

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025** 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 Aiken, Councilwoman Dykes and President Bobo. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb.

PRESENTATIONS

There were three presentations. Mayor Hinton presented the Tuscaloosa County High School Cheerleaders with a proclamation congratulating them on their accomplishments. Human Trafficking Prevention Month was recognized. A proclamation was also presented honoring Rev. PK McGarity for his service as Chaplain to Northport Fire and Rescue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Aiken, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to approve the agenda for January 21, 2025, **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 was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by Councilman Wiggins, **Resolution Accepting Maintenance of Municipal Public Improvements for New Beginning Subdivision, a Resurvey of Lots 8 -12 of Park West Business Center - Sidewalks.** The City Engineer recommends the municipal public improvements of sidewalks constructed for New Beginning Subdivision, A Resurvey Lots 8-12 of Park West Business Center. Per Section 306 of the Subdivision Regulations, certain criteria have been met by the developer. The attached resolution will accept the maintenance of the municipal improvements of sidewalks constructed as part of that development.

First Reading, Offered by Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance to amend The Northport Zoning Ordinance to add an appendix for Engineering Design and Construction Manual.** The Planning and Zoning Commission met on December 17, 2024 and made a favorable recommendation to Council for the amendment to the Northport Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 2249, to include the appendix for the Engineering Design and Construction Manual for the city. The manual will provide minimum standards for design and construction of land development projects and public infrastructure throughout the city.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-10 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter an Agreement with LeCroy Richardson for FY2024 Audit.** The audit will include multiple components that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. **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 25-11 for the Allocation of 2025 Northport First Funds.** The allocated funds of \$7,760,000.00 are to be used for various projects. This allocation was approved by the Finance Committee on January 6, 2025. **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 Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-12 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 13584 Christian Drive.** Mrs. Jennifer Montgomery has property located at 13584 Christian 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. 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 25-13 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Right-of-Way Use Agreement with West Alabama Food & Wine Festival for 2025**. The 2025 West Alabama Food & Wine Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025 in downtown Northport, with an alternate date of May 4, 2025 in the event of inclement weather. This agreement will allow for the placement of tents, chairs, etc. In the right-of-way for the event set-up. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Abstain; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-14 Authorizing Special Permit for Date Night on the Bunny Trail 2025**. The special permit will allow for the possession, sale, and consumption of alcohol at Shirley Place on March 28, 2025. Junior League of Tuscaloosa will contract with a properly licensed alcohol vendor. This vendor will be required to follow all state and local laws regarding the sale, distribution, and consumption of alcohol, including the proper licenses from the State ABC Board. **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 25-15 Authorizing the City Administrator to Terminate the Current Low Bidder for Lawn Care**. On July 11, 2024 the City Council authorized the award of Lawn Care Maintenance to Terrance Grant DBA Grants Quality Lawn Care in the amount of \$25.00 per hour. Due to inability to perform, the Planning and Inspections department is requesting that the contract with Grants Quality Lawn Care be terminated. **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 25-16 Awarding Bid for Bid File No. 24-02 Lawn Care Maintenance to Landon Camp DBA Navy Oaks Services, LLC**. The Planning and Inspections Department received bids for Lawn Care Maintenance on July 11, 2024, and Landon Camp DBA Navy Oaks Services, LLC, was the lowest responsible bidder. As per this resolution, Landon Camp, will be used by the City for all weed abatement services. Bids were submitted on an hourly rate and the amount of the winning bid was \$80.00 per hour. The contract will be for a 12-month period beginning July 11, 2024, and expire on July 11, 2025. **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 25-17 Awarding Bid for Sewer Repairs on Chestertown Trace**. On January 9, 2025, the Utilities Department accepted bids for sewer repairs on Chestertown Trace. The lowest bidder meeting specifications is APEX Civil Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$77,300.26. **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 Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-18 Authorizing a Commercial Lease Agreement with Midstates Petroleum for Fueling Facilities**. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to enter a commercial lease agreement with Midstate Petroleum Company, LLC for the fueling facility located at the Public Works facility on Harper Road. The negotiated lease agreement is for a five-year term that includes three additional five-year option periods at a monthly rent of \$2,500 per month and a three percent (3%) fuel discount for City of Northport fuel purchases. This lease will replace the previous lease with Moore Petroleum authorized in 1996 by Resolution 96-16, which was terminated due to the bankruptcy of Moore Petroleum's successor in interest, Mountain Express. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the January 21, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, January 6, 2025, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb

3. Purchase Requisition, Requisition 251259 to Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$11,314.86 is for installation of lights, consoles, partitions and prisoner seats in the PD 2025 Expedition.
4. Purchase Requisition, Requisition 251258 to Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$33,839.10 is for installation of lights, consoles, partitions and prisoner seats in three 2025 PD Explorers.
5. Purchase Requisition, Requisition 251256 to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$42,281.92 is for installation of car mounted radars on four new PD vehicles.
6. Purchase Requisition, annual workman's compensation renewal and payment to the Alabama Municipal Workman's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$266,406.00.
7. Purchase Requisition, Requisition 251255 to Stalker Radar in the amount of \$8,180.00 is for Dual Antenna Radar Systems for four new PD Vehicles.
8. Purchase Requisition, Requisition 251254 to Cradlepoint in the amount of \$5,794.20 is for 4 cradlepoints for PD vehicles.
9. Purchase Requisition, Requisition 251253 to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$18,416.75 is for quarterly maintenance of the PD Radio Towers.
10. Purchase Requisition, On November 5, 2018, by Resolution 18-098, the City Council authorized the appeal from Probate Court to Circuit Court of the Condemnation Award for the Union Chapel Road Realignment Project, for Tract 2. A portion of this condemnation appeal process required the City of Northport to post a Supersedeas Bond, which we did in 2018. In 2023 we obtained an order reducing the total bond amount to \$423,000. The attached invoice is for the renewal of said reduced bond in the amount of \$7,595.00. This expense should be charged against the Hwy. 69/UCR Realignment Project and will be reimbursed by TCRIC.
11. Purchase Requisition, Carahsoft Technology Corporation for SSO software renewal. Requisition No. 251339 in the amount of \$21,238.83.
12. Purchase Requisition, Trash Truck #2370 is not performing "regens" like it should, which leads to engine problems. DEF, or Diesel Exhaust Fluid, is used to control the amount of chemicals emitted by diesel engines. It does this during a process called a regeneration cycle, often referred to as "regen". "Regens" are necessary because they are the only means of removing soot build-up in an engine. If the soot is not burned off, it will eventually cause the engine to lose power. The Public Works Department is respectfully requesting approval to have Truck # 2370's DEF System repaired by Truckworx for \$5,918.86. This price is based on an estimate from the vendor that includes diagnostic fees, labor, and parts.
13. Purchase Requisition, APEX Civil Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$77,300.26, is for sewer repairs on Chestertown Trace.

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 **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
 1. **Second Reading**, Ordinance of conditional use approval to locate a performance residential development for approximately 4 acres located east of Highway 43 N and south of Owen Parkway.
 - i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
 - ii. Brock Corder – 1307 25th Avenue – The Builders Group – Request an amendment to the buffer requirements along Owen Parkway. He would like to install fencing and adequate landscaping instead of berm only.
 - iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, Second by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt Ordinance 2253 of conditional use approval to locate a performance residential development for approximately 4 acres located east of Highway 43 N and south of Owen Parkway.

Longleaf Engineering made the request and was considered by the Planning Commission on December 17, 2024, and a recommendation for approval was made to the City Council. In addition to meeting the standards of the Zoning Ordinance, the following conditions for a favorable recommendation were added to allow a performance residential development east of Highway 43 N and south of Owen Parkway: The development shall be limited to 41 units and 96 bedrooms, a new public sidewalk shall be constructed along the property frontage on Owen Parkway, all building materials shall be like or better than the building materials used

in Magnolia Hills subdivision, a privacy fence, or other screening approved by the Director of Planning and Inspections, shall be installed along the west property line at the rear of the units labeled 1-20, the area labeled "30' Frontage Landscaping" on the proposed site development plan shall meet the requirements for residential developments backing up to special corridor roadways, amenities shall be provided to include a commercial grade pickleball court and dog park with black vinyl coated fence, or equivalent, screening shall be provided along east property line adjoining Biscayne Hills. **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 reconsider and amend **Ordinance 2253. 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 Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Ordinance 2253** with amendment "the area labeled "30' Frontage Landscaping" on the proposed site development plan shall contain a privacy fence and landscaping shall be installed between the privacy fence and the ROW along Owen Parkway". **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. **ABC License** to Ameer Saedi on behalf of **Puff Stuff Outlet LLC** located at 2900 Hunter Creek Road.

- 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 Pro Tem Washington to approve ABC License to Ameer Saedi on behalf of **Puff Stuff Outlet LLC** located at 2900 Hunter Creek Road. **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

There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Stated how proud and thankful he was of the accomplishments that the council and staff have achieved. He is looking forward to everything 2025 will bring.

President Bobo, District 1 – Thanked staff for the extra hard work during the recent weather event.

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Asked council to reconsider item 11.c.1.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – Thanked Pro Tem Washington for correcting item 11.c.1.

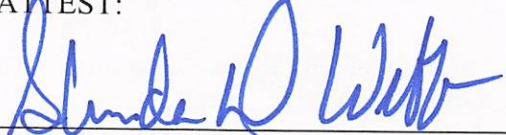
Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – Inquired about University Beach plans that are supposed to be submitted to staff. Per Mr. Davis, the plans have been received and are under review.

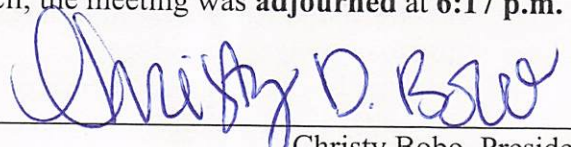
Councilman Aiken, District 5 – No official business to discuss for District 5.

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 6:17 p.m.**

ATTEST:


Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator


Christy Bobo, President