The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, December 16, 2024** at Municipal Court Building, located at 3721 26th Avenue, Northport, AL, 35473. 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 Aiken, Councilwoman Dykes and President Bobo. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb.

PRESENTATIONS
There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the agenda for December 16, 2024, **with the addition of item 9.c.13 the purchase requisition Westervelt Ecological Services LLC Mitigation Credits from the Westervelt Mitigation Bank in the amount of $213,588.75. 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
Eddie Fulmer – Has a petition from property owners in Oak Meadow Drive stating they are opposed to property located at 7600 Highway 43 North being zoned C3 (commercial). They request it be zoned OI (offices) instead.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS
First Reading, Offered by President Bobo, **Ordinance of Conditional Use approval for an office in an M-1 (Light Industrial) zone for the property located at 2403 10th Street.** Justin Terry's request was considered by the Planning Commission on November 12, 2024, and a recommendation for approval was made to the City Council.

First Reading, Offered by Pro Tem Washington, **Ordinance for annexation of approximately 1.38 acres located at 7600 Highway 43, with the original zoning designation of C-3 (General Commercial).** The City of Northport, requests annexation of approximately 1.38 acres located at 7600 Highway 43. The property will be zoned C-3 (General Commercial). The property does meet annexation requirements and is eligible for annexation. The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met in a regular meeting on November 12, 2024. The Commission made a favorable recommendation that the request for annexation be granted.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-182 allowing the City of Northport to enter into a One-Year maintenance agreement with Stryker.** This agreement allows Stryker to perform preventative maintenance on all eight LifePak 15 devices. The one-year period will be in effect from 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025 and has a total cost of $9,694.25. **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 24-183 Awarding Bid File 24-07 Furnishing of Pursuit Rated SUVs to Wade Ford in the amount of $190,052.00. 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 Aiken, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-184 authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 17040 Mormon Road.** Ms. Holly Benton has property located at 17040 Mormon Road, that cannot presently be annexed into the city because the property is not contiguous. The address is outside of the city limits and outside of the planning jurisdiction. She 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, 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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-185 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a 3-year Agreement Between the City of Northport and ScentAir Technologies, LLC.** The lease of equipment will help purify the air in high-traffic areas of the Public Works Facilities. Public Works employees are regularly exposed to and accumulate contaminating particles and fluids on their clothes and persons, creating the potential for greater air pollution in places like the employee locker room and break room. Air purification systems such as these have been proven to eliminate more particles at a higher efficiency rate, which should help keep employees healthier and better able to perform their jobs. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 24-186 authorizing the City Administrator to enter a Lease Agreement for Northport Civitan Park.** The Northport Civitan Club has leased the Civitan Park from the City of Northport since 1987. Since that time, the Civitan Club has operated said park for the use of the citizens and has been a good steward of the City's property. The Civitan's have requested a lease renewal for a period of ten (10) years. The current lease expires on November 21, 2026. Therefore, the terms of the renewal lease agreement will be from November 2026 until November 2036. **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 24-187 authorizing the City Administrator to bind insurance coverage for the City of Northport.** The City of Northport utilizes USI Insurance Services, LLC to acquire insurance for blanket property coverage, crime, general liability, business auto, law enforcement and public officials' liability. An estimated annual premium will be in the amount of $799,290.00. **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 Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-188 Authorizing the City Administrator to Negotiate and Enter Agreements to Provide Additional Services for Senior Citizens in Northport.** The City of Northport supported Focus on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County in partnership with the State of Alabama in expanding services for senior citizens in Northport beginning in spring of 2024. Focus on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County has been providing expanded services since that time. The City of Northport wishes to formalize the provision of expanded services for senior citizens with Focus on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County, the State of Alabama, and support service providers. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to solicit, negotiate, and enter necessary agreements not to exceed 1 year in term or $80,000 total. **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 Councilman Aiken **Resolution 24-189 Urging Governor Kay Ivey to Facilitate the Purchase of the Black Warrior Parkway Toll Bridge.** The Black Warrior Parkway toll bridge is a private toll bridge opened in 1998 connecting the western portions of the City of Northport and the City of Tuscaloosa. The rates for residential vehicles have increased to $2.00 per vehicle and the rate for standard commercial vehicles to $3.50. The purchase of the toll bridge by the State would eliminate the fees required to cross the bridge which in turn would be a benefit to the citizens. This resolution was recommended by the Administrative Committee at their November 18th Committee meeting. The City of Tuscaloosa and the Tuscaloosa County Commission have already passed resolutions in favor of the purchase of the bridge by the State. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-190 to Re-appoint Mr. Larry Burnette to the Historic Preservation Commission.** The resolution will re-appoint board member Mr. Larry Burnette to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Commission is made up of seven members. Mr. Larry Burnette has expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. The re-appointment will allow Mr. Burnette to serve seat 1 until his term expires on December 31, 2027. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-191 to Appoint Raegan Walker to the Historic Preservation Commission.