

David Little, President
Jennie Robinson, Councilmember
Bill Kling, Councilmember
Devyn Keith, Councilmember
John Meredith, Councilmember



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

Thursday, May 9, 2024

5:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

CALL TO ORDER

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Moment of Silence

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Devyn Keith

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Little moved to amend the Agenda by adding item 20y, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Meredith. President Little asked if there was any discussion. President Little called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

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

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

Sponsors: City Clerk

The above item is approved as submitted

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

6. COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Special Recognitions

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation

- a. Resolution recognizing May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month.
Resolution No. 24-317

Sponsors: Kling

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

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

Resolutions for Approval Only**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Presentation of Hatch Huntsville.

Sponsors: Finance

Garrett Coyne presented.

- b. Presentation from the Food Bank of North Alabama.

Sponsors: Meredith

Shirley Schofield presented.

8. MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**9. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD****10. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET**

- a. Resolution to set a public hearing on the rezoning of 25.04 acres of land lying on the west side of Pulaski Pike and north of Carters Gin Road from Residence 1 District to Industrial Park District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set June 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-318
Ordinance No. 24-319

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [PulaskiPike_Rezoning_Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for June 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Meredith. President Little asked if there was any discussion. President Little called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- b.** Resolution to set a public hearing on the rezoning of 13.75 acres of land lying on the west side of Jordan Lane and east of Sportsman Lane from Light Industry District to Highway Business C-4 District; and the introduction of an Ordinance pertaining to the same. (Set June 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Resolution No. 24-320
Ordinance No. 24-321

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [JordanLane Rezoning Complete](#)

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the Resolution to set the public hearing for June 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Meredith. President Little asked if there was any discussion. President Little called for a roll-call vote on the above motion, and the following vote resulted:

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

11. AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to the specific content of items on the meeting agenda. You may sign up to speak on the Public Comments Roster prior to the meeting. When called, approach the microphone and state your name, home address and city of residence. Each speaker may address the Council for three minutes. Speakers shall refrain from entering into a dialogue with Council Members or City staff and from making comments regarding the good name and character of any individual.

Speaker(s): Cecilia Taddia, Shelly Vaughn, Dr. Leslie Pollard, Mike Prestnell, Kezia Daniels, Brenda Bryson, Beverly Chisholm, Marian Royston

12. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Battle announced the re-appointment of Shaun Gonzalez for Constitution Village in Huntsville Depot Board for a three (3) year term to expire June 23, 2027.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Devyn Keith

Councilmember John Meredith

Councilmember Jennie Robinson

Councilmember Bill Kling

Councilmember David Little

Ambrose Brown - 1st officer of Trail Life Troop spoke.

14. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Resolution authorizing expenditures for payment.
Resolution No. 24-322

Sponsors: Finance Committee

Attachments: [Expenditures - Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- b. Mid-Year Budget Review

Sponsors: Finance

Director of Finance, Penny Smith, gave the report.

15. BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON**16. BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS**

- a. Nomination to reappoint Jerry Cargile to the Huntsville-Madison County Railroad Authority, Joint Place 4 (his current seat), for a five (5) year term to expire May 22, 2029.

Sponsors: Little

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 5/23/2024.

- b. Nomination to reappoint Tammyier Leeth to the Historical Preservation Authority of the City of Huntsville to her current seat for a six (6) year term to expire June 3, 2030.

Sponsors: Meredith

The above item is referred as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 5/23/2024.

17. HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES ITEMS**18. LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS**

Vacation of Easements

Vacation of Rights-of-Way

Deeds of Acceptance

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a. Ordinance amending Article IV, Division 2, Procurement, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville to increase small dollar threshold to \$10,000.
(Introduced April 25, 2024 Regular Council Meeting)
Ordinance No. 24-316

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Small Dollar Threshold Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

20. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

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

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

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- a. Resolution authorizing travel expenses.
Resolution No. 24-323

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Travel Resolution Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- b. Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 23-762, by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds.
Ordinance No. 24-324

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Complete](#)

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

Aye: Little, Robinson, Kling, Meredith, and Keith

Nay: None

- c. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Standard Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Amiri Engineering Corp., for the engineering services of the Huntsville Iceplex Sports Center expansion.
Resolution No. 24-325

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Huntsville Iceplex Sports Center - Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- d. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final to the Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Lee Builders, Inc., for the John Hunt Park Raymond W. Jones Community Center.
Resolution No. 24-326

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Change Order No. 1 Lee Builders Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- e. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 and Final to the Fixed Price Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Lambert Contracting LLC for the Sandra Moon Complex Phase 3.
Resolution No. 24-327

Sponsors: General Services

Attachments: [Lambert - Sandra Moon - Phase 3 - Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- f. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntsville and Stanard & Associates, Inc.
Resolution No. 24-328

Sponsors: Fire and Rescue

Attachments: [Complete Stanard Agreement - Captain 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- g. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 to Addendum No. 3 to Master Services Agreement No. 29149 between the City of Huntsville and MCCi, LLC, in order to add the cost for configuring City of Huntsville authentication method for single sign-on in the Laserfiche system.
Resolution No. 24-329

Sponsors: ITS

Attachments: [MCCI Laserfiche Change Order 2 Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- h. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and West Publishing Corporation.
Resolution No. 24-330

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [West Publishing Complete 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- i. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Assignment and Assumption Agreement and Landlord Consent among the City of Huntsville, FRC of Alabama, LLC, d/b/a Focus Radio Communications, and Southern Broadcasting, LLC.
Resolution No. 24-331

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Focus Radio Communications complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- j. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to seek a forfeiture of the surety bond issued by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America.
Resolution No. 24-332

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Travelers Surety Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- k. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to seek a forfeiture of the surety bond issued by Western Surety Company.
Resolution No. 24-333

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Western Surety Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- l. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the personal injury and property damage claim of Pooja Sharma, Escher Sharma, and Vivaan Sharma (Claim FY22-103).
Resolution No. 24-334

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Sharma Resolution Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- m. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Quentin Mitchell Taylor arising out of the death of Bobby Ray Green.
Resolution No. 24-335

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Green Workers Comp Settlement Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- n. Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Cameron Beatty.
Resolution No. 24-336

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Beatty Resolution Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- o. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Cadence Bank Letter of Credit No. 98200004647079 (originally known as 4647079) for Grande Highlands Estates Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-337

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Grande Highlands LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- p. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Bryant Bank Letter of Credit No. 1383 for Forest at Hays Farm Phase 1 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-338

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Forest LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- q. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke North Alabama Bank Letter of Credit No. 456 for Morningside Mountain Phase 4 Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-339

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Morningside LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- r. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke SouthState Bank Letter of Credit No. 2630976351 for Town Madison South Subdivision.
Resolution No. 24-340

Sponsors: Legal

Attachments: [Town Madison LOC Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- s. Resolution to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Huntsville to apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, FY 2024, Air Programs Grant in an amount up to \$125,000.
Resolution No. 24-341

Sponsors: Natural Resources

Attachments: [Air Grant Application - Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- t. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Addendum to the Service Agreement between the City of Huntsville and CivicPlus, to include additional costs for Recurring Service Recreation Management GIS Integration and Custom System Development Fees.
Resolution No. 24-342

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [CivicPlus Addendum 5-9-24 Complete Packet.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- u. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 2 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville and HDR Engineering, Inc., as adopted and approved Pursuant to Resolution No. 22-831 of the City Council of the City of Huntsville.
Resolution No. 24-343

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [HDR Modification 2 Complete.pdf](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- v. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning & Demonstration grant funding.
Resolution No. 24-344

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [USDOT SS4A FY24 Grant App. - COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- w. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation grant funding.
Resolution No. 24-345

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [USDOT SS4A FY24 Imp. Grant App. - COMPLETE](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- x. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Conchitia Williams.
Resolution No. 24-346

Sponsors: Police

Attachments: [Complete File- 2024](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

- y. Resolution authorizing and approving the Administration to fund the cost of a reception for attendees of the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention.
Resolution No. 24-349

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [League of Municipalities Reception - Complete](#)

This New Business for Consideration or Action was approved.

21. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION

- a. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance
Ordinance No. 24-347

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Amend Classification and Salary Plan - Complete](#)

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 5/23/2024.

- b. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 23-762 to modify the authorized strength of the departments
Ordinance No. 24-348

Sponsors: Human Resources

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

The above item is introduced as submitted to the City Council Regular Meeting due back on 5/23/2024.

22. SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Speaker(s): Abbey Rothseldt, Tonia Stulting, Wendy Tarkowski, Austin Jones, Nathaniel Yao, Caroline Earhart, Joy Johnson, Rachel Homolak, Allen Prescott

23. ADJOURNMENT

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