**

**Resolutions for Approval and Presentation**

**Resolutions for Approval Only**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a.** Presentation from Weeden House.

**Sponsors:** Finance

Beth Hamilton presented.

- b.** Presentation from 100 Black Men.

**Sponsors:** Finance

This presentation will be rescheduled.

**8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE****9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD**

- a.** Public Hearing on authorizing the demolition of an unsafe building constituting a public nuisance located at 6032 Normal Heights Cir. aka 5203 Normal Heights Cir. NW, Huntsville, AL.; and consideration of a Resolution pertaining to the same.

Resolution No. 25-01

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Attachments:** [Res. Complete 6032 Normal Hght Cir PNS..pdf](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

- b.** Public Hearing on authorizing Community Development to assess the cost of cutting overgrown grass and/or weeds against certain properties; and consideration of a Resolution pertaining to the same.

Resolution No. 25-02

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Attachments:** [01.09.25 grass 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET**

- a.** Resolution to set a public hearing on the zoning of 25.08 acres of land lying on the north of Bibb Garrett Rd. and east of I-65 to Commercial Industrial Park District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set February 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 25-03

Ordinance No. 25-04

**Sponsors:** Planning

**Attachments:** [BibbGarrett\\_Zoning\\_Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for February 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

- b.** Resolution to set a Public Hearing for Wilcot Entertainment d/b/a Mobile Mayhem Tours, LLC., for the operation of one special shuttle bus. (Set January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 25-05

**Sponsors:** Parking/Public Transit

**Attachments:** [WILCOT PACKET.pdf](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

- c. Resolution to set a Public Hearing for White Executive Concierge, LLC., for the operation of one special shuttle bus. (Set January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)  
Resolution No. 25-06

**Sponsors:** Parking/Public Transit

**Attachments:** [WHITE EXEC PKG.pdf](#)

- Councilmember Kling requested clarification on what a "special shuttle bus" was to be used for.
- Mr. White, with White Executive Concierge LLC, addressed the council to answer Councilmember Klings question.

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for January 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, 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:** Kling, Meredith, Robinson, Little, and Watkins

**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):

Joy Johnson spoke to "item 20i"

Dr. Marissa Allison spoke to "item 16a"

## **12. MAYOR COMMENTS**

- Winter Weather update
- Item 20i - Appointment of Dr. Randy Barbour to DEI.

## **13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember David Little

- Thanked the departments in the city that are working the winter weather event.

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

- Judging of Spelling Bee at Mountain Gap Elementary.
- Site visit at Hays Farm.
- Renaming of DEI department to Multicultural Affairs.
- Thanked the Felkners for the King Cake.

Councilmember Michelle Watkins

- Thanked the agencies working the winter weather event.
- Huntsville High Classic
- Attended A&M announcement for new coach, Sam Shade.
- Recreational sports in District 1.
- 2/18 at 6 pm at Shurney Center - 100 Days update for District 1.

Councilmember Bill Kling

- Thanked the departments in the city that are working the winter weather event.
- Reported passing of Pearlie Stanford.
- Announced town hall on 2/18 at the Huntsville Public Library.
- Resurfacing of streets.

Councilmember John Meredith

- Thanked John Fisher, Director of Huntsville Animal Services, for attending his forum earlier in this month.
- Next town hall on January 21st at 6 pm in the AV Room at Providence Elementary School.
- Gave an update on equipment for winter weather event.
- 256-722-7100 - Police non-emergency number
- Warming Centers - Provided information for all available centers.

#### **14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a.** Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.  
Resolution No. 25-07

**Sponsors:** Finance Committee

**Attachments:** [Expenditures - Complete](#)

Councilmember Watkins moved to approve the Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by President Meredith. 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

- b.** Ordinance approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 4 Council Improvement Funds.  
Ordinance No. 25-08

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [District 4 Council Improvement Complete](#)

Councilmember Kling 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

**15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON**

- a.** Resolution to appoint Chad Ayres to the Land Trust of North Alabama to the seat previously held by Katie Beasley for a two (2) year term to expire December 31, 2026. (Nominated December 19, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)  
Resolution No. 24-962

**Sponsors:** Meredith

**Attachments:** [Ayres.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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

**16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS**

Councilmember Kling made a nomination from the floor.

Nomination to appoint Tom Anderson to the Alabama Constitution Village and Historic Huntsville Depot Board, Place 6, to fill the seat previously held by Terrance Vickerstaff for a three (3) year term to expire June 26, 2027.

- a.** Nomination to reappoint Kevin Gray to the Huntsville Public Library Board to his current seat for a four (4) year term to expire February 10, 2029.  
Resolution No. 25-09

**Sponsors:** Little

**Attachments:** [Gray Reappointment Library.pdf](#)

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 1/23/2025.

- b.** Nomination to appoint James Wacenske to the Alabama Constitution Village and Historic Huntsville Depot Board, Place 5, to fill the seat previously held by Teneshia Daniels for a three (3) year term to expire June 26, 2027.  
Resolution No. 25-10

**Sponsors:** Kling

**Attachments:** [Wacenske Constitution Village Appointment.pdf](#)

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 1/23/2025.

**17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS**

**18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS**

**Vacation of Easements**

- a. Ordinance authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 1 of Vista Phase II Subdivision also known as Park Place.  
Ordinance No. 25-11

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Park Place Eas Vac Complete.pdf](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by President Meredith. 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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

**Vacation of Rights-of-Way****Deeds of Acceptance****19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION**

- a. Ordinance declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction. (Introduced December 19, 2024, Regular Council Meeting)  
Ordinance No. 24-994

**Sponsors:** Fleet Department

**Attachments:** [Feb2025Auction.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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

- b. Ordinance amending Article IV, Division 2, Procurement of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville to increase FTA procurement thresholds and amend mandatory procurement standards. (Introduced December 19, 2024, Regular Council Meeting) Ordinance No.24-995

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [Ordinance to FTA Procurement Guidelines - Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson requested an explanation of this item. Penny Smith, Director of Finance, addressed the Council to answer Councilmember Robinsons' question.

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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

## 20. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

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

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, Little, and Watkins

**Nay:** None

- a. Resolution authorizing travel expenses.  
Resolution No. 25-12

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [Travel Resolution Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- b. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations.  
Resolution No. 25-13

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [Donations Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.



- c. Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 24-700, by changing appropriate funding for various departments and funds.  
Ordinance No. 25-14

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [Budget Amendment Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- d. 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. 25-15

**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [Resolution Procurement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ella M. Ford for Lots 58 and 59 of the Tate Lowry Subdivision.  
Resolution No. 25-16

**Sponsors:** Urban Development

**Attachments:** [Ford PSA Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Preliminary Engineering and Construction Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Alabama Department of Transportation for Caldwell Lane and Big Cove Creek Greenway Extension, Project No. 71-25-WP01 & ALDOT Project No. TAPHV-TA25(934).  
Resolution No. 25-17

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [ALDOT Agreement Caldwell Ln & Big Cove Greenway complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Modification No. 2 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville and REV Construction, Inc. for Periodic Bid for Sanitary Sewer Projects-2023, Project No. 71-23-SS01.  
Resolution No. 25-18

**Sponsors:** Water Pollution

**Attachments:** [REV Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- h. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and RCLCO to provide the Updated Housing Market Analysis for Mill Creek, Huntsville, Alabama.  
Resolution No. 25-19

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Attachments:** [RCLCO Mod 1 Agreement Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- i. Resolution to appoint a Department Head to a certain position to serve with the Mayor's term of office.  
Resolution No. 25-20

**Sponsors:** Administration

**Attachments:** [Dept Head Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- j. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Addendum 1 to Master Services Agreement No. 29149 between the City of Huntsville and MCCi, LLC., to provide the destruction of physical documents that have been scanned through the Scanning Regular and Large Format - City-wide Initiative.  
Resolution No. 25-21

**Sponsors:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Mcci.Addendum1.shred.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- k. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Clarion Events, Inc.  
Resolution No. 25-22

**Sponsors:** Fire and Rescue

**Attachments:** [COMPLETE Clarion Events.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- l. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke ServisFirst Bank Letter of Credit No. 27549 for Legacy Preserve Subdivision.  
Resolution No. 25-23

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Legacy Preserve LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- m. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke First National Bank Letter of Credit No. 531130600 for Retreat at Abbingdon Phase 2 Subdivision.  
Resolution No. 25-24

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Retreat LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- n. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke First Horizon Bank Letter of Credit No. S223236 for Tunlaw Ridge Phase 1 Subdivision.  
Resolution No. 25-25

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Tunlaw Ridge LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- o. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Southern States Bank Letter of Credit No. 510027204 for Crown Creek Village Phase 2 Subdivision.  
Resolution No. 25-26

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Crown Creek LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- p. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke CB&S Bank Letter of Credit No. 555868 for Anslee Farms Phase XI Subdivision.  
Resolution No. 25-27

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Ansee LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- q. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Anthony Scott v. Cody Starnes, City of Huntsville, et al., Case No. 47-CV-2023-901544 in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama.  
Resolution No. 25-28

**Sponsors:** Legal

**Attachments:** [Anthony Story Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- r. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Paul Butler Presentations.  
Resolution No. 25-29

**Sponsors:** Police

**Attachments:** [Complete File- 2025](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- s. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and LaRissa Schroeder.  
Resolution No. 25-30

**Sponsors:** Water Pollution

**Attachments:** [Schroeder Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

## 21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain equipment as surplus and no longer needed for municipal use.  
Ordinance No. 25-31

**Sponsors:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [City Clerk Surplus Complete.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 1/23/2025.

- b. Introduction of an Ordinance declaring certain property surplus and no longer needed for public or municipal purpose.  
Ordinance No. 25-32

**Sponsors:** Natural Resources

**Attachments:** [Complete File.pdf](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 1/23/2025.

- c. Introduction of an ordinance annexing 6.11 acres of land lying on the north side of US Hwy 72 W and east of Promenade Point Pky NW.  
Ordinance No. 25-33

**Sponsors:** Planning

**Attachments:** [Buchanan Annexation Complete](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 1/23/2025.

- d. Introduction of an ordinance annexing 394.93 acres of land lying on the south side of AL Hwy 20 and east of I-65.  
Ordinance No. 25-34

**Sponsors:** Planning

**Attachments:** [Westmoore Landing Annexation Complete](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 1/23/2025.

## **22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Speaker(s):

Sarah Colletti spoke to "discretion"

James Wacenske spoke to "nomination consideration"

Joy Johnson spoke to "Palestine"

Timothy Metzger spoke to "neighbors parking on grass"

## **23. ADJOURNMENT**

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