The regular called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at **5:30 p.m.** on **Monday, October 6, 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 Interim City Administrator Tubbs.

PRESENTATIONS
Mayor Hinton presented a proclamation to Prep Baseball and Evan Petravicius for their outstanding commitment and service to River Run Park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to approve the agenda for October 6, 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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Ordinance 2284 repealing Section 2-38 of Chapter 2 of the Northport Municipal Code pertaining to Council Committees.** The incoming City Council has requested the repeal of this code section to allow them to operate by Work Sessions rather than by Council Committees. This repeal will not become effective until the incoming City Council is sworn in on November 3, 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**

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-186 related to certain restrictions on Retiree Health and Dental Insurance.** Regular full-time employees hired before January 1, 2026, are eligible for retiree health and dental insurance through the City of Northport at the existing amount presently paid by the current retirees on the city's health and dental insurance plan (Single Health: $99; Family Health: $443 & Single Dental: $19, Family Dental: $60) provided they retire either through service or disability with the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). This resolution establishes new requirements and benefits for retirees' health and dental insurance for all new employees hired by the City of Northport on or after January 1, 2026. This was recommended by the Administrative Committee at their regular meeting of September 22, 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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes to adopt **Resolution 25-187 authorizing a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for the Municipal Court Judge and the Municipal Court Prosecutor.** The City of Northport recently adopted the FY2026 budget which included a 6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all full-time employees. This resolution will authorize a 6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the contract positions of Municipal Court Judge and the Municipal Court Prosecutor effective the pay period beginning November 1, 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 Councilwoman Dykes, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-188 authorizing the City Administrator to enter a Lease Agreement for Northport Civitan Park.** The Northport Civitan Club has leased the Civitan Park from the City of Northport since 1987. Since that time, the Civitan Club has operated said building and park for the use of the citizens. The Northport Civitan Club has requested a modified lease agreement to only include the grounds where the building is situated at the Northport Civitan Park. The Civitan's have requested a modified lease renewal for a period of ten (10) years as well as a modified lease agreement. The terms of the modified lease agreement will be from November 2026 until November 2036. This was recommended by the Administrative Committee at their regular meeting of September 22, 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 Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to adopt **Resolution 25-189 Awarding Bid for Vineyards Pump Station Rehabilitation Project.** On September 24, 2025, the Utilities Department accepted bids for the Vineyards Pump Station Rehabilitation Project. The lowest bidder meeting specifications is Price Civil Services, Inc., in the amount of $258,450.00, as shown in the attached bid tabulation. **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 Aiken to adopt **Resolution 25-190 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Alternative Program Funds.** The City of Northport submitted a Transportation Alternative Program grant application to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the Downtown Streetscape Phase IV project. Funding for the project has been approved in the amount of $800,000. Receipt of grant funding requires execution of an agreement with ALDOT. A 20% match in the amount of $200,000 is required. Matching funds have been budgeted in the 2025 Northport First Grant Match 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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-191 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No. 1 with Taylor Electrical Contractors for River Run Park — Package No. 5.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1 with Taylor Electrical Contractors for Package No. 5 for River Run Park. The scope of the change order is due to the deduction of speakers and the removal of ad panels on the Grandstands scoreboards. The change order deduction is in the amount of $9,003.47. **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 25-192 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Professional Service Contract with TTL, Inc. for Downtown Streetscape - Phase IV.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with TTL, Inc, for Professional Services for Downtown Streetscape - Phase IV project. The Downtown Streetscape Phase IV project will be funded 80/20 in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets for all grant funds. The fiscal impact on the City will be $239,700.00. **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 25-193 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Professional Service Contract with Duncan Coker Associates, P.C. for Mark's Mart Storm Drainage Repairs.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute a Professional Service Contract with Duncan Coker Associates, P.C. for Mark's Mart Storm Drainage repairs. The project involves the repair of a failing storm drainage structure and slope stabilization on the West side of Mark's Mart along 5th Street, in the amount of $47,187.00. **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 25-194 Establishing the Fee for Vacating the Public Right-of-Way in the City of Northport - A Portion of Park Court.** This resolution will authorize the fees for vacating the public right-of-way for a portion of Park Court for J N E Realty, LLC. J N E Realty, LLC has filed with the City a Declaration of Vacation of Right-of-Way for 0.39 acres of Park Court and will be responsible for the legal fees in the amount of $550.00, advertisement fees in the amount of $946.80, and the value of the right-of-way in the amount of $11,049.87. The total amount that J N E Realty, LLC will be responsible for paying to the City is $12,546.67. **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 October 6, 2025, Council Meeting:

1. Minutes, September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting – Tera Tubbs

2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition, Parkson Corporation, in the amount of $30,876.00, is for diffusers and connectors on the Aeration Basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The old diffusers and connectors need to be replaced in order to continue operation of the aeration basin. The requisition is for 372 diffusers and 186 connectors.
4. Purchase Requisition, Pace Analytical Services, LLC., in the amount of $35,000.00, is for yearly testing at the Water Treatment Plant. The testing consists of Coliform, TOC's, SOC's, IDSE, and DSE. This testing is required by ADEM. This is part of the FY2026 Budget.
5. Purchase Requisition, Living Water Services, LLC., in the amount of $20,000.00, is for yearly lab testing at the Water Treatment Plant. The testing consists of bacti and TOC which is required by ADEM. This is part of the FY2026 Budget.
6. Purchase Requisition, Living Water Services, LLC., in the amount of $10,000.00, is for yearly lab testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The testing is for E. Coli, BOD, TSS, NH4, TKN, which are all required by ADEM. This is part of the FY2026 Budget.
7. Purchase Requisition, Warrior Waste Services, LLC., in the amount of $63,495.00, is for yearly hauling of biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the landfill. This should cover the fiscal year is part of the FY2026 Budget.
8. Purchase Requisition, Black Warrior Solid Waste, in the amount of $60,000.00, is for yearly tipping fees to haul biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the landfill. This should cover the fiscal year and is part of the FY2026 Budget.
9. Purchase Requisition, Crimson Carpet & Flooring, in the amount of $11,050.00, is for new flooring at the Utilities Billing Office at City Hall.
10. Purchase Requisition, Sourcewell Contract #011124-UFC to Unifirst Uniform Services, in the amount of $15,000.00, is to provide the Utilities Department employees with uniforms to wear while they are on the job for safety and identification purposes. This is for FY2026.
11. Purchase Requisition, Knight Signs Industries for bronze signage and installment for city parks, not to exceed $15,000.00.
12. Purchase Requisition, Electric Machine Control, Inc., in the amount of $15,860.00, is for quarterly updates of the SCADA Network software used at the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This amount is for FY2026.
13. Purchase Requisition, CDWG for license renewal of CrowdStrike software, $62,429.00.
14. Purchase Requisition, Ricoh, $20,980.00.
15. Purchase Requisition, The City of Northport has been awarded $89,472.00 from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) through a grant from the Alabama Recycling Fund to purchase a Track Loader with accompanying rotating pallet fork and cutting edge bucket. The Track Loader will help increase the efficiency of our Recycling Department's operations with its ability to sort and lift loads of recyclables in larger and heavier quantities. Just as important, the Track Loader will also reduce the amount of strenuous manual labor currently required from some of our employees, reducing the risk of injury. Purchase request for a Kubota Track Loader and optional equipment, including a rotating pallet fork and cutting edge bucket for a total of $91,969.74 from Capital Tractor. The $2,497.74 not covered by the grant will be paid out of Public Works' Recycling Equipment account funds, as allotted as a part of the previously approved Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.
16. Purchase Requisition, S.T. Bunn Construction Company for asphalt on an as-needed basis for potholes and patching done by the Construction Department. Asphalt is typically required weekly, with costs averaging several hundred dollars per delivery. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years, we are estimating the need for approximately $25,000.00 worth of asphalt from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.
17. Purchase Requisition, Ready Mix USA for concrete on an as-needed basis for projects done by the Construction Department. Concrete is typically required weekly, with costs averaging several hundred dollars per delivery. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years, we are estimating the need for approximately $10,000.00 worth of concrete from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.
18. Purchase Requisition, Todd Shirley Grading, Inc. for fill dirt on an as-needed basis for projects done by the Construction Department. Fill dirt is typically required monthly, and is kept onsite at the Public Works location, with deliveries made every few months, costing over $1,000 each. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years, we are estimating the need for approximately $5,000.00 worth of fill dirt from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

19. Purchase Requisition, Davis Materials, Inc. for stone and crusher run on an as-needed basis for projects done by the Construction Department. #57 Stone is typically required monthly, and is kept onsite at the Public Works location, with deliveries made every few months, costing over $2,000 each. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years, we are estimating the need for approximately $10,000.00 worth of #57 Stone from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. 825B Crusher Run is typically required monthly, and is kept onsite at the Public Works location, with deliveries made every few months, costing over $2,000 each. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years, we are estimating the need for approximately $10,000.00 worth of 825B Crusher Run from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.
20. Purchase Requisition, Southern Tire Mart, Inc. to purchase tires on an as-needed basis for the garbage and trash trucks. Daily trips to the landfill and hauling heavy loads lead to expedited wear and damage. Having prior purchasing approval allows us to replace tires without delay, which is crucial to getting these trucks back in service in a timely manner. Tires for these types of trucks cost an average of $500.00 each, and each truck drives on six to ten tires. Based on the amounts spent in the past two fiscal years on tires for garbage and trash trucks, we are estimating the need to spend approximately $30,000.00 from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. This $15,000.00 planned expense for garbage trucks is part of the $25,000.00 allotted to the Public Works' Garbage Trucks Maintenance account fund in the City Council-approved Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Payments would be made once the product is received.
21. Purchase Requisition, Carahsoft Technology Corp., for MFA RFID license renewal software. This is a budgeted expense. Total cost $54,336.40.
22. Purchase Requisition, no more than $34,000.00 to Ervin's Workwear & Boots on an as-needed basis to provide its employees with uniform pants and work boots as required throughout the year. Employees receive four pairs of pants a year, either at the start of their employment with the Public Works Department, or as part of the annual department-wide order once they complete their probationary period.
23. Purchase Requisition, Lowes Pro, in the amount of $9,008.30, for the pavilions for Tiger Park. The amount is for 2 - 12'x24' pavilions.
24. Purchase Requisition, Tires for Police Vehicles (as needed); Southern Tire Mart, Inc., not to exceed $20,000.00.
25. Purchase Requisition, Routine Maintenance Parts for Police Vehicles (as needed); Northport Auto Supply, not to exceed $15,000.00.

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 items on the agenda for the **Legal Department**.
    1. **Second Reading, Resolution fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 1902 Hudson Bay Drive.**
        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 Pro Tem Washington, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-195 fixing the cost of nuisance weed abatement and authorizing the filing of a lien for property located at 1902 Hudson Bay Drive.** 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 two Public Hearing items on the agenda for the **Planning & Inspection Department**.
    1. **Second Reading, Resolution fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel located at 1203 EJ James Jr Parkway.**
        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 Councilman Aiken, **Second** by Councilman Wiggins to adopt **Resolution 25-196 fixing the cost of demolition and authorizing filing a lien for the parcel located at 1203**

EJ James Jr Parkway. The demolition was done at the City's efforts and expense. **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 Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 2801 17th Avenue.**
   i. President Bobo opened the floor for item 11.c.2.
   ii. Justin Lightsey - 2711 16th Avenue. Mr. Lightsey closed on the property and obtained a building permit. He requests the item be tabled to October 20, 2025 agenda to give him time to begin the demolition himself.
   iii. President Bobo closed the floor for item 11.c.2.

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Pro Tem Washington to **TABLE Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure Located at 2801 17th Avenue to the October 20, 2025 agenda.** The Chief Building Official has found that the structure and vehicles located at 2801 17th Avenue is unsafe and dangerous to public health. We are recommending the structure and vehicles be demolished. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410. **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 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.

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 – No official business to discuss for District 4.

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

Motion by Councilman Wiggins, **Second** by Councilwoman Dykes 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 **5:52 p.m.**

Christy D. Bobo

Christy Bobo, President

ATTEST:

TTubbs

Tera Tubbs, Interim City Administrator