

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 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

Mayor Hinton presented a proclamation to the Tuscaloosa County High School Cheerleaders for their accomplishments this season.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve the agenda for February 3, 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

Stormi Nelson, 4176 Brentwood Street submitted a request to speak regarding sewer needs. Councilwoman Dykes stated that she met with Mrs. Nelson the previous Friday therefore she did not appear before council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Ordinance 2254 Establishing the Cable Franchise Application Process in the City of Northport.** The ordinance regulating cable communications (Ordinance No. 1121) is in need of replacement, as it has remained unchanged since its adoption in 1995. In 2024, the City hired Local Government Services, LLC (LGS), through a Joint Service Agreement as an independent contractor of the Alabama League of Municipalities, to provide cable television franchise management advisory services. LGS assisted in drafting the updated ordinance to replace Ordinance No. 1121. Existing cable franchisees were offered the opportunity to provide comments on the draft. **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 Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-19** Accepting Maintenance of Municipal Public Improvements for New Beginning Family Worship Center for Lots 8 - 12 of Park West Business Center. Per Section 306 of the Subdivision Regulations, certain criteria have been met by the developer. New Beginning's Family Worship Center has met the requirements of Section 306 located along Park West Drive. Adoption of this resolution accepts the maintenance of the municipal improvements of sidewalks constructed as part of that development. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance Rezoning of Approximately 3.36 acres located at Station Circle, east of Highway 43 N, from Family Single Residential (RS-1) to General Commercial (C-3).** Dream Investment Group, LLC is requesting rezoning of approximately 3.36 acres located at Station Circle, east of Highway 43 N, from Family Single Residential (RS-1) to General Commercial (C-3). The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 14, 2025 and made a favorable recommendation that the request for rezoning be granted.

First Reading, Offered by Councilwoman Dykes, **Ordinance requesting approval of a Special District Plan for approximately 84.77 acres for The Terrace at Northcreek, located at the east dead end of Northcreek Boulevard.** Longleaf Engineering is requesting approval of a Special District Plan for approximately 84.77 acres for The Terrace at Northcreek, located at the east dead end of Northcreek Boulevard. The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 14, 2025 and made a favorable recommendation that the request for approval of a Special District Plan be granted.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-20 Authorizing Application for the Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.** If funded, there is no match required 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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-21 Authorizing the City Administrator to execute an amendment with Southeastern Network of Athletic Professionals (SNAP) Sports Tourism Consulting for Representation of the Sports Complex at Northport Shore.** The proposed amended total is \$42,000.00. **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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-22 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute and Agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for the ADA Transition Plan Update - Phase III.** The fiscal impact for the City for this project will be handled with FY25 Northport First funding for \$85,000. **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 25-23 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Easement with Alabama Power Company for River Run Park.** The easement is for distribution facilities for transmission and distribution of electric power and communications. **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 25-24 Establishing the Legislative Agenda of the City of Northport for the 2025 Session of the Alabama Legislature.** This resolution requests the Tuscaloosa County Legislative Delegation to consider the City of Northport's position on several matters that may be presented in the 2025 Legislative Session. **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 February 3, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, employee reimbursement for John Caleb Bigham for the cost of the Platinum Planner for AEMT school in the amount of \$60.00.
4. Purchase Requisition, Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Co., LLC., in the amount of \$19,000.00, is to repair the asphalt on Lurleen Wallace Blvd in front of Piggly Wiggly, where the Utilities Department repaired a water leak.
5. Purchase Requisition, annual software subscription renewal for February 22, 2025 through February 21, 2026 to Legal Files Software, Inc in the amount of \$6,010.00.
6. Purchase Requisition, 64 navy blue quarter zip pullovers for Northport Fire Rescue employees. The total cost for the pullovers will be \$6,111.00 from KDL Sales.
7. Purchase Requisition, Dell Technologies in the amount of \$7,168.20 is for 3 Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged laptops for PD vehicles.
8. Purchase Requisition, Tuscaloosa County Commission in the amount of \$42,157.50 is for housing of prisoners from October - December 2024.
9. Purchase Requisition, City of Tuscaloosa in the amount of \$8,100.00 is for lease of server space and joint utilization of Spillman Public Safety System.
10. Purchase Requisition, Ferguson Water Works, in the amount of \$15,264.70, is for parts to replace the drain valve for Filter #4 at the Water Treatment Plant. This includes a 24" butterfly valve and freight.
11. Purchase Requisition, Miscellaneous Metals and Fabrications, LLC., in the amount of \$6,850.00, is for the labor and installation of a 24" butterfly valve at the Water Treatment Plant.
12. Purchase Requisition, The City of Northport has been awarded \$26,082.10 from Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) through a grant from the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund to purchase recycled tire mulch to be used in the playground area at the Community Center. Rubber mulch provides excellent cushioning to absorb impacts, reducing the protentional for injuries. Unlike organic alternatives, rubber mulch does not attract pests such as carpenter ants or termites. Additionally, its heavier weight makes it less likely to be scattered by wind or washed away by rain, which significantly lowers the maintenance required for upkeep. Rubber mulch has a lifespan of 10 to 15 years, whereas alternatives typically last less than half that time. We are respectfully requesting approval to purchase 132,000 pounds of rubber mulch from Best Rubber Mulch, LLC for \$34,677.69, the City's expense will be \$8,595.59 of this total.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Motion by Finance Co-Chair Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 25-25 for special appropriation of library funding.** Renew the original agreement for the FY 2025 Agency Funding to the Tuscaloosa Public Library in the amount of \$186,560 and further more move to authorize a special appropriation and contract in the amount of \$101,455 to the Tuscaloosa

Public Library effective March 1, 2025 with the requirement that all existing services for the City of Northport residents be retained for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, No; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. There was **one** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Engineering Department.**

1. **Second Reading, Ordinance to amend The Northport Zoning Ordinance to add an appendix for Engineering Design and Construction Manual.**

i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.a.1.

ii. There were no speakers.

iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.a.1.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2255 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.

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. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department.**

C. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department.**

D. There were **no** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Police Department.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

There was none.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Informed citizens that Diamond Jim's Steakhouse should be starting construction soon.

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

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Reminded citizens that tutoring is being offered at the Community Center by the University of Alabama Culverhouse. Also informed citizens that baseball registration is currently open at Tiger Field.

Councilman Wiggins, District 3 – Informed citizens that computer classes are being offered by Focus at Community Center.

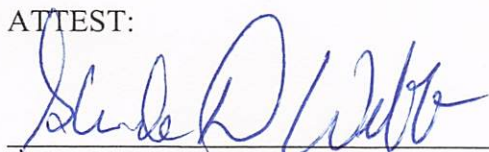
Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – No official business to discuss for District 4.

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 5:58 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President