The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, May 6, 2024** at Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL, 35476, in the Council Chambers. The invocation was offered by Mayor Hinton and President Bobo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Pro Tem Washington, Councilman Wiggins, Councilman Dykes, Councilwoman Aiken and President Bobo. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hinton presented two proclamations for Businesses of the Month. Brad was present to receive for Northport Auto Supply and Michael received the proclamation for Northport Electrical Supply.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **approve the agenda for the May 6, 2024, Council Agenda as printed. Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

VISITORS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There were no visitors to address council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Pro Tem Washington **offered for a first reading,** the ordinance ordering **demolition of an unsafe structure located at 6810 32nd Street.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 6810 32nd Street is unsafe and dangerous to the public health. We are recommending the structure be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410.

Pro Tem Washington **offered for a first reading,** the ordinance ordering **demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1207 15th Court.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 1207 15th Court is unsafe and dangerous to the public health. We are recommending the structure be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410.

Councilwoman Dykes **offered for a first reading,** the resolution accepting **Municipal Improvements Except Final Layer in Glen Crest Phase III.** Section 306 of the Subdivision Regulations specifies that after certain criteria have been met by the developer, the City Engineer is to recommend to the Council acceptance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of a development. Glen Crest, LLC has met the requirements of Section 306 for Glen Crest Subdivision Phase III. The staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution accepting maintenance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of that development, except for final layer of asphalt. Maintenance will begin upon adoption of the attached resolution.

Councilwoman Dykes **offered for a first reading,** the resolution accepting **Municipal Improvements Except Final Layer in Glen Crest Phase IV and V.** Section 306 of the Subdivision Regulations specifies that after certain criteria have been met by the developer, the City Engineer is to recommend to the Council acceptance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of a development. Glen Crest, LLC has met the requirements of Section 306 for Glen Crest Subdivision Phases IV and V. The staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution accepting maintenance of the municipal public improvements constructed as part of that development, except for final layer of asphalt. Maintenance will begin upon adoption of the attached resolution.

Councilman Wiggins **offered for a first reading,** the ordinance amending **City Code Chapter 74 utilities relating to extensions for service for airport related projects**. This ordinance amends Chapter 74 of City Code to allow extension of water service to publicly owned property serving the Tuscaloosa National Airport where such extension is feasible and has been approved by Council.

Councilman Aiken **offered for a first reading,** the resolution **abandoning a portion of utility and access easement within the Northport Church of God Subdivision.** The Northport Church of God property has an unused 20-foot utility and access easement across it. The property owner wishes to build over said easement. Utilities and Engineering has reviewed and approved abandoning the easement, in accordance with this resolution.

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-62 Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Emergency Equipment Purchase.** Declaring an emergency and authorize an emergency equipment purchase from Hydra Service, Inc., in the amount of $18,970.00 for a replacement pump for #2 Pump Station. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-63 Authorizing Water Service Outside of City Limits for Property Located at 12512 Arvada Drive.** Mr. James Pope has property located at 12512 Arvada Drive, that cannot presently be annexed into the city because the property is not contiguous. The address is outside of the city limits and inside of the planning jurisdiction. He is requesting city water service. The Municipal Code allows this with the majority consent of the city council. The staff recommends this access be allowed. Per city code, all costs of this connection would be paid by the applicant and not by the City. In addition, we are adding the requirement that if, in the future, the property can be annexed, that the property will be annexed into the city. If the property is not annexed, the City retains the right to terminate water services at that point. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-64 Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets for All Supplemental Grant.** The City of Northport was previously awarded grant funding in the amount of $192,000 through the USDOT Safe Streets for All grant program to develop a safety action plan. USDOT is currently accepting applications for supplemental grant funding to expand the scope of the action plan through planning and demonstration activities. The Engineering department is requesting authorization to submit an application. If awarded, a 20% match is required, in an amount not-to-exceed $50,000. Matching dollars are budgeted in 2022 Northport First Grant Match funds. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-65 Approving Traffic Safety Goals for the City of Northport.** The City of Northport received a U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All grant to develop a safety action plan for the Northport community. As part of the receipt of grant funds, the City is required to develop goals and a timeline to significantly reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Adoption of this resolution will allow City staff to start implementing policies, programs, and plans to begin achieving that goal. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-66 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Lavender, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements at Applewood Drive Project.** The City of Northport opened bids for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements at Applewood Drive project on April 24,2024. The lowest responsible bidder that met the bidding qualifications was Lavender, Inc. The Engineering department is requesting authorization to award the contract to Lavender, Inc. in the amount of $407,612.05. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-67 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Task Order Directive No. 1 with Chambliss King Architects, LLC for River Run Park.** The City Council previously approved a master services agreement and task order directive no. 1 for architectural and design services with Chambliss King Architects, LLC for River Run Park. The fee for basic services under task order directive no. 1 has been exceeded and City staff is requesting an amendment in the amount of $84,029.49. The amendment to task order directive no. 1 will be funded from bond proceeds. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes;

Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-68 Authorizing Task Order Directive No. 2 with Chambliss King Architects, LLC for River Run Park.** The City Council previously approved the execution of a master services agreement and task order directive no. 1 with Chambliss King Architects, LLC for River Run Park architectural and design services. City staff would now like to proceed with employing Chambliss King Architects to provide the services under task order directive no. 2 in the amount of $1,004.952.71. Task order directive no. 2 will be funded with bond proceeds. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-69 Adopting The Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report.** Each year the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) requires all municipalities with wastewater systems to complete a Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual report. This report sets forth actions and schedules necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit and also helps to prevent the bypass and overflow of raw sewage within the collection system or treatment plant and •Continue placement of wastewater infrastructure data on the City's Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) •Continuing implementation of the City's Pump Station Replacement Plan. •Continue development of in-place rehab program guidelines for gravity lines and begin implementation. •Continue with scheduled completion of a mechanical sludge dewatering facility for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. •Continue with implementing outfall line relocation project. As required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), I am attaching a resolution formally acknowledging that the Council has received, reviewed and approved the MWPP Annual report. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-70 Awarding Bid for Water Treatment Plant Chemical System Improvements.** On March 5, 2024, the Utilities Department for the City of Northport accepted bids for the Water Treatment Plant Chemical System Improvements. One (1) bid was received. Alabama Bid Law, Section 41-16-50(b)(4), Code of Alabama 1975, allows negotiation through informal bids when only one bid is received. The John Plott Company, Inc., provided the lowest cost bid in accordance with said negotiation process. The department is recommending that the Council accept the proposal from The John Plott Company, Inc., for the Water Treatment Plant Chemical System Improvements, in the amount of $690,465.00. **Roll call was as** City **follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Aiken, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-71 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Relocation of Utilities for the MLK, Jr. Blvd. Improvements Project. Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Abstain; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-72 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the State of Alabama for Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard, Phase II (Roadway Improvements).** The City of Northport received State of Alabama, Alabama Department of Transportation funding through the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Phase II roadway improvements project. The City of Northport will be responsible for a 20% match on construction and construction and engineering inspection costs, while the State will fund 80% of the project costs. Approval of this resolution will authorize the execution of an agreement with the State for funding. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Abstain; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-73 Appointing a Board Member, Carrie Turner, to the Ability Alliance of West Alabama.** The Northport City Council appoints members to the Ability Alliance of West Alabama. Carrie Turner is currently a member of the board and her appointment expired in March 2024. The Executive Director of Ability Alliance of West Alabama has requested that Carrie Turner be reappointed to the board for a six-year term expiring in March 2030. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-74 Appointing a Board Member, Linda Harris, to the Ability Alliance of West Alabama.** The Northport City Council appoints members to the Ability Alliance of West Alabama. Linda Harris is currently a member of the board and her appointment expired in April 2024. The Executive Director of Ability Alliance of West Alabama has requested that Linda Harris be reappointed to the board for a six-year term expiring in April 2030. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **approve** the **Consent Agenda** as printed for the **May 6, 2024, Council Meeting:**

