The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018, 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 Boozer, Pro Tem Sullivan, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the agenda for the January 22, 2018, Council meeting with the deletion of item 7b1, Resolution appointing three members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. President Logan said this will be tabled until the next regular meeting on February 5, 2018.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Ordinance 1946 annexing approximately 39 acres South of McFarland Blvd. and West of Trade Center Drive.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Ordinance 1947 rezoning approximately 39 acres South of McFarland Blvd. and West of Trade Center Drive from AG (Agricultural) to C-6 (Highway Commercial).** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Pro Tem Sullivan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Ordinance 1948 rezoning approximately 7 acres located east of Hwy. 69 N. of Hunter Creek Road from RS (Residential Single Family) & C-3 (General Commercial) to RM-2 (Residential Multi-Family).** Roll call vote was as follows: Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Boozer, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **adopt Ordinance 1949 rezoning property located at 4520 Watermelon Road, Greenbriar Lot 2 Second Section, from RS-12 (Residential Single Family) to O-I (Office – Institutional).** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing approximately 3.5 acres located at 5870 Charlie Shirley Road.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Rezoning approximately 3.5 acres from AG to C-3 located at 5870 Charlie Shirley Road.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing approximately 8 acres located in the 4500 block of Harper Road.

Councilman Hogg offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Annexing approximately 4 acres located in the 4500 block of Harper Road.

Motion President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Boozer **to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 22, 2018 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, January 10, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 1 employee, The Competitive Bid Law Webinar, Jan. 30th, $37.00 – Legal

4. Travel/Training, 2 employees, 2018 Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conf., Feb. 24th – March 1st, Montgomery, AL $1,060.05 - PD
5. Travel/Training, 3 employees, Adult Mental Health First Aid, Jan. 29th, Tuscaloosa, AL $75.00 – PD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Fraud and Financial Crime, Feb. 20th, Montgomery, AL $0 - PD
7. PO Requisition, Garbage Truck Repairs, Ingram Equipment, $10,318.25 – PW
8. Travel/Training, 2 employees, First Line Supervision, Feb. 7-9th, Tuscaloosa, AL $20.00 – PD
9. Travel/Training, 10 employees, 2018 Montgomery, Drive-In, Feb. 7-8th, Montgomery, AL $3,325.00 - Admin

Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

Pro Tem Sullivan explained that we are in the process of changing bank services and said the water bill drop box is currently located in Houston, Texas; however, this will soon change to Birmingham, AL when the process is completed. He said that the new I.T. Director will help finalize the process. He also said that the Finance Committee will begin reviewing the Capital Budget and hopes to schedule a Work Session soon to discuss.

Councilman Boozer announced that the Administrative Committee will meet tomorrow, at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. He also mentioned a recent meeting with several home builders and staff to discuss the permitting process. He said the meeting was very informative, and expressed his appreciation to everyone involved and said he feels that communication is key to solving the issues.

President Logan said the Retail Development Committee is working on in-fill opportunities for Northport, as well as a Façade Improvement Program for existing businesses in Northport.

President Hogg said the Retail Development Committee is currently working on in-fill opportunities and hopes to provide more information sometime next month.

City Administrator's Business:

City Administrator Higginbotham explained that there were no RFP's received for the Hasson Center when it was recently advertised. He said he received calls from interested parties after the RFP deadline and there was some confusion pertaining to paperwork turned in prior to the advertisement of the RFP for the Hasson Center. He explained that interested parties erroneously thought their paperwork turned in prior to the RFP was sufficient and that it didn't have to be re-submitted, however, that wasn't the case. Therefore, City Administrator Higginbotham suggested the RFP's for the Hasson Center be advertised for one week.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **re-advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP) for the potential sale of the Hasson Center (not to include the baseball field) for one week, beginning January 23rd and ending February 1st at 5:00 p.m.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Departmental Business:

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **approve the ABC License for Sam Beauty Supply and Food, LLC dba Sam Beauty Supply and Food.** President Logan asked the business owner in attendance, Mr. Hamid Allalzendani, to keep the area clean, and well lite, due to it being a high traffic area. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Public Comment:

Ms. Jureta Jones, 4209 Hunter Creek Road, came before Council on behalf of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clemmie Thomas who lives at 1803 19th Street. Ms. Jones asked for an update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Improvement Project. President Logan said that Mr. Russ Ware, with BKI, Inc. would give a brief update later in the Council meeting under President Logan's business.

Mr. Jody Jobson, 1534 Bellwood Lane came before Council to inquire about the findings and progress of the Mayor's Advisory Board, which was appointed to investigate the infighting and division in the Northport Fire Department.

Mayor and Council Member's Business:

Councilman Boozer, District 1, announced again that the Administrative Committee will meet tomorrow at 3:30 pm at City Hall. He congratulated the University of Alabama football team on winning the National Championship. Councilman Boozer thanked Public Works Director Brooke Starnes for organizing the new garbage cart system and said it will be an asset to the city. He also expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for their work during the recent snow event.

President Logan, District 2, congratulated the University of Alabama football team for winning the National Championship. Mr. Russ Ware, with BKI, Inc. gave a brief update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Improvement Project. He said that the environmental studies have begun and a Public Involvement Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, said he is excited about the new garbage carts and stated that this should reduce the Worker's Compensation Claims. Pro Tem Sullivan stated that the new Cashier Policy was implemented today and said this will be beneficial to how the city operates. He also mentioned that there will be an announcement in the newspaper tomorrow pertaining to a new business coming to Northport (Harbor Freight).

Councilman Davis, said he is excited about the new garbage carts.

Councilman Hogg, District 5, said that at first, he was hesitant to go to one day a week garbage pickup, however, he said that the surrounding areas have once a week pickup and he feels that this will be better for Northport in the long run. He said that in the future, Phase II of this project will be implemented, which will be a Recycling Program, and that he is looking forward to the implementation. He asked the citizens to work together with the city to make the Recycling Program a success.

Mayor Aaron, said she is excited about the new garbage carts and said it will be a major benefit to Northport. Mayor Aaron requested an informational work session be scheduled between the Mayor, Council and Department Heads within the next few months to discuss the Emergency Plans pertaining to the weather, Hazmat, etc. for the

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Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments. She explained that she would like to be aware of each emergency plan so that in the case of an emergency, she and the Council can inform the citizens about what is going. Councilman Boozer added that the need for emergency plans have been discussed along with the handbook in the Administrative Committee meetings and looks forward to discussing them for each department.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to adjourn the meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

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Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator