

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on **Monday, April 7, 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 three proclamations. Child Abuse Prevention Month, The Culverhouse Lift Program and Business of the Month JnJ Apparel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve the agenda for April 7, 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

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2260 Amending Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Section 22-61 of the Municipal Code pertaining to moving buildings.** Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-61 of the city code pertaining to moving buildings needs to be updated to reflect the Alabama Department of Transportation's regulations. **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 Pro Tem Washington, **Resolution fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel located at 1207 15th Court in the amount of \$4,824.60.**

First Reading. Offered by Councilman Aiken, **Ordinance of annexation of approximately 0.83 acres located at 10408 Carthage Road with zoning designation of RS-1 (Residential Single-Family), owner David Pollard.** The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met in a regular meeting on March 11, 2025. The Commission made a favorable recommendation that the request for annexation be granted.

First Reading. Offered by Councilwoman Dykes, **Resolution Abandoning Drainage Easements within the West Central Alabama Sports Medicine Complex Subdivision.** The Engineering department has reviewed the request from DCH to abandon drainage easements and has determined that the easements no longer serve a public purpose. DCH - Health Care Authority, as the property owner, wishes to construct improvements over said easements. Tract 1 being 20' wide drainage easement, containing 0.16 acres and Tract 2 is a 15' wide drainage easement, containing 0.06 acres in its entirety, as platted within the West Central Alabama Sports Medicine Complex Subdivision and as recorded in Plat book 18, Page 234 in the Probate Office of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The Engineering Department request that the City abandon the two portions of the drainage easement and for future maintenance to be handled by the property owner.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-51 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment No. 2 with Kimley-Horn and Associated, Inc. for Professional Services for the TwoMile Creek Drainage Study.** Professional services for the preparation and submission of a FEMA Letter of Map Revision for the TwoMile Creek Drainage study. The fiscal impact to the City is \$44,000.00. **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 President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-52 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Maintenance Agreement of Public Right-of-Way with ALDOT for Downtown Sidewalks and Streetscape, Phase III.** The scope of the maintenance agreement will be to maintain all associated structures and appurtenances related to all work completed under ALDOT permit numbers to improve 1st Street and the area under AL-13. 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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-53 Designating Official Voting Delegates for the 2025 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention.** Councilman Aiken the official voting delegate and Councilman Wiggins the 1st alternate. **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 25-54 Special Appropriation to Tuscaloosa County Parks & Recreation Authority.** This resolution is for a one time special allocation of \$20,000 to Tuscaloosa County Parks & Recreation Authority. Of this allocation, \$10,000 is for green repair/replacement at The Old Colony Golf Course and \$10,000 is for equipment replacement at the Faucett

Brothers Center. This was approved by the Finance Committee on March 17, 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 Wiggins to adopt Resolution 25-55 Amending Resolution 25-34 Authorizing a Special Permit for the 2025 Progressive Dinner. This resolution is amending a resolution approved by council on February 17th, 2025 (Resolution 25-34). The amendment is to change the name of the host of the Progressive Dinner. The original resolution approved Historic Tuscaloosa as the host of the event, and the applicant will actually be the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Inc. This resolution will grant a special permit to Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Inc. for the 2025 Progressive Dinner, and will allow for the possession, sale, and consumption of alcohol at Shirley Place on May 8, 2025. Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Inc. 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 Councilman Wiggins, Second by Councilman Aiken to adopt Resolution 25-56 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Easements with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Improvements Project. In order to move forward with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Improvements Project, easements are needed from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The easements are necessary for the installation, operation and maintenance of a sewage effluent pipeline, and a temporary work area. **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 25-57 Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with ALDOT for the Maintenance of Public Right-of-Way. The agreement, prepared by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), requires the City of Northport to maintain the right-of-way along AL-6 and AL-13 that run through the City Limits, including mowing and picking up litter, four times a year for which ALDOT will provide a payment of \$13,480.73 per service for a total of \$53,922.96. Historically, the Public Works Department mows the right-of-way much more frequently than the four times required by and reimbursed for through this agreement in an effort to keep these areas maintained at a level that is equal to the maintenance the Department provides to other City-owned property to ensure Northport's appearance is kept attractive for its citizens and visitors. **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 25-58 Awarding Bid File No. 25-01 for Herbicide Treatment of the Flood Control Levee and Various Drainage Channels. The Public Works Department received bids for a 3-year herbicide treatment program with biannual applications for the City's Flood Control Levee, herbicide treatment along drainage ways, channels, and ditches in various locations throughout the City using products and application methods that comply with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. We are respectfully requesting that the sole bidder meeting the specifications for Bid File No. 25-01, Edko, LLC, be awarded the work per their submittal for \$24,500.00 per year, totaling \$73,500.00. **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 Pro Tem Washington, Second by Councilman Wiggins to adopt Resolution 25-59 to accept Conditional Grant Award, continue participation in the National Fitness Campaign, and fund an Outdoor Fitness Court and Community Wellness Initiative. The City of Northport has submitted a grant application to the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) to seek approval to participate in their nationwide initiative to install and activate a Fitness Court at Tiger Park and a local healthy living campaign, joining over 500 municipalities and schools across the county. The City of Northport has been selected by the NFC National Grant Committee for grant eligibility and will conditionally accept a \$50,000 grant from the NFC Grant Committee and Statewide Partners, and endeavor to provide a local match for the Fitness Court in an estimated amount of \$120,000 plus any associated expenses to promote and implement a free-to-the-public outdoor Fitness Court in 2025 subject to local approvals and funding commitment, and recognizes grant eligibility requires meeting grant program requirement timeline milestone dates in order to confirm grant availability withing the awarded campaign year, and after the development and approval of funding, the City of Northport will commit to construction and launch of the outdoor Fitness Court to support well-being across the community. The matching funding source has been secured. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute any associated contracts and expenses to ensure the completion of the Fitness Court and to accept the National Fitness Campaign grant in the amount of \$50,000 for a Fitness Court at Tiger Park with matching funds from the FY25 Northport First Grant Match. **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 Councilwoman Dykes to adopt Resolution 25-60 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Uniti for Dark Fiber. 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 25-61 Authorizing The City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Taylor Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Package No. 5 Audio/Visual Bid Package. On March 20, 2025, the City of Northport opened bids for the River Run Park at Northport Shore - Package No. 5 Audio/Visual Package. The lowest bidder for the base bid was Taylor Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,195,000.00. The scope of the package will cover Audio/Visual equipment, wiring, and installation, digital scoreboard/screen and sound system for both championship fields, simple LED scoreboard for all other fields and an outdoor A/V rack provided for each field kept separate from all other fields. **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 25-62 Authorizing City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Misc. Metals & Fabrication, LLC., for New Lime Feeder Installation at the Water Treatment Plant. The project includes demolishing and removing the existing lime feeders and installing the new lime feeders. Misc. Metals & Fabrication, LLC., provided the lowest cost proposal. The Utilities Department is requesting authorization for the City Administrator to execute a minor public works contract with Misc. Metals & Fabrication, LLC., in the amount of \$65,450.00, to be funded out of the Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed Improvement Project. **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 25-63 Authorizing City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with The Cassady Company, Inc. for Greater Downtown Area Water & Sewer Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment. The project will also complete a condition assessment of the existing water and sewer infrastructure to identify deficiencies and be used to determine if improvements are needed to accommodate future 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.**

Motion by President Bobo, Second by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt Resolution 25-64 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter in an agreement with the West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force. The agreement acknowledges that the City of Northport will work with the West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force to more efficiently and effectively fight human trafficking, prostitution and other digital sex crimes within Tuscaloosa County. **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 Councilman Wiggins, Second by Pro Tem Washington to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the April 7, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, March 17, 2025, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, P & M Paving, LLC., in the amount of \$7,125.00, is to repair asphalt at 20th Street and 18th Avenue where the Utilities Department repaired a water leak.
4. Purchase Requisition, Tyler Technologies ERP Pro 10 in the amount of \$61,731.56 for the city's financial software. This is an annual expense and is a budgeted item.
5. Purchase Requisition, Ervin's Workwear & Boots, in the amount of \$6,930.60, is for boots for the Utilities Department employees.
6. Purchase Requisition, The Public Works Mechanic Shop uses Diagnostic Software provided by Mitchell1 to identify problems and review real-time repair information. This tool is critical for the Shop to operate efficiently and is what our mechanics have used for several years. We are respectfully requesting approval to renew our annual subscription for the total cost of \$5,424.46.
7. Purchase Requisition, BION Security for Aerohive Extreme Cloud IQ support. This is a 3-year renewal of the software licensing, phone and software support, and hardware replacement for the city's wireless connection in the amount of \$29,696.50.
8. Purchase Requisition, Civitan Park Playground Barrier, Playground Outfitters, \$5,442.97.

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 four Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.

1. **Second Reading, Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to enter a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Fiber Utility Network Inc. DBA Alabama Fiber Network.**

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

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2261 Authorizing the Mayor to enter a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Fiber Utility Network Inc. DBA Alabama Fiber Network.** This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute a franchise agreement with Fiber Utility Network, Inc. D/B/A Alabama Fiber Network. The agreement was negotiated on behalf of the City by franchise experts, Local Government Services, LLC whose services were authorized by Resolution 24-15 on January 23, 2024. **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 authorizing the Mayor to enter a Franchise Agreement with Southern Light, LLC.**

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.2.
- ii. There were no speakers.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.2.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2262 authorizing the Mayor to enter a Franchise Agreement with Southern Light, LLC.** This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute a franchise agreement with Southern Light, LLC. The agreement was negotiated on behalf of the City by franchise experts, Local Government Services, LLC whose services were authorized by Resolution 24-15 on January 23, 2024. **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. **Resolution fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 4929 Emerald Bay Drive.**

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.3.
- ii. There were no speakers.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.3.

Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-65 fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 4929 Emerald Bay Drive.** The nuisance was abated at the City's effort and expense, and the 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.**

4. **Resolution fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 1005 Princeton Place.**

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.b.4.
- ii. There were no speakers.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.b.4.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-66 fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 1005 Princeton Place.** The nuisance was abated at the City's effort and expense, and the property owner has failed to reimburse the City after multiple notices of the nuisance and abatement. **Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

D. There were two Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Police Department.**

1. **ABC License - Jake's Juke Joint Inc.**

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.d.1.
- ii. Jake French, owner shared his excitement for the opening of his new restaurant. He also provided a sample menu for review.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.d.1.

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes to approve ABC License to Jake's Juke Joint. An application was made to the City of Northport for a Restaurant Retail Liquor ABC license for Jakes Juke Joint Inc. Pursuant to the investigation of Jake French of Tuscaloosa, AL: Jakes Juke Joint 5675 Hwy 43 N Northport, AL 35473 A criminal history investigation was made by this department and no record of the individual 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.**

2. **ABC License Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Inc, Progressive Dinner**

- i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.d.2.
- ii. There were no speakers.
- iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.d.2

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to approve **ABC License Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society Inc, Progressive Dinner.** An application was made to the City of Northport for an ABC Temporary Non-Profit Special Event Retail License for the 2025 Progressive

Dinner that will be held on May 8, 2025. This is a one-day event that will be held at Shirley Place. Pursuant to the investigation of William Hawkins of: 2025 Progressive Dinner 512 Main Ave Northport, AL 35476 A criminal history investigation was made by this department and no record of the individual 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

There was none.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

Mayor Hinton – Proud of recent audit with no findings and thanks Finance Department for their good work.

President Bobo, District 1 – Invited citizens to the upcoming Grand Opening of the Northport Visitors Center and Heritage Museum on April 11, 2025.

Pro Tem Washington, District 2 – Asked citizens to continue looking for missing person Nate Short.

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

Councilwoman Dykes, District 4 – Asked Mrs. Tubbs to clarify the funding of the turf that was approved at the previous council meeting on March 17, 2025.

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

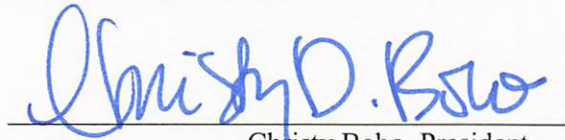
Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adjourn the meeting. Roll call was as follows:** Pro Tem Washington, Yes; Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President