

The Special Called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 12:00 p.m. on April 19, 2019, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by President Logan. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, Councilman Hinton, and Councilman Hogg. Also present were Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham. Absent and failing to vote: Councilman Davis

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **approve the agenda for April 19, 2019**. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and President Logan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Visitors To Address Council:

Mr. Stephen Schwab, 2520 5th Street, address the Mayor and Council with his concern of hiring another consultant for the Northport Waterfront. He questioned the wisdom of hiring another consultant and what the future that could hold for Northport. That was all Mr. Schwab wanted to weigh in on the subject.

Mr. David Pass, owner of Dockside Apartments and property owner at Bridge and Main, stated his love for the downtown Northport area and the Northport community. He revealed he is a past Chair of the Kentuck Board. He stated moratoriums are scary for landowners. He does believe that master plans for areas are really nice. Development for the riverfront area of Northport is a extremely positive thing that will impact many. The downtown area contains the 2nd oldest railroad trestle in the United States. Mr. Pass assured Mayor and Council he was not questioning anyone's intentions.

Mr. Patrick Agee, 1641 N. McFarland Blvd. Northport, AL., expressed he was trying to understand the direction and thought process of the Mayor and Council. He conveyed that in the real estate business it is all about timing. Mr. Agee wanted to be clear that he is opposed to the moratorium. He also stated that this is the 3rd time in 18 years he has heard the term "Master Plan." He would like to actually see it implemented this time.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron stated that the Council needs to make the riverfront district a more unified area and develop the area to meet the needs for the citizens. She took the blame for pushing the moratorium and gave her reasons. She stated that the river front area needs to be developed properly and carefully and it needs to match the surrounding area of downtown Northport.

Councilman Roberts, District 1, Councilman Roberts stated Northport has good plans; they just need to be executed. Moratorium is a harsh drive to bring about change. Regardless whether we have a moratorium or not, we need to put together a task force and a timeline. We need to have a task force, look at the stakeholders, and give ourselves a timeline of 90 days. We need to do what is best for our citizens and Northport and move forward.

Councilman Hinton, District 3, Councilman Hinton wants only what is best to move forward.

Councilman Davis, District 4, Absent

Councilman Hogg, District 5, Councilman Hogg stated he believes in the principal and intent of what the moratorium is trying to accomplish. The Mayor is trying to put the right things in place things in place and when looking back in 10 -15 years Northport can be assured a mistake was not made. He feels the Mayor and Council should have a more open discussion regarding the moratorium and have a better plan of action, what it will or what it will not encompass.

President Logan, District 2, President Logan stated that the Council may have unintentionally created a state of fear. That was not the intention. Update the 2008 Master Plan and engage the school board since they are a large land owner. The City should also engage the Housing

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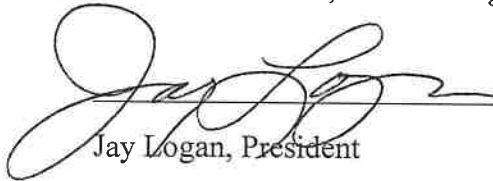
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Authority along with the Retail Consultant and ALDOT. We need to reach out to existing connections. When that district finally gets up to a level we all can be proud of, Northport will take off. President Logan brought forth the idea to resend the moratorium and let the Mayor put together a task force.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to adopt Resolution 19-51 rescinding the moratorium voted in as a temporary resolution on April 15, 2019. The moratorium was voted to rescind , but first bring in the Birmingham group mentioned by the Mayor and vote on this item on the next Council agenda. Secondly, establish a task force and bring in stakeholders while creating timelines while moving forward. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; and Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator