

The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 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: Councilman Wiggins, Councilman Aiken, Councilwoman Dykes and President Bobo. Also present at tonight's meeting, Mayor Hinton and City Administrator Webb. Pro Tem Washington was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve the agenda for May 5, 2025, with the addition of item 9.b.8. resolution authorizing the City Administrator to sign a settlement agreement pertaining to the Billy Booth Litigation. Roll call was as follows: 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 Aiken, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Ordinance 2264 declaring 2025 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday.** This ordinance will provide a "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025, and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 20, 2025. The "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday would exempt covered items from sales and use tax for these dates. **Roll call was as follows:** Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Offered by Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance requesting rezoning and Special District Plan approval for approximately 76.2 acres located north of McFarland Boulevard and east of Harper Road.** The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met on April 8, 2025, and made an unfavorable recommendation for the rezoning request and approval of a Special District Plan. The following conditions have been requested to be considered by the Northport City Council at its May 19th public hearing on this ordinance. If adopted, such conditions will modify the allowable uses and other conditions of the Special District. Additional Prohibited Uses Nursery, Wholesale Motel Self-storage, Climate-controlled Mini-warehouse Alternative Financial Services Six-foot-wide sidewalks shall be provided along all public rights-of-way. The maximum number of multi-family units shall be 275 units.

First Reading, Offered by President Bobo, **Ordinance dedicating the Northport Community Center, Northport Civitan Park, and the Hasson Community Center as public parks of the City of Northport.** This ordinance dedicates the Northport Community Center, Northport Civitan Park, and the Hasson Community Center as public parks of the City of Northport. The use can not be changed in the future without a vote of the citizens.

First Reading, Offered by Councilman Wiggins, **Ordinance Amending Appendix B "Subdivisions" of the Northport Municipal Code.** Pursuant to Section 11-52-31, Code of Alabama, 1975, a municipal planning commission has jurisdiction to adopt subdivision regulations. They do not come before the City Council for review and adoption. Therefore, the department respectfully requests the subdivision regulations be removed from the Northport Municipal Code as shown on the Municode website and be published on the City of Northport website instead.

First Reading, Offered by Councilwoman Dykes, **Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance.** This amendment follows a planned three-month review of the zoning ordinance rewrite adopted on December 16, 2024. These updates serve to correct errors, clean up and clarify minor issues that have been discovered since adoption. The Planning & Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 and gave a favorable recommendation to the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-79 Reallocating Northport First Funds.** Reallocate \$989,642.75 of 2025 and 2022 Northport First Funds. The breakdown of funds is attached. The proposal was approved by the Finance Committee on April 21, 2025. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 25-80 to Appoint Mrs. Tena Phifer as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.** Mrs. Tena Phifer is currently serving as a supernumerary member and has expressed interest in serving as a regular member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The appointment will allow Mrs. Phifer to serve as a regular member until her term expires on December 31, 2027. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 25-81 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Updated Funding Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for US-43 and Mitt Lary Road Improvements.** The City of Northport and Alabama Department of Transportation have continuously been working on the US-43 and Mitt Lary road improvements since Resolution 17-92 was passed on September 18, 2017, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation with the fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$235,000.00. On May 20, 2024, the City Council passed Resolution 24-81 authorizing the Mayor to execute the funding agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for US-43 and Mitt Lary Road Improvements. The Engineering department has received an updated funding agreement from ALDOT. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 25-82 Authorizing the City Administrator to accept a proposal for Engineering Services from Thompson Engineering, Inc. for the HWY. 43/ HWY. 69 Connector project.** The acceptance of a proposal from Thompson Engineering, Inc., for the engineering services for the Hwy 43 - Hwy 69 Connector. The HWY 43 - HWY 69 connector would be crucial for enhancing connectivity, reducing traffic congestion, and improving overall transportation efficiency in the area. The impact to the City will be in the amount of \$119,100.00. Funds are budgeted out of the Northport First Funds. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 25-83 Authorizing the City Administrator to Awarded a Contract to Central Alabama Asphalt for the 2024 Resurfacing Project.** The Engineering Department held a bid opening on April 1, 2025, for the FY24 Resurfacing Project. The lowest responsible bidder is Central Alabama Asphalt. This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to award contract to Central Alabama Asphalt, in the amount of \$1,939,570.03, for the 2024 Resurfacing project. This resurfacing project will address resurfacing of various streets city - wide. Funds are budgeted through Alabama Gas Tax and Northport First. **Roll call was as follows:** Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-84 Establishing the Fees for Vacating the Public Right-Of-Way for a portion of Bridge Avenue.** Authorizing the fees for vacating the public right-of-way for a portion of Bridge Avenue for Green Acres Capital, LLC. The portion of ROW is 0.11 acres. Green Acres Capital, LLC has filed with the City, a Declaration of Vacation of Right-Of-Way. Green Acres Capital, LLC, will be responsible for legal fees in the amount of \$550.00, advertisement cost in the amount of \$195.75, and the value of the ROW cost in the amount of \$14,795.71. The total amount that Green Acres Capital, LLC will be responsible for paying to the City is \$15,541.46. There is no fiscal impact to the City. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 **Resolution 25-85 Authorizing the City Administrator to Engage in Negotiations with Capacity Sports Group, LLC for River Run Park at Northport Shore.** This resolution authorizes the City Administrator to engage in negotiations for contract specifics with Capacity Sports Group, LLC, for the management of the City of Northport's facility, River Run Park at Northport Shore. Capacity Sports Group, LLC, is an affiliated company of PBR Tournaments Alabama, LLC. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 25-86 authorizing the City Administrator to sign an agreement pertaining to the Billy Booth Litigation. Roll call was as follows:** Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilman Aiken to approve the Consent Agenda as printed for the May 5, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, April 21, 2025, Regular Meeting - Glenda Webb
2. Bill Listing - Glenda Webb
3. Purchase Requisition, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (A.D.E.M.), in the amount of \$17,785.00, is for the renewal of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's NPDES Permit. This permit must be renewed every five (5) years.
4. Purchase Requisition, Mission Communications, LLC., in the amount of \$9,811.80, is for the alarm unit annual service contract. These units provide alarm notifications to Utilities personnel for pump stations and remote facilities.
5. Purchase Requisition, Mail Machine, Pitney Bowes, \$11,619.51.
6. 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.
7. Purchase Requisition, Tuscaloosa County Commission in the amount of \$42,157.50 is for housing inmates.
8. Purchase Requisition, cost for signage at Northport's facilities from Knight Signs Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$38,109.00.

Roll call was as follows: Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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 was **one** Public Hearing item on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
 1. **Second Reading**, Resolution consenting to the Vacation of a Public Street/Alley in the City of Northport - Old Union Chapel Road.
 - 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 Councilman Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-87 Resolution consenting to the Vacation of a Public Street/Alley in the City of Northport - Old Union Chapel Road.** Northcreek Properties, LLC is the owner of property located on Old Union Chapel Road. The owner has filed with the City a Declaration of Vacation of Right-of-Way for Old Union Chapel Road, as attached hereto in Exhibit "A". The Code of Alabama requires that the Council, after advertising in a paper of local circulation, conduct a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider written objections prior to taking action on the proposed vacation. The notice of the public hearing was published in the Northport Gazette for four (4) consecutive weeks as required and the petitioner, as well as the various utility companies, and adjacent property owners have been notified of the hearing date. To vacate a public right-of-way, the Council must adopt a resolution of a permanent nature which requires a first and second reading. The first reading was April 21, 2025. **Roll call was as follows:** 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 **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 – No official business to discuss.

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

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

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 President Bobo, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adjourn the meeting into Executive Session** to discuss **Pending Litigation**. This session should take no longer than 20 minutes. It is anticipated that the council will not take action after the Executive Session is concluded. **Roll call was as follows:** Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

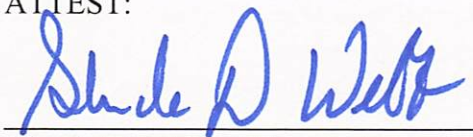
Council **adjourned** into **Executive Session** at **5:56 p.m.**

Council **reconvened** into **Regular Meeting** at **6:45 p.m.** with no action needed to be taken.

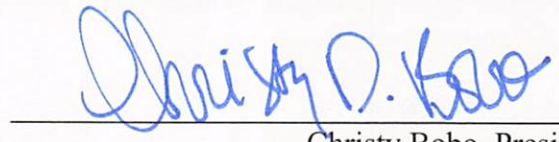
Motion by Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to **adjourn** the meeting. **Roll call was as follows:** Councilman Wiggins, Yes; Councilwoman Dykes, Yes; Councilman Aiken, Yes; President Bobo, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was **adjourned** at **6:49 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Glenda D. Webb, City Administrator



Christy Bobo, President