1. Minutes, May 6, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition - Office of the District Attorney, Tuscaloosa County - $10,332. This reimburses the Office of the District Attorney for their assistance with the Police Departments sale of firearms. The Police Department collected $41,328 in the sale and the D.A.'s Office, pursuant to Ala. Code, is entitled to 25% for a total of $10,332 for their role in the process.
4. Purchase Requisition - Water Girl Consulting, $7,500.00. Wastewater Grade II & Grade IV Certification Training for 3 employees. The training will take place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, May 13-17, 2024.
5. Purchase Requisition - Civilworx Construction, LLC., in the amount of $9,450.00, for asphalt repairs at three (3) locations where the Utilities Department repaired leaks. The three (3) locations are 3306 Royal Oak Circle, 5505 Harborview Lane, and 13th Ave & Rev. OS Harvey St.
6. Purchase Requisition - Crimson Carpet & Flooring, in the amount of $19,976.00, for materials and labor to install new LVP flooring at the Water Treatment Plant.
7. Purchase Requisition - CDW Government, LLC., for Nutanix software license renewal for the city's servers. The software renewal is for 3 years total cost $62,200.00.
8. Purchase Requisition - ATT Mobility for VPN software renewal for the Public Safety and Utilities Department. Total cost $9,600.00.
9. Purchase Requisition - Electric Motor Sales & Service, in the amount of $11,500.00, for a replacement aeration blower for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current blower has reached its useful life and must be replaced in order to continue normal operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
10. Purchase Requisition - DSL Electric, Inc., in the amount of $7,737.00, is for labor and materials to replace a transformer at the Water Treatment Plant Intake.
11. Purchase Requisition - Video Industrial Services to provide all equipment, material, and labor required to perform pressurized chemical grouting for offset joints in order to seal the failing culverts that caused the sinkhole at 3608 Kennebec Street in the amount of $13,750.00.
12. Purchase Requisition – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, $16,000 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Line.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There was no unfinished business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Engineering Department**.
B. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
C. There was **two** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.

a. Second Reading, Ordinance Rezoning of approximately 1.91 acres located at the east dead end of Northcreek Boulevard

i. President Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11.c.1.
ii. There were no speakers for item 11.c.1.
iii. President Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11.c.1.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2222 Amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance for the City of Northport, Alabama.** Northcreek Properties, LLC is requesting rezoning of approximately 1.91 acres located at the east dead end of Northcreek Boulevard from C-3 (General Commercial) to RS-SD (Residential Special District). **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

b. Second Reading, Ordinance Rezoning of approximately 69.45 acres located at the east dead end of Northcreek Boulevard

i. President Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11.c.2.
ii. There were no speakers for item 11.c.2.
iii. President Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11.c.2.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2223 Amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance for the City of Northport, Alabama.** Sullivan Properties, LLC requests rezoning of approximately 69.45 acres located at the east dead end of Northcreek Boulevard from RS-1 (Single-Family Residential) to RS-SD (Residential Special District). **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

D. There were **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Police Department**.

c. ABC License Application Lost Management Group II, LLC 2715 McFarland Boulevard, Northport, AL 35476

i. President Bobo Opened the Floor for item 11.d.1.
ii. There were no speakers for item 11.d.1.
iii. President Bobo Closed the Floor for item 11.d.1.

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve **Lost Management Group II, LLC ABC License.** Pursuant to the investigation on Michael Alan Cole of Manchester, Iowa, Benjamin Scott Powell of Meridian, MS, and Caine Hanson Conway of Tuscaloosa, AL of: Lost Management Group II, LLC 2715 McFarland Blvd. Northport, AL 35476 A criminal investigation was made by this department and no record of the individual was found. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

No official business to discuss.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

No official business to discuss.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Recognized Glenda Webb, City Administrator, for the outstanding leadership and great accomplishments that have been achieved during her 3 years at the City of Northport.

President Bobo, District 1 – No official business to discuss for District 1.

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Shared how he enjoyed the first dance that took place May 2nd at the newly renovated Northport Community Center.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – No official business to discuss for District 3.

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – No official business to discuss for District 4.

Councilman Aiken, District 5 – Invited everyone to join him at his first citizen engagement meeting Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 at Flatwoods Elementary School.

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins **to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 5:59 p.m.**

Christy D. Bobo

Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:

Glenda D. Webb

Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator