

HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting - February 12, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall
Huntsville, Alabama

Members Present:	Dr. Jennie Robinson 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 Public Safety Chaplain Nancy Smith; Ms. Ollye Conley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

President Robinson said item 20.m had been deleted from the agenda at the request of the sponsor, and that Councilmember Kling had asked that item 14.c be taken out of order, and with the Council's approval, it would be considered after item 6.c.

The agenda was approved as corrected.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

President Robinson said the Council members had been provided copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held on January 22, 2026, and she asked if there were any changes or additions.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS.

Presentation of Life-Saving Medals.

Chief Kirk Giles said on December 5, 2025, **Sgt. William Cunningham, Officer Douglas Morris, and Officer Kristin Miller** had rescued a man from a creek swollen from recent heavy rains, where the water was cold and moving very swiftly, that all three of them, without hesitation, had entered the water and carried him out, and then transferred him to emergency personnel, who had said that without that immediate intervention, the man would have likely not survived.

Chief Giles thanked them for their commitment to the community and presented the Life-Saving Medals.

Mayor Battle thanked them for what they did on a daily basis to make the community safer.

COUNCIL: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions for Approval and Presentation.

Resolution No. 26-91, honoring Black Business Owners throughout Huntsville in Recognition of Black History Month.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-91)

Councilmember Watkins asked the members of Invest Northwest, North Huntsville's business association, to come forward, noting they were going to accept this resolution on behalf of the African American business owners.

Councilmember Watkins read from the resolution, recognizing the significant contributions of Black business owners in strengthening the economy and social and cultural fabric of the city of Huntsville, demonstrating extraordinary resilience, innovation, and leadership in establishing and sustaining businesses that provided essential services, created employment opportunities, and contributed to the vitality

and growth of the local economy.

Councilmember Watkins said in celebration of Black History Month, the City of Huntsville was recognizing these Black-owned businesses in the city, and she presented the resolution.

Resolution No. 26-92, in honor of Heart Health Month 2026.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-92)

President Robinson said the resolution would be presented at a later date.

Resolution No. 26-93, honoring Jazz McKenzie for her exceptional talent and outstanding achievements.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-93)

(A video was shown of some of Ms. McKenzie's performances, including competing in The Voice, to the final round.)

Councilmember Watkins said Ms. McKenzie was a superstar, and they wanted to celebrate her. She read from the resolution, enumerating Ms. McKenzie's outstanding achievements, bringing distinction and honor to the city of Huntsville and serving as an inspiration to the community.

Councilmember Watkins, President Robinson, and Mayor Battle presented the resolution to Ms. McKenzie.

President Robinson said item 14.c on the agenda would be considered out of order at this time, at the request of the sponsor, Councilmember Kling.

Ordinance No. 26-104, 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 the

Huntsville High School Principal's Books account.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-104)

Councilmember Kling made the presentation to a representative of Huntsville High School, noting that everything they did was appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

President Robinson recognized the Scouts in the audience.

President Robinson said the Council would be holding a Huntsville Utilities Energy Task Force Work Session on February 27, at 11 a.m.

President Robinson said there had been complaints concerning recycling pickup, and she said the Solid Waste Disposal Authority was partnering with the City of Huntsville and Madison County for collections on the upcoming Friday, and the Authority had sent a statement thanking them for their assistance in getting them back on their regular schedule and apologizing for any inconvenience caused by the delay in pickups.

MATTERS WITH OUTSIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Council decision on Personnel Hearing for Scott Hartman (Huntsville Police Department), held on 02/06/2026.

Motion to uphold the decision of the Department head.

Motion by Little/Second by Kling.

Roll-Call Vote:

AYES: Kling, Little, Robinson

ABSTAIN: Meredith, Watkins

Motion Passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET.

Resolution No. 26-94, setting a public hearing at the February 26, 2026,

Regular Council Meeting to declare a public nuisance located at 3607 Princess St. NW, Huntsville, AL, and to set the date for when objections will be heard.

Motion by Little/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-94)

Resolution No. 26-95, setting a public hearing at the February 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to declare a public nuisance located at 4906 Clardy Rd. NW, Huntsville, AL, and to set the date for when objections will be heard.

Motion by Little/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-95)

Resolution No. 26-96, setting a public hearing for Raj Kumar, d/b/a AAAA Car Service, for the operation of two (2) luxury vehicles, at the **February 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.**

Motion by Little/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-96)

Resolution No. 26-97, setting a public hearing for Anthony Fisher, d/b/a Southern Comfort Luxury Transportation, LLC., for the operation of one (1) luxury vehicle, at the **February 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.**

Motion by Little/Second by Watkins/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-97)

Resolution No. 26-98, setting a public hearing on the zoning of 1.41 acres of land lying south of Sutton Road and west of Woodside Drive to Residence 1-A District, at the **March 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.**

Motion by Little/Second by Kling/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-98)

Introduction of Ordinance No. 26-99, zoning 1.41 acres of land lying south of Sutton Road and west of Woodside Drive to Residence 1-A District.

Resolution No. 26-100, setting a public hearing on the rezoning of 1.15 acres of land lying west of Bell Road and south of Belle Park Lane from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District, at the **March 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting**.

Motion by Little/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-100)

Introduction of Ordinance No. 26-101, rezoning 1.15 acres of land lying west of Bell Road and south of Belle Park Lane from Residence 1-B District to Residence 2 District.

AGENDA RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS.

President Robinson said this portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to the specific content of items on the meeting agenda. She said persons could sign up to speak on the public comments roster prior to the meeting, and when a speaker was called, they should approach the microphone and state their name, home address, and city of residence. She said each speaker could address the Council for three minutes, and that speakers should refrain from entering into dialogue with Council members or City staff, and from making comments regarding the good name and character of any individual.

Mr. Steve Wright, 4600 Sam Drive, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Impound Contract."

Mr. Daniel Bradford, 4651 Sam Drive, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Impound Contract."

MAYOR COMMENTS.

Mayor Battle made the following reappointments:

Kimberly Tibbs to the Huntsville Music Board, for a two-year term to expire February 9, 2028.

Jim Page to the Huntsville Music Board, for a two-year term to expire February 9, 2028.

Daniel Davis to the Huntsville Music Board, for a two-year term to expire February 9, 2028.

Kelvin Wooten to the Huntsville Music Board, for a two-year term to expire February 9, 2028.

Mayor Battle said the Mardi Gras parade would be held on the upcoming Saturday, February 14, at 2:30 p.m., and he said people should be aware that some of the roads downtown would be closed at that time.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.

Councilmember Meredith acknowledged the death of a local hero, Microwave Dave, and he said he had meant a lot to most folks in the city, and he would certainly be missed.

Councilmember Meredith said it was Black History Month, and he wanted everyone to learn as much as they could about Black history.

Councilmember Meredith said a sign was needed at the West Huntsville Recreation Center, noting that at this time, people were confused as to where the entrance was, and there should be further directions.

Councilmember Watkins thanked Arts Huntsville, Fantasy Playhouse, and the Alabama A&M University Theater Department for presenting "Anansi the Spider" recently at the Cavalry Hill Theater, and she said it was well attended and the kids had a lot of fun.

Councilmember Watkins thanked Matt Mandrella, the Music Director for the City, for having the Oakwood Choir, the Alabama A&M Choir, and the Lee choir at the Cavalry Hill Theater, and she said it was an outstanding performance.

Councilmember Watkins said Ms. Ollye Conley and Mr. William Hampton had

given a Black History program on the 6th floor of City Hall, and there was standing room only, and she said people could view the display on the 6th floor.

Councilmember Watkins said on the following Thursday, she would be holding a Town Hall at 5:30 p.m., at the House of Hope and Restoration.

Councilmember Watkins said on Saturday, February 21, at 10 a.m., she would hold a District Drop In, where people could talk to her one-on-one about their issues and concerns.

Councilmember Kling asked that the record reflect the passing of some fine citizens in the community. He said Betty Jo Cunningham had passed away the past week, after a lengthy illness, and she would be greatly missed. He said he would also join Councilmember Meredith in mentioning Microwave Dave, noting that he knew him back from his news days, and he was a great person and a local institution. He said former Representative Howard Sanderford had also passed away, noting that he had served Huntsville-Madison County for many years in the Legislature and was highly respected; and he said former City employee Janice Fowler had also passed away, and she was a great person whom it had been his pleasure to know.

Councilmember Kling said he would be holding a Town Hall on the following Monday evening at 6 p.m., at the library, and he invited everyone to attend.

Councilmember Kling said he had recently attended The Schools Foundation's Teacher of the Year recognition dinner, and it was a great event, recognizing the excellence of outstanding teachers of the Huntsville School System, as well as the City of Madison and Madison County.

Councilmember Kling said they had received some crime statistics from Chief Giles recently, and it was interesting that the bigger Huntsville got, the better the crime rate was, that even though the city had grown in population by 20 percent, there were decreases in numerous crime categories, including violent crimes and

breaking and entering.

Councilmember Kling said he had received concerns and complaints by residents in Sherwood Park and the western portion of Chadwell Road, about noise coming from Alabama Highway 255/Rideout Road for Sherwood Park and Memorial Parkway for Chadwell, and he said they were trying to get the State Highway Department to look at these two areas to determine if there was any noise abatement that could be done.

Councilmember Kling commended Ms. Ollye Conley for the great event on the 6th floor of City Hall, and he urged everyone to come and see the artifacts that were still on display.

Councilmember Little said Microwave Dave was certainly going to be missed in the community, and a lot of people had reached out about ways to honor him, and he knew they would be ready to do that when the time was appropriate.

Councilmember Little said he would like to yield the rest of his time to the Scouts, if they would like to come to the microphone and identify themselves and tell why they were at the meeting.

The Scouts identified themselves as follows:

Memphis, Pack 156, Legacy Elementary.

Randy Mayo, Pack 156, Legacy Elementary.

Gabriel Daniels, Pack 156, Blossomwood Elementary.

Christopher Green, Pack 156, Valley Fellowship Christian Academy.

Mr. Carl Johnson said he was the CubMaster for Pack 156, and he said they were always recruiting, so if someone knew a young man or young lady who wanted to challenge themselves, to contact him. He said they were present at this meeting to see how City government worked.

President Robinson said she and Dr. Randy Barbour had recently spoken to

the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council about City government, and she said after meeting with these youth, she felt very positive about their future, that they were going to be great leaders.

President Robinson said she had done a walk-through at the Sandra Moon Community Center, which should be completed in the summer, and the work that was being done there was outstanding. She said she looked forward to reviewing this at a Town Hall on February 17, at 6 p.m., in the Moon Arts Wing of the Center.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Resolution No. 26-102, authorizing expenditures for payment in the amount of \$42,032,402.89.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Robinson/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-102)

Report from Penny Smith, Finance Director.

(Ms. Smith made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Ms. Smith said this would be an update on some upcoming debt issuances of the City, in regard to ongoing projects, both planned and budgeted, within the Capital Projects Funds, and a School issuance.

Ms. Smith said the issuance would have four different series, that there would be two series, Series A and B, that were considered new money, with one being for Parks & Rec, coming out of the 1990 Capital Projects Funds, in a total amount of approximately \$78 million to be procured in principal. She said a reimbursement resolution had been passed in regard to these projects in July of 2025, and they had been working on this project. She said this was a model they liked to use in the City, noting that in that way, they would not overborrow for the different projects.

Ms. Smith said the 2026-B was the tax-exempt borrowing for the schools, that this was what she called the first installment of the Huntsville City Schools Facilities

Projects. She said she believed the larger plan would be presented to the Council by Dr. Sutton at a later Council meeting. She said this was for the schools that were both new and under renovation, and the total amount would be \$75 million. She said this was pursuant to a reimbursement resolution that was passed by the Council in October of 2024, so those projects were ongoing as well.

Ms. Smith said there were also two refundings. She said this was refinancing, like one would refinance their mortgage for a cheaper payment, that they did the same thing with their issuances. She said for the City, they would be refunding Series 2016-A, which was savings only on interest payment, that they did not change the maturities or the timing of the borrow. She said the total amount of this was approximately \$21 million, and the net present value savings was \$2.7 million, and the actual savings, over a 10-year period, was \$3.5 million.

Ms. Smith said for the School System, 2026-D would be for Series 2014-C and 2016-B borrowings, with, again, savings on interest payment. She said the total borrowing was approximately \$39 million in principal, and the net present value savings was approximately \$4 million, and the actual savings, over 10 years, was approximately \$5 million.

Ms. Smith said on this date, they had issued the preliminary Official Statement and the Final Rating packet that had gone to Moody's and Standard and Poor's, and they would have the rating calls with them on Tuesday of the upcoming week, and after that, they would distribute the Final POS that would go out to the investors, and they would receive the ratings back from Moody's and Standard and Poor's, and they did not expect anything less than the AAA rating the City had had in their offerings.

Ms. Smith said they would post that for investors, and they would start looking at it, and on March 12, they would be in the markets for this sale, and the investors would bid, or put forth their offers, and they would bring that before the Council at

the Regular Meeting of the Council on March 12, and she said this would require unanimous consent so they could post them back to the investors.

Councilmember Meredith thanked Ms. Smith for letting the Council know in advance about the need for unanimous consent.

President Robinson said there would be a presentation from Dr. Clarence Sutton, Superintendent of Huntsville City Schools, on the School System Capital Plan at the next Regular Council Meeting

Ordinance No. 26-103, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 2 Council Improvement Funds.

Motion by Little/Second by Meredith.

Councilmember Little said this was a \$5,000 appropriation to Huntsville City Schools, to provide funding for students from the Academy for Science and Foreign Language Middle Schools Future City Team to attend a national competition in Washington, D.C.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-103)

(Item 14.c was considered out of order earlier in this meeting.)

Ordinance No. 26-105, approving appropriations, goods, or services for District 5 Council Improvement Funds.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little.

Councilmember Meredith said these appropriations were as follows: \$7,000 to Global Ties Alabama, to provide funding for the Meet the New South program for local university students; and \$5,000 to ShowerUp, to provide funding to operate mobile shower and laundry trailers for the unsheltered in the city.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-105)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO BE VOTED ON.

Resolution No. 26-46, appointing Sue Alexander to the Huntsville Beautification Board, Place 10, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Ethan Walker-Jones, for the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire September 30, 2028.

Motion by Kling/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-46)

BOARD APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS.

Nomination to appoint Deputy Chief Michael Johnson to the Alternative Sentencing and Release Commission, due to the resignation of Rex Reynolds, for the remainder of the vacant term. (Robinson)

Nomination to appoint Brandon Tucker to the Huntsville-Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Ernest Young, for the remainder of a four (4) year term to expire April 12, 2028. (Robinson)

LEGAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS/TRANSACTIONS.

Vacation of Easements.

Ordinance No. 26-107, authorizing the vacation of a portion of a Utility and Drainage Easement between Lots 3 & 4, Richland Park Subdivision. (Price)

Motion by Little/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-107)

Ordinance No. 26-108, authorizing the vacation of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 18 of Monte Sano Cove, Phase 2 Subdivision. (Prishtina)

Motion by Little/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-108)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION.

Ordinance No. 26-87, naming the new Arboretum at John Hunt Park the “Joy McKee Arboretum,” which ordinance was introduced at the January 22, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling.

Mr. John Hamilton, City Administrator, said this was for the naming of the Arboretum that was currently under construction in honor of Joy McKee, recognizing her service to the community. He said part of the discussion concerning the Master Plan for John Hunt Park was specifically concerning the streets and other venues in the park that needed to be named, and they wanted to recognize people, either elected officials or citizens in some sort of civic service, who had a direct tie to the public uses and the development of that property.

Mr. Hamilton said Joy McKee had been the Department head for Landscape Management, and she was instrumental in the creation of the Green Team and for much of the work being done in the community for environmental purposes and beautification. He continued that in turning an old airport into a park, she had led the effort for reforestation, noting that parks loved trees, and a big part of turning an airport into a park was reforestation.

Councilmember Watkins said she would be abstaining on this vote, but this had nothing to do with Ms. McKee's character or her contributions to the city. She said she did not believe anything should be named after living individuals, that that was her belief personally, and because of that, she would abstain from this vote.

Roll-Call Vote:

AYES: Meredith, Kling, Little, Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Watkins

Motion Passed.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-87)

Ordinance No. 26-88, amending Section 18 of Ordinance No. 04-315 (Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual), which ordinance was introduced at the January 22, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Little/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-88)

Ordinance No. 26-89, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement by and between the Limestone County Commission and the City Council of the City of Huntsville, for the acquisition of certain properties related to the Boeing Boulevard Extension Project, which ordinance was introduced at the January 22, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little.

Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, said Ordinance No. 26-89 and Ordinance No. 26-90 were related to road improvement projects in the western corridor of the city. He said when they entered into Limestone County and into Madison County, they were doing road projects for which a small portion of the right-of-way might be in unincorporated city limits, but the majority of the projects were in the city limits of Huntsville. He said they had to enter into an agreement with the County Commission of either Madison County or Limestone County to get their authority to acquire right-of-way for these projects, and all the Council would be doing would be entering into that agreement, to allow them to move forward with the project, in this case with Limestone County.

Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-89)

Ordinance No. 26-90, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement by

and between the Limestone County Commission and the City Council of the City of Huntsville, for the acquisition of certain properties related to the Swancott Road Improvements Project, which ordinance was introduced at the January 22, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little, Unanimously Adopted.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-90)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION.

Items 20.d, 20.k, 20.o, 20.u, 20.x, 20.y, 20.aa, 20.ae, 20.ag, and 20.ak were held from the consolidation.

Item 20.m was deleted from the agenda during Approval of Agenda.

Motion for consolidation and adoption of the following items:

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith/Unanimously Approved.

Consolidated Items:

Resolution authorizing travel expenses.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-109)

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-110)

Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 25-744, by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds.

(ORDINANCE NO. 26-111)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract modification agreement to modify the Aerial and Underground Fiber & Conduit Construction contract awarded to Southeast Utilities of Georgia, LLC., pursuant to Resolution No. 26-49.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-113)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 to the

contract, awarded pursuant to Resolution No. 24-667, between the City of Huntsville and Stewart Electric Company, Inc., for the Von Braun Center Lighting & Sprinkler Improvements project.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-114)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement to Exercise Option for Contract Extension between the City of Huntsville and RP Media, Inc., for digital billboards.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-115)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Addendum No. 3 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and JustFOIA Order No. 29896, for the Pro Renewal Coverage.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-116)

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 (CHDO), for the use of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds for eligible CHDO Operating Expenses, in accordance with the construction of affordable housing at Kildare Street (APN #13810), Huntsville, Alabama 35811.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-117)

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 (CHDO), for the use of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds, for eligible CHDO Operating Expenses, in accordance with the construction of affordable housing at Kildare Street (APN #590395), Huntsville, Alabama 35811.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-118)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and GTEC, L.L.C., for Engineering Design Services for CRP Sign Foundations, Project No. 71-26-SP10.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-120)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and GTEC, LLC, for Engineering Design Services for PARC Pre-Engineered Bridge Design, Project No. 71-26-BR01.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-122)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Preliminary Engineering and Construction Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Alabama Department of Transportation, for Miller Branch Greenway Multi-Use Trail (Phase 2), Project No. 71-26-SP12 & ALDOT Project No. TAPHV-TA26(939).

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-124)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Reimbursable Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Madison County Alabama, for Relocation of Utility Facilities on Private or Public Right-of-Way, for Winchester Road Water Relocation Project, Project No. 71-26-SP18 & Project No. ACAA61222-ATRP(010).

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-125)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Contract between the City of Huntsville and Stanard & Associates, for Fire Driver-Engineer exam services.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-126)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Business Associate Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Abett, Inc., outlining responsibilities relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI), as it

pertains to the City's Group Health Insurance plans, during the analysis of claims and utilization data.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-127)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Subscription Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Regroup, for city alerts app's text, voice, and email services.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-128)

Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to invoke Cadence Bank Letter of Credit No. 362001092143, for the Meadows at Hampton Cove Phase 4 Subdivision.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-130)

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the Workers' Compensation claim of Deborah McAnally.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-131)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Facility Use Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Huntsville Utilities, for the event "APPA 2026 Lineman's Rodeo."

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-134)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Huntsville, Huntsville Utilities, Madison County, and the City of Madison, for the equally shared cost associated with the acquisition and sharing of digital orthophotography of Madison County and surrounding jurisdictions and service area.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-136)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and NeoGov, for the Power Policy software program.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-137)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Services Agreement between the City of Huntsville and NeoGov, for the Power Ready software program.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-138)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Option to Purchase Real Estate Agreement among the City of Huntsville, Grassy Pond, LP, and Huntsville Center, Inc.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-140)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Garver, L.L.C., for Land Surveying Services for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Mapping, Project No. 71-26-SP09.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-142)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Neel-Schaffer, Inc., for Engineering Design Services and Engineering Construction Administration Services for Chase Trunk Line Pipe Bursting, Project No. 71-26-SP07.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-143)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Design Services and Engineering Construction Administration Services for Beaverdam Creek Sanitary Sewer Extension, Project No. 71-26-SP17.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-144)

Items Not Consolidated.

Resolution No. 26-112, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the low bidders meeting specifications as outlined in the attached Summary of Bids for Acceptance.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little.

Ms. Penny Smith, Director of Finance, said they had two bidders for periodic bids, with one being for wrecker impoundment, for the Police Department, that was awarded to Roadside Towing, and the other for automotive lighting and associated equipment, for Fleet Services, that was awarded to Pro-Fit Alabama.

Councilmember Kling asked, concerning the towing contract, if the low bid that had met specifications was selected.

Ms. Smith said there were four bidders, and three were disqualified, that they had not met contractual requirements, that only one of the bidders, Roadside Towing, met all the specifications, so that company was awarded the contract.

Councilmember Watkins asked if Ms. Smith could tell them the reasons the other companies were disqualified.

Ms. Smith said there was an impound lot that was in non-compliance, and she explained the reasons therefor, and she said many of the companies did not meet those specifications. She said the list for each of these was rather long, and she asked if she should read the information.

Councilmember Watkins said she would rather have a copy of it.

Councilmember Watkins asked Mr. Riley if he had the bid sheets, as well.

Mr. Riley replied in the affirmative.

Councilmember Watkins said she had gotten a lot of complaints about Roadside Towing, and she had been at their business recently and had seen a gentleman being treated disrespectfully, and not becoming of a business. She said this had concerned her, and, also, she had been getting complaints about tows and charges and not being open on weekends.

Mr. Hamilton said his understanding on this was that there was a requirement to be open certain hours, and there was also a requirement for having someone on call, to respond within a certain period of time, that he did not believe

there was an expectation to have a person on the premises 24/7/365, but they did need to be able to respond in accordance with the contract.

Councilmember Watkins asked if this was changed from a previous contract.

Mr. Hamilton said he believed that was correct.

Councilmember Watkins said she was concerned about awarding this contract, that she did not see how four businesses, including the one given the contract, would bid on a contract knowing they did not meet the qualifications.

Mr. Hamilton said he believed in some cases, the bidders intended to bring their facility up to standards if they got the contract, but the problem was that the contract could not be awarded if the company was not up to standards. He said this program was under the leadership of Deputy Chief Brooks, and if someone felt the service they had received was not up to standards, he would want to address that.

Councilmember Watkins asked if the Police Department verified that these companies met the specifications and anything else that was in the contract.

Mr. Hamilton replied in the affirmative.

Councilmember Watkins said she would have thought this would have been done by someone in the department that was handling the bids and the contract.

Mr. Hamilton said this was a Police contract, and there were more stringent facility requirements for this contract than what they were typically accustomed to.

Roll-Call Vote:

AYES: Meredith, Kling, Little, Robinson

NAYS: Watkins

Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-112)

Resolution No. 26-119, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the apparent low bidder, Lambert

Contracting, LLC, for Pedestrian Access and Redevelopment Corridor (PARC) along Pinhook Creek, Project No. 71-26-SPO3 & Federal Aid Project No. RAISE-4523(252).

Motion by Kling/Second by Little.

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Davis said this was a construction project for the city, and with the Council's approval at this time, they would start construction.

Mr. Davis said what was displayed on the screen was the section of the project the Council would approve for construction, and the contract amount was \$20,092,195.14. He continued that through a RAISE grant, the City was awarded \$20 million toward this project, and the City Capital Plan would cover \$92,195.14.

Mr. Davis displayed another slide, and he explained the project, with the channel improvements, with retaining walls and stream restoration, and vegetation planting. He said this was part of the flood mitigation project that helped not only the immediate area in and around the VBC but stretched all the way into the Andrew Jackson area in the northern part of the city.

Councilmember Kling said Mr. Davis had mentioned flood mitigation, and he asked if this was also a beautification project, a greenway project, or how it was going to be used, if there would be boats going up and down it.

Mr. Davis said he would say everything Councilmember Kling had just mentioned except navigable. He said it was a flood mitigation project, and there would be almost 13 acres of a new linear park downtown.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-119)

Resolution No. 26-123, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Preliminary Engineering and Construction Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and the Alabama Department of Transportation, for Bailey Cove Multi-Use Path and

Safety Improvements, Project No. 71-26-SP13 & ALDOT Project No. TAPHV-TA26(940).

Motion by Meredith/Second by Kling.

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Davis said this was a continuation of the City's annual investments in greenways and trail systems and continuing to link existing gaps of greenways.

Mr. Davis said what was displayed on the screen was the general greenway network of this area and what was highlighted in red was the project that was before the Council at this time. He said this would connect approximately 2.4 miles of additional greenway along Bailey Cove, and he further explained this section of the greenway, noting that there would be intersection improvements and a multi-use path that would go all the way to Four Mile Post Road, into the shopping district, and the western direction of the south side of Four Mile Post, connecting back to the Aldridge Creek Greenway at Jones Farm Park.

Mr. Davis said this project also had federal funds, through the MPO, that it was an 80/20 project, and the total project cost was estimated at \$1 million, and the federal funds would be \$800,000, with the local funds, coming out of the annual greenway funds, of \$200,000.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-123)

Resolution No. 26-129, authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Verta Technologies, for the City of Huntsville's Audio-Visual Services and Support for City Hall.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little.

Mr. Gene Uhl, Director of Information Technology Services, said this was an addendum to a contract with Verta Technologies, which was the result of a

competitive bid process to support the audio-visual equipment within City Hall.

Councilmember Meredith asked if it was correct that this process had resulted in a savings.

Mr. Uhl said it had saved approximately \$120,000, over three years.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-129)

Resolution No. 26-132, authorizing the Mayor to execute a Corrective Deed between The Health Care Authority of the City of Huntsville and the City of Huntsville, to correct an error in the legal description contained in a deed which was previously accepted by the City of Huntsville; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed pertaining to the conveyance of the same.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little.

Mr. Davis said when they were doing some turn-lane work a few years prior at the intersection of Slaughter Road and Madison Boulevard, they had the intent for Huntsville Hospital Systems to provide more right-of-way, and at this time, when they were starting to design this project and had applied for some grant funds, they had realized the past deed had not picked up the additional right-of-way, and this was a corrective deed on this, so they could make these intersection improvements.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-132)

Resolution No. 26-133, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a License Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Mid-City Owner, LLC, for Orion Amphitheater parking.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little.

Mr. Hamilton said this was the renewal of an existing lease in the Mid-City district, to provide, on a temporary basis, parking to support the Orion Amphitheater

and other public uses there. He said the Council members might recall that they had, as part of the overall development, a plan for more public structured parking there, noting that the Council had recently approved the design contract for the garage that was planned to come in a later phase, and they were prepared to move forward with that, but to bridge the gap between when the Orion opened and when they built that regional public parking, the owners of this property had two undeveloped parcels where they had allowed the City to establish temporary parking to support public uses, and this just a renewal of that lease.

Councilmember Meredith asked if it was correct if they did not do this, it would become paid parking to the public. He asked why they were having to pay \$25,000 for the public to park.

Mr. Hamilton said it was private property, and they had agreed to lease it to the City, that this was below market, but it gave the owner a little income off the land. He said there was a parking fee on the tickets of persons going to the Orion, and there was much more than \$25,000 going back into the budget for the Orion that came from the parking fees. He said this was a renewal of an agreement they had had for three years, and it was public parking, that the Orion was a public facility, so they wanted to provide public parking there. He said this would go away once the parking garage opened.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-133)

Resolution No. 26-135, authorizing the Mayor to sign a plat entitled “Huntsville North Village Phase 1-A.”

Motion by Robinson/Second by Little.

Mr. Davis said they had brought before the Council a new retail, mixed-use development at the intersection of the Northern Bypass and US 231 North, and as

they got ready to sell those tracts, to both Target and Home Depot, they had to allow the Mayor to sign a plat to create those lots, and there was also a public right-of-way, the main entrance to go into this new retail development. He said what the Council would be authorizing was for the Mayor to be able to sign that plat so they could record those tracts, to get ready for them to be sold.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-135)

Resolution No. 26-139, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Independent Audit Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Sound Diplomacy, Inc., for a music ecosystem analysis and economic impact assessment services.

Motion by Robinson/Second by Meredith.

Mr. Davis said several years prior, they had entered into a music audit, to determine the feasibility of the City of Huntsville growing the music economy, and how to do it in a way that would benefit the citizens, as to quality of life, but also support itself, in the economics that would come to the city. He said the Council and the Administration had agreed that as the VBC made investments in the Mars Music Hall and they made investments in things like the Orion Amphitheater and the Huntsville Music Office, they would periodically do an independent audit, to see their efforts and what type of benefits they would be bringing back, from Lodging, Sales Tax, and all the different things that came in.

Mr. Davis said Sound Diplomacy did such audits across the United States, and the contract amount was \$25,000, that this would be a 12-week assessment, and they would give the Council and the public a full report on this.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-139)

Resolution No. 26-141, authorizing and approving (i) a Project

Development Agreement among the City, Eli Lilly and Company, and the Industrial Development Board of the City of Huntsville respecting a new pharmaceutical facility to be located within the city, and (ii) a Property Transfer Agreement between the City and Eli Lilly and Company for the transfer of the facility site.

Motion by Meredith/Second by Little.

(Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Davis said this was the largest single economic development project in the history of the state, and he explained the national competitive site selection process that resulted in the selection of this site for a Fortune 200 Life Sciences company, Eli Lilly, to construct an active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) drug substance manufacturing facility in the United States.

Mr. Davis said the project site was at the northeast corner of Exit 3, I-565 and the Greenbrier Parkway, noting that the City had closed on the purchase of this property in 2018 and had passed on several projects over the years, wanting the right type project on this site. He said the total acreage was approximately 510 acres, currently zoned Commercial Industrial Park, and what the Council would be approving would be for the City to be able to subdivide this property into a primary site, for the initial project Eli Lilly had announced, 260 acres, with the City retaining approximately 245 acres.

Mr. Davis said, concerning Company commitments, that the Capital Investment was \$6 billion, and the City was saying the initial investment must be a minimum of \$4.2 billion. He said this would be a long construction project, 3,000 construction workers to build it, that it would be a very high-end campus, with multi-buildings.

Mr. Davis said 449 jobs would be created initially, and the minimum average annual wage must be \$112,700, exclusive of overtime and benefits.

Mr. Davis said the Company must use the campus for research, development, manufacturing, and distribution of existing and new technology API drugs.

Mr. Davis said, concerning City of Huntsville Commitments, that the City was to provide the 260-acre site to the Company, and the City would reserve the adjacent property, that they would take it off the market for five years, for project expansion, that during this time, the company wanted the ability to come back to the City for the possible purchase of that property, to expand even further.

Mr. Davis said the City would provide \$2 million in support of Workforce Development, Recruitment, and Training Efforts, over a ramp-up period. He said the ramp-up period for the 449 jobs was seven years, so they would not be expending these funds very quickly, that the first \$1 million would be upon the first 200 FTEs being hired, and then once they had hired the next 200, or 400 total on campus, the City would expend the other \$1 million.

Mr. Davis said a 10-Year Non-Educational Tax Abatement was a qualification under the Alabama Constitution, based on the number of jobs and the investment.

Mr. Davis said there was an assurance of public utilities available at the project site, and he said this site was in the previous TIF districts, and all utilities were there. He said there was not a lot to be done with utilities or road work, that it was time for a return on investment to the community.

Mr. Davis said the City was to provide expedited building permit reviews and to provide a Project Engineer/Coordinator, and he said they did that on all the City's large projects.

Mr. Davis said the City could not do projects such as this without community partners, and he said the project team included the Alabama Department of Commerce; the City of Huntsville; the Governor's office; the Limestone County Commission; TVA; AIDT, the statewide industrial development training; the

Chamber of Commerce; Limestone County Economic Development; Huntsville Utilities; HudsonAlpha, noting what they had been able to bring through multiple site visits; Calhoun Community College; and Robotics Technology Park.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-141)

Resolution No. 26-145, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Patrick Moore.

Motion by Little/Second by Meredith.

Mr. Hamilton said this was an action that was seen when one of the police investigators retired, noting that in most every case when an investigator retired, there were still cases they had worked that were working their way through the judicial process, and both the prosecution and the defense needed the investigator to be available to testify as the cases moved forward. He said that was for the investigators an official duty, so they were put under a special employee agreement so they would be available to come in and testify on their cases.

Unanimously Adopted.

(RESOLUTION NO. 26-145)

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS FOR INTRODUCTION.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 26-146, declaring certain property surplus and to be disposed of per agreement with Managed Asset Recycling Solutions, LLC.

President Robinson said there would be a 10-minute recess, with the meeting reconvening at 7:40 p.m.

(Recess.)

President Robinson reconvened the meeting.

SECOND ROSTER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

President Robinson said this portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on matters relating to City business, whether or not such items were on the meeting agenda. She said when persons were called, to please approach the microphone and state their name, home address, and city of residence. She said she would also call the name of the next person who would be speaking, so they should be prepared to come up. She said each speaker could address the Council for three minutes, and speakers shall refrain from entering into dialogue with Council members or City staff, and from making comments regarding the good name and character of any individual.

Ms. Bailey Benton, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was listed on the sheet (69 Valley Way Cir. 35802), and having signed up to speak concerning "Immigration Enforcement."

Ms. Sarah Mayers, Huntsville (2023 Great Hills Dr.), addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Immigration."

Mr. Elliott White, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying his address was on the sheet (2703 Thurman Rd.), and having signed up to speak concerning "Community Issues."

Ms. Larisa Thomason, 3202 Panorama Drive, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ICE/BPO resolution."

Ms. Megan Dempsy, 3320 Highland Plaza, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "DHS res."

Ms. Mollie Grim, 2117 Buckingham, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Protests."

Ms. Molly Kluck, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct on the form (321 Mistfield St.), and having signed up to speak concerning

"ICE."

Mr. Brandon Richardson, New Market, addressed the Council, saying his address was on the form (118 Canonbury Dr.), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Ms. Vanesa Martin, Huntsville (4221 Hawthorne Ave.), addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ICE/Protests."

Mr. Geoffrey Comer, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying his address was on the sheet (191 Briar Fork Dr.), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Rev. Will Ennis, Oldwood Road, Huntsville, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Federal Overreach."

Mr. David Snyder, Huntsville (3816 Bob Wallace Ave.), addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ICE Misc."

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

Ms. Vera Vegara, Madison, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct on the sheet (3149 Lakeland Dr.), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Dr. Marisa Allison, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was on file (710 Owens Dr. SE), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Mr. Dominiko Valentine, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying his address was on the sheet (1510 McKinley Ave, NE), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Ms. Alyssa Eickelberger, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct on the form (1500 Sparkman NW), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE Presence in HSV."

Ms. Alex Arce, Madison, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct on the form (13515 Wendy Dr.), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Ms. Nadia Pindera, Madison, addressed the Council, saying her address was correct (310 Willow Wood Ct), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Ms. Lily Winters, Huntsville, addressed the Council, saying her address was listed correct (2007 Brandy Circle), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Taylor, Florence, addressed the Council, saying his full name and address were correct on the sheet (Taylor Adams, 3618 (not legible) St SW), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Ms. Mara Vazquez, Madison (1010 Elliston Pl.), addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Mr. Karl Marx Landers, Florence, said his address was correct (1539 (not legible) Dr.), and having signed up to speak concerning "ICE."

Mr. Harold Kemp, 3900 Talwell Drive, addressed the Council, having signed up to speak concerning "Not ICE."

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

(Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on February 12, 2026.)