

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Dykes at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Councilor Higdon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Dykes.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

- Pro Tem Washington
- Councilor Smith
- Councilor Conger
- Councilor Higdon
- President Dykes

A quorum was declared present.

Mayor Phillips and City Administrator Tubbs were also present.

PRESENTATIONS: Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Fiscal Year 2025 Report.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved as printed.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger | **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – Ordinance Rezoning of approximately 34.8 acres located at the end of Windword Point Drive from Special District (RS-SD) to Residential Single Family (RS-2). Herndon, Hicks and Associates is requesting rezoning of approximately 34.8 acres located in Grand Pointe neighborhood at the end of Windword Point Drive from Special District (RS-SD) to Residential Single Family (RS-2). The Northport Planning and Zoning Commission met on December 9, 2025 and made a favorable recommendation that the request for rezoning be granted. In a separate but related matter, the Planning Commission also voted to amend the master plan for Grand Pointe to accommodate the rezoning request.

Offered by: Higdon

First Reading - Ordinance of Conditional Use approval for a business office in a Light Industrial (M-1) zone for the property located at 1101 30th Avenue. SMAP Agency is requesting to operate a business office in an M-1 (Limited Manufacturing) zoning district. The request was considered by the Planning Commission on December 9, 2025. The business office is proposing to locate in an existing building. No new construction is proposed. Therefore, the Commission did not recommend any conditions associated with the proposed use.

Offered by: Dykes

Resolution 26-01 Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Alabama Fiber Network. Alabama Fiber Network will provide fiber internet service for all City of Northport municipal buildings for \$4,052.16 a month.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger | **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-02 Authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Public Works Contract with CXT, Inc. for Tiger Park Bathrooms. This is a Public Works contract with CXT, Inc for pre-casted restrooms for Tiger Park. The scope of the work will include the delivery and installation of a 10'6" x 12" Ozark I precast single-user restroom that is ADA compliant on a prepared pad with stubs for utilities made. The pre-cast restroom will include all fixtures for this facility, in the amount of \$79,599.15.

Motion: Washington | **Second:** Conger

Vote: Motion carried; Smith voted *No*; Higdon voted *No*.

Resolution 26-03 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment No. 1 with John B. Galloway for the FY26 Bridge Inspection Services. On December 15, 2025, City Council approved Resolution 25-230 for the FY26 Bridge Inspection Services with John B. Galloway, in the amount of \$22,750.00. The contract was to include the required yearly inspections by the State for 13 of Northport's bridges. As of November 06, 2025, the 5th Street Bridge (BIN# 002570) over the railroad has been repaired and opened back up to the public. The 5th Street Bridge is due for an inspection this

year and the cost of this, in addition to the previous amount, is \$1,750.00. The total contract cost will be \$24,500.00.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-04 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at 15275 Preacher Lee Road. Mr. Johnny Overstreet has property located at 15275 Preacher Lee Road, that cannot presently be annexed into the city because the property is not contiguous. The address is outside of the city limits and outside of the planning jurisdiction. He is requesting city water service. The Municipal Code allows this with the majority consent of the city council. Per city code, all costs of this connection would be paid by the applicant and not by the City. In addition, we are adding the requirement that if, in the future, the property can be annexed, the property will be annexed into the city. If the property is not annexed, the City retains the right to terminate water services at that point.

Motion: Washington | **Second:** Smith **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-05 reappointing Jamie Dykes to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. The City of Northport has an appointment to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. The term of Ms. Jamie Dykes has expired, and the City of Northport would like to reappoint Ms. Jamie Dykes to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee with a term expiring November of 2029.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution appointing Anwar Aiken to the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority Board. The City of Northport appoints a member to the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority Board. Mr. Brion Hardin was appointed to serve as the City of Northport's representative by Resolution No. 24-150. Mr. Hardin passed away during his term of service. It is necessary to appoint Anwar Aiken to serve the remainder of the unexpired term expiring in August 2027.

Motion: Washington | **Second:** Dykes

Vote: Motion Failed; Smith voted *No*; Conger voted *No*; Higdon voted *No*.

Resolution 26-06 appointing Danny Higdon to the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority Board. The City of Northport appoints a member to the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority Board. Mr. Brion Hardin was appointed to serve as the City of Northport's representative by Resolution No. 24-150. Mr. Hardin passed away during his term of service. It is necessary to appoint Danny Higdon to serve the remainder of the unexpired term expiring in August 2027.

Motion: Smith | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried; Washington voted *No*;

Resolution 26-07 appointing Phillip Bush to the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority. The City Council appoints Northport Representatives to the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority. The vacant seat was previously filled by Mr. Sam Phillips. The term will run concurrent with the terms of office of the current City Council and will expire in November 2029.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Higdon **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-08 reappointing Glenn Crow to the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority. The City Council would like to reappoint Mr. Glenn Crow to the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority for an additional four-year term, to run concurrent with the terms of office of the current City Council expiring in November 2029.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-09 reappointing Jheovanny Gomez to the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority. The City Council would like to reappoint Mr. Jheovanny Gomez to the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority for an additional four-year term, to run concurrent with the terms of office of the current City Council expiring in November 2029.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-10 reappointing John Garner to the Northport Civil Service Board. Mr. John Garner's term on the Northport Civil Service Board expired July 31, 2025. Mr. Garner has expressed a desire to continue to serve on the Board. This resolution will reappoint Mr. Garner for an additional 6-year term that will expire July 31, 2031.

Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Higdon **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-11 reappointing Cheryl Rolf to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Cheryl Rolf serves on the Northport Historic Preservation Commission (Seat 4) and her term expired December 31, 2025. This resolution will reappoint Ms. Rolf for an additional 2-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Motion: Smith | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-12 reappointing Trudi Anders to the Northport Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Trudi Anders serves on the Northport Historic Preservation Commission (Seat 3) and her term expired December 31, 2025. This resolution will reappoint Ms. Anders for an additional 2-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Smith **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-13 reappointing Randy Fondren to the Tuscaloosa Public Library Board. Mr. Randy Fondren serves on the Tuscaloosa Public Library Board as the City of Northport's representative. His term has expired. This resolution will reappoint Mr. Fondren to the Tuscaloosa Public Library Board. The term runs concurrent with the City Council and will expire in November 2029.

Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-14 reappointing Terrance Anderson to the Ability Alliance of West Alabama Board. Mr. Terrance Anderson's term on the Ability Alliance of West Alabama expired in May 2025. This resolution will reappoint him for a 6 year term expiring May 2031.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-15 appointing Jaime Conger to the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission. The City of Northport has reached the funding threshold for appointment of a board member to the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission. The term of board member seat runs with the funding requirement being met.

Motion: Higdon | **Second:** Smith **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Amend the agenda with the addition of item 9.b.16. resolution to appoint Anwar Aiken to the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission.

Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Higdon **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-17 appointing Anwar Aiken to the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission. The City of Northport has reached the funding threshold for appointment of a board member to the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission. The term of board member seat runs with the funding requirement being met.

Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved as printed. **Motion:** Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Items included:

1. Minutes of December 15, 2025 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: ExecuTime time and attendance module in ERP Pro 10, Tyler Technologies, in the amount of \$16,263.48.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: None.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

Resolution 26-16 consenting to the Vacation of Public Right-of-way for a portion of Park Court in the City of Northport. JNE Realty, LLC is the owner of property located on Park Court. The owner has filed with the City a Declaration of Vacation of Right-of-Way for a portion of Park Court, as attached hereto as 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 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 permanent nature which requires a first and second reading. The first reading was December 15, 2025.

There were no speakers to address the council.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Second Reading – 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. The City Council agreed to table this item on January 6, 2025, March 3, 2025, June 2, 2025, and September 22, 2025, to give the owner time to remedy the deficiencies. During this time, 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. All necessary procedures have been followed pursuant to Act No. 80-410.

John Newman, 4005 Hunter Creek Road owner of property at 3905 Hunter Creek Road. Owner has obtained permits, started repairs, and made some progress (not yet complete). Difficulty in finding and affording contractors; some work being done by owner. Focus has been on interior safety; exterior improvements and siding expected by spring. No clear plan for eventual use (possibly rental or resale). Will present updated photos at the March 2, 2026 meeting.

Table Ordinance to March 2, 2026.

Motion: Conger | **Second:** Smith **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aldi Inc. (Alabama) – ABC License Approved. An application was made to the City of Northport for an ABC license. Pursuant to the investigation on **David Karl Behm of Elmhurst, IL** and **Phillip James Beattie of Sugar Grove, IL** of: **Aldi Inc. (Alabama) dba Aldi Lox 247 13620 Hwy 43 North Northport, AL 35475** A criminal history investigation was completed and no record of the individuals was found.

There were no speakers to address the council.

Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Higdon **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Move the regularly scheduled Council meeting from **Monday, March 16, 2026**, to **Monday, March 23, 2026**, at 5:30 p.m., due to conflicts caused by Spring Break.

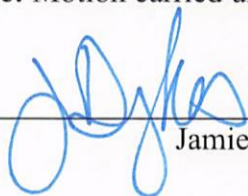
Motion: Dykes | **Second:** Higdon **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

President Dykes shared that Mr. Donahue from University Beach requested to post a flyer about a meeting being held Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 1:00 and 1:45 PM at 1100 UCP Parkway. She clarified that this is not a city meeting and the city was only made aware of it shortly before noon, in compliance with the 24-hour notice requirement. The meeting will not appear on the city agenda or website as it is not a city event. Community members are encouraged to attend if interested; details are posted on the city bulletin board.

Councilor Smith extended New Year wishes and expressed excitement for upcoming activities in 2026. Town halls for District 1 are scheduled, with the first on January 22nd at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:11 p.m. **Motion:** Dykes | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.



Jamie Dykes, It’s President

ATTEST:



Tera Tubbs, City Administrator