** The resolution will appoint Ms. Raegan Walker to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Commission is made up of seven members. Ms. Raegan Walker has expressed an interest in serving on the Commission. Appointing Ms. Raegan Walker will allow her to serve seat 2. This term will expire on December 31, 2027. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-192 to Re-appoint Mr. Chad Haynie to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.** The resolution will re-appoint board member Mr. Chad Haynie to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is made up of seven members. Mr. Chad Haynie has expressed interest in continuing to serve on the ZBA. The re-appointment will allow Mr. Haynie to serve as a regular member until his term expires on December 31, 2027. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-193 to Re-appoint Mr. Brian Chandler to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.** The resolution will re-appoint board member Mr. Brian Chandler to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is made up of seven members. Mr. Brian Chandler has expressed interest in continuing to serve on the ZBA. The re-appointment will allow Mr. Chandler to serve as a regular member until his term expires on December 31, 2027. **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 Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 24-194 Authorizing the City Administrator to Select and Negotiate Scope and Fee with Sain Associates, Inc. for the City of Northport's Safety Action Plan Demonstration Activities under the Safe Streets for All Program.** The Engineering Department request the City Council authorize the City Administrator to select and negotiate scope and fee with Sain Associates, Inc. for the City of Northport's Safety Action Plan. The scope of the project is to develop and execute demonstration activities to inform the City of Northport's Safety Action Plan. Specifically, traffic calming and pedestrian improvement demonstration activities of a temporary nature. The goal of the Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and senior injuries for all users. This project is funded in part with a Safe Streets for All grant with a 20% match from the City. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-195 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment with Thompson Engineering for USACE Permitting and Design for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Project.** The Engineering Department request that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute an amendment with Thompson Engineering for USACE Permitting and Design from the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from Bridge Avenue to Snows Mill Avenue. The Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Project is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation; 80% federal, 20% local with the MPO. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 24-196 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 2 with CivilCON, LLC for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Site and Utility Package.** The City of Northport previously awarded the River Run Park at Northport Shore to CivilCON, LLC. In order to maximize efficiencies, a change order in the amount of $802,327.92 is being requested to reflect the necessary labor, materials, and equipment for the secondary access road expansion for future connection to 5th Street for Package No. 1 along with a time extension request of 120 days for the added work. The Engineering department has reviewed the change order request and is recommending approval to meet project timeliness. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-197 Approving a Variance from the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance at Lot 40R of the Resurvey of Lots 40 & 41 Quinns Town subdivision.** The Engineering department request City Council to approve a variance from the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Lot 40R of the Resurvey of Lots 40 & 41 Quinns Town subdivision from Section C (2) which prohibiting substantial improvements or other development within a regulatory floodway. Section 11.2.2 of the FEMA Guidance document #79: Floodway Analysis & Mapping allows for the reconstruction of a new building in the floodway within the footprint of an existing building. There is currently no known history of flooding or loss at this property. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 24-198 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 2 with Lavendar Company, Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements at Applewood Drive Project.** Lavendar Company, Inc. has requested Change Order No. 2 for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements at Applewood Drive for the amount of $8,113.42. The revised contract amount will be $415,725.47. The Engineering department has reviewed this change order request and recommends approval. **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 with the addition of **item 9.c.13 the purchase requisition Westervelt Ecological Services LLC Mitigation Credits from the Westervelt Mitigation Bank in the amount of $213,588.75,** for the December 16, 2024, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, November 18, 2024, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Lawson Turner reimbursement for NREMT test fees to obtain his EMT license, $350.00.
4. Purchase Requisition, Reggie Eppes reimbursement for NREMT test fees for his EMT license, $159.00.
5. Purchase Requisition, Todd Burroughs reimbursement for NREMT test fees, $303.00. The cost of two test attempts for his EMT license, one being $144 and the second being $159.
6. Purchase Requisition, Straitline Fence, LLC., in the amount of $13,290.00, is for replacing the fence located at Belle Meade Pump Station on Highway 69N. The current fence is in disrepair and needs to be replaced.
7. Purchase Requisition, ERP Pro ExecuTime Time & Attendance Module in ERP Pro 10, Tyler Technologies, $15,489.03.
8. Purchase Requisition, one APX8000 Handheld Radio in the amount of $9,817.86. Northport Fire Rescue had a handheld radio damaged earlier this year in a fire and we were compensated by way of an insurance claim in the amount of $10,250.00. The funds we acquired from the insurance claim are to be used to buy the new APX8000 handheld radio.
9. Purchase Requisition, The Eshelman Company, Inc., in the amount of $7,500.00, is for the purchase of a pump for Harper Creek Pump Station located at 1700 44th Avenue. One of the existing pumps at this station has reached its useful life and must be replaced in order to continue normal operations at the pump station.
10. Purchase Requisition, Gulf States Distributors Inc. in the amount of $19,228.00 is for the annual ammunition purchase.
11. Purchase Requisition, four Pursuit Rated SUVs to Wade Ford, $190,052.00.
12. Purchase Requisition, Otis Elevator Company in the amount of $19,800.00 for repairs to the PD Elevator.
13. Purchase Requisition, Westervelt Ecological Services LLC Mitigation Credits from the Westervelt Mitigation Bank in the amount of $213,588.75.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL
There were no reports.

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 **three** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
   1. **Second Reading, Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 4709 Highway 69 North.**
      i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
      ii. Austin Marcum 11945 Highpoint Drive – Informed council he was able to close on the purchase of the property on Friday, December 13, 2024. Work is scheduled to being immediately.
      iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

   Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **TABLE** to February 17, 2025 **Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 4709 Highway 69 North.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 4709 Highway 69 N is unsafe and dangerous to public health. The City Council agreed to table this item on August 5, 2024, for a 90-day extension. During this time, the structure was purchased by a new property owner, Austin Marcum. At this time, a building permit was pulled, but work has not been completed. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. **Roll call was as follows**: Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

   2. **First Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road.**
      i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.2.
      ii. There were no speakers.
      iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.2.

   First Reading, **Offered by** Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road is unsafe and dangerous to public health. We are recommending the structure be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. Second reading and public hearing will be held on January 6, 2025.

   3. **Second Reading, Ordinance amending and adopting the updated zoning ordinance.**
      i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.3.
      ii. KPS Group representative Jason Fondren gave a brief presentation on the proposed changes.
      iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.3.

   Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Ordinance 2249 amending and adopting the updated zoning ordinance.** The City, along with KPS Group, began the task of overhauling the zoning ordinance in February. The proposed changes are the result of eight different work sessions, staff, and consultant reviews, and public input received during the comprehensive planning process. The Planning & Zoning Commission met in a special called meeting on October 28, 2024, for a presentation and a public hearing. The Commission held a second public hearing and gave a favorable recommendation on November 12, 2024 to repeal Ordinance 1779 and replace it with the proposed Zoning Ordinance. **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 was **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Police Department**.
   1. **Aldi Inc Alabama, ABC License**
      i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.d.1.
      ii. There were no speakers.
      iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.d.1.

   Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve an ABC License for **Aldi Inc Alabama**. Pursuant to the investigation on Phillip James Beattie of Sugar Grove, AL and David Karl Behm of Elmhurst, IL of: Aldi Inc Alabama 10 McFarland Blvd Northport, AL 35476 A criminal history investigation was made by this department and no record of the individuals 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
There was none.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS
Northport First Annual Report of Expenditures. Per Chapter 66, Article 2, Section 66-78 of City code, this is the Finance Director's annual report on uses and set aside of Northport First funds.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – No official business to discuss.

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

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Shared the garbage/trash/recycling holiday schedule and recycling Christmas lights initiative.

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 – No official business to discuss for District 5.

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 **6:19 p.m.**

Christy D. Bobo

Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:

Glenda D. Webb

Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator