

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, March 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 was Mayor Hinton.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve the agenda for March 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

There was none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by President Bobo, **Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Water & Sewer Capital Budget.** This budget will be for a twelve (12) month period from October 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025. This budget was approved at the Finance Committee Meeting on February 17, 2025.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-35 for Online Application System Provider (NEOGOV)** in the amount of \$15,671.00. **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 Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-36 accepting the updated master plan for the Northport Shore.** The City of Northport City Council previously adopted a master plan and one update to the master plan for the Kentuck Festival and Sportsplex area. The last master plan update was approved by the City Council in November 2023. Since that time, the master plan area has been officially entitled Northport Shore. Therefore, the master plan is now referred to as the Northport Shore master plan. Significant progress of the related projects within the Northport Shore area have been made and require updates to the master plan. The master plan updates have been reviewed and are recommended by City staff. **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 25-37 Establishing the Fees for Vacating the Public Right-Of-Way for a portion of Old Union Chapel Road.** The Engineering department request that the City Council authorize the fees for vacating the public right-of-way for a portion of Old Union Chapel Road for Northcreek Properties, LLC. The portion of ROW is 0.20 acres. Northcreek Properties, LLC has filed with the City, a Declaration of Vacation of Right-Of-Way. Northcreek Properties, LLC will be responsible for legal fees in the amount of \$550.00, advertising costs in the amount of \$491.40 and the value of ROW cost in the amount of \$1,504.24. The total amount that Northcreek Properties, LLC will be responsible for paying to the City is \$2,545.64. There will be no fiscal impact to 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 Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 25-38 Adopting the ADA Self - Evaluation and Transition Plan Update, Phase II.** On May 1, 2023, the City Council adopted an updated to the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, which was originally adopted on July 18, 2016. The Engineering department request that the City Council adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update, Phase II. There is no fiscal impact to the City for adoption of this update. **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 25-39 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with .Infomedia for Economic Development Website Development**. To support the City of Northport's economic development efforts, the Engineering department request approval for the City Administrator to execute an agreement with .Infomedia for website development of sites for Experience Northport, Northport Shore, and River Run Park with an option to purchase monthly support and management of the sites. The fiscal impact, \$87,000 for website development is budgeted in the FY2025 Northport First 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 25-40 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Alabama Power for the installation and maintenance of (4) Flock Safety Cameras**. **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 Aiken to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the March 3, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, February 17, 2025, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Dark Horse Certified Accountants, Outsourced Accounting Services, \$5,000.00.
4. Purchase Requisition, 2024 Ford F-150 Supercrew 4x4 Pickup for the Engineering Inspectors in the amount of \$46,990.00 to Stivers Ford Lincoln.
5. Purchase Requisition, CDWG for VPN software renewal for the Public Safety and Utilities Department. Total cost \$10,665.00.
6. Purchase Requisition, Hunnicutt, Inc., in the amount of \$6,525.00, is for a replacement 10" check valve and water pump with flange installation and wiring for the #2 RAS (Return Activated Sludge) wet well located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
7. Purchase Requisition, Municipal and Commercial Uniforms, Inc. in the amount of \$5,773.79 is for Police Department Uniforms.

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 **four** Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.

1. **Second Reading, 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).**

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.1.
- ii. There were no speakers.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.1.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Ordinance 2257 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 requester. **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. **Second Reading, 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.**

- 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.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Ordinance 2258** 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 requester. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Second Reading, Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1603 7th Street.

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.3.
- ii. Trip Tierce, owner, 2211 11th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Has pulled a permit, currently working on repairs, requests extension to June 2, 2025.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.3.

Motion by Councilman Aiken, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **TABLE** Ordinance ordering demolition of an unsafe structure located at 1603 7th Street. The Chief Building Official has found that the structure located at 1603 7th Street is unsafe and dangerous to public health. The owner has obtained a building permit, submitted a list of repairs to be completed, and has begun work to bring the structure up to building code. The owner is requesting a 90-day extension to make the needed repairs. We are recommending this item be tabled until the June 2, 2025 Council meeting.

4. Second Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 3905 Hunter Creek Road.

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.4.
- ii. John Newman, 4005 Hunter Creek Road, owner, lives next door. Has pulled a permit, currently looking for contractors to begin work, requests extension to June 2, 2025.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.4.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to **TABLE** 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. A public hearing was held on January 6, 2025. The Council voted to table the demolition until the March 3rd meeting. Since that time, the property was purchased by John Newman. Mr. Newman has obtained a building permit and has begun work on the structure. Mr. Newman is requesting a 90-day extension to complete work on the structure. We are requesting the Council table this item until the June 2, 2025, Council 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.**

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

1. ABC License to Deborah Metz on behalf of the West Alabama Food & Wine Festival.

- 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 Councilwoman Dykes to approve ABC License to Deborah Metz on behalf of the **West Alabama Food & Wine Festival** located at 318 Main Avenue. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, No; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS

There was none.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Proud of the good things happening in Northport and the affirmed AA+ credit rating.

President Bobo, District 1 – Reminded citizens to contact staff regarding Main Avenue ROW acquisitions.

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – No official business to discuss for District 2.

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

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – Sign up for youth football & cheerleading ages 5-12.

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

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **adjourn the meeting into Executive Session** to discuss **Economic Development**. This session should take no longer than 30 minutes. It is anticipated that the council will not take action after the Executive Session is concluded. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Council **adjourned** into **Executive Session** at **5:53 p.m.**

Council **reconvened** into **Regular Meeting** at **7:20 p.m.** with no action needed to be taken.

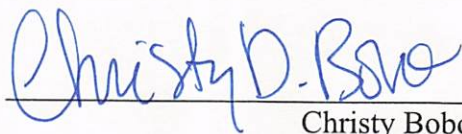
Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adjourn** the meeting. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned** at **7:20 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President