

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Prynce Washington, Youth of the Year Finalist from the Hasson Center Boys and Girls Club.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josiah Taylor, Junior Youth of the Year from the Hasson Center Boys and Girls Club.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

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

A quorum was declared present. Mayor Phillips and City Administrator Tubbs were also present.

PRESENTATIONS: A proclamation recognizing 1st Class Auto Spa as February Business of the Month was presented. Dr. Julia Brock's students from her Public History Class at the University of Alabama gave a presentation on the History of the Northport Yellow Jackets. A proclamation was presented to Mr. Newbern Prewitt, manager of the Northport Yellow Jackets.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved as printed.

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

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: Walker Baker, a local student, addressed the Council regarding safety concerns at the busy intersection of Rose Boulevard and the back entrance to Clear Creek. Walker expressed his desire to see a crosswalk or pedestrian catwalk installed to allow students to walk or ride their bikes to school more safely.

The Engineering Department informed Walker and the Council that efforts are already underway to improve safety in that area, and progress has begun on planned enhancements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2293 declaring 2026 "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday. This ordinance would provide a "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026, and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday, July 19, 2026. The "Back-to-School" Sales Tax Holiday would exempt covered items from sales and use tax for these dates.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading – Ordinance annexing 1.90 acres at 4023 68th Avenue. Zachary O'Neal is requesting annexation of approximately 1.90 acres located at 4023 68th Avenue. The zoning designation associated with this annexation request is Residential Single-Family (RS-1). This property includes 4 unincorporated parcels with a single-family residence. The property is surrounded to the north, east, and west by single-family detached residential properties zoned Residential Single-Family (RS-1); and to the south by unincorporated single-family residential (no zoning). This property lies within the priority growth areas identified in the comprehensive plan. The future land use within the comprehensive plan identifies this property as "Low Density Residential". The requested zoning is not in conflict with the comprehensive plan. This request comes with a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Offered by: Dykes

Resolution 26-33 establishing the Legislative Agenda of the City of Northport for the 2026 Session of the Alabama Legislature. This resolution requests the Tuscaloosa County Legislative Delegation to consider the City of Northport's position on several matters that may be presented in the 2026 Legislative Session.

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

Resolution 26-34 Authorizing Water Service Outside the City Limits for Property Located at Tilly Branch Road Lot 4. Mr. Steven Dunn has property located at Tilly Branch Road Lot 4, 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. The staff recommends this access be

allowed. 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: Higdon | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-35 Authorizing City Administrator to Execute a Minor Public Works Contract With DSL Electric, Inc., for Control Panel Replacement at the Water Treatment Plant. This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute a minor public works contract with DSL Electric, Inc., for control panel for the pneumatic tank at the Water Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$16,147.00.

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

Resolution 26-36 for Authorization for Application to the 2026 Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program. This resolution authorizes the application for the 2026 Rebuild Alabama Act Annual Grant Program. The City will be applying for an award up to \$350,000.00 to be used towards the Downtown Sidewalks and Streetscape, Phase IV project. Matching funds up to \$100,000.00 will be required but will be covered by existing dollars budgeted for the project to use as a match.

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

Resolution 26-37 Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement authorizing the binding of certain insurance coverage.

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

Resolution 26-38 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Amendment No. 1 with TTL, Inc. for Geotechnical Services for the Montgomery Farms Slope Failure. The City Council authorized a Geotechnical Service contract with TTL, Inc. for the Montgomery Farm Slope Failure on June 16, 2025 (Resolution 25-122). TTL, Inc. The results from the study recommend adding two inclinometers to Lot 11 to monitor the movement of the failure to better define the depth and direction of the movement. The proposed Amendment No. 1 will cover the services at a lump sum fee of \$17,000.00.

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

Resolution 26-39 for the Allocation of 2025 Northport First Funds. This resolution is for the allocation of 2025 Northport First Funds in the amount of \$17,000.00. The allocated funds will be used for the Montgomery Farms slope failure repair.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of February 2, 2026 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: Municipal and Commercial Uniform and Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$8,345.35 is for police uniform shirts.
4. Purchase Requisition: Principle Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$11,462.50, for nozzles for the surface wash for sand filters at the Water Treatment Plant. We are replacing the old nozzles that have reached their useful lifespan. These are needed to continue normal operations at the plant.
5. Purchase Requisition: Straitline Fence, LLC., in the amount of \$8,352.00, for replacing the fence located at the Highland Park Pump Station. The current fence is in disrepair and needs to be replaced.
6. Purchase Requisition: Two AEDs from GoRescue for a total cost of \$5,070.00. One AED will be placed on new Engine 3 when it is received. The other AED will be placed on Truck 22.
7. Purchase Requisition: CSpire Business for the city's annual Microsoft Office license renewal. Total cost \$109,440.00.
8. Purchase Requisition: Invoice #3 for Audit Expenses related to Fiscal Year 2025 Audit conducted by LeCroy Richardson. The audit will include multiple components that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Total amount is \$19,263.80 split between water and sewer, \$3,852.76, and general fund, \$15,411.04.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUSINESS:

Tree Seedling Giveaway & Recycling Event: February 28th from 7:00 am–11:00 am in the main lobby at City Hall. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as tree seedlings are popular and supplies go quickly.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- Severe Weather Tax-Free Weekend: Reminder that this weekend is a tax-free shopping opportunity related to severe weather preparedness.
- Bunny Trail Grand Opening: Event occurring on February 28th at 10:00 am, directly following the seedling giveaway. Organized in partnership with the Junior League of Tuscaloosa, with additional related events planned.
- Small Business Forum: Scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 5:30 pm. Attendees with specific agenda topics were encouraged to contact organizers.
- Mayor's Town Hall: Happening February 17th, at 6:00 pm with guest Mr. Donahue attending.
- Mayor's Advisory Council: Set for Thursday, February 26th, focusing on developments in the area.
- Acknowledgements: Council members expressed gratitude to community members for their contributions and community involvement.
- Boys and Girls Club Involvement: Recognition of Prince Washington and Josiah Taylor from the Hasson Boys and Girls Club for opening the meeting and their participation in the Youth of the Year banquet; encouragement for additional volunteer involvement with local youth programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation

Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The session is expected to take 1 hour and 30 minutes, and the council will take no action after executive session is concluded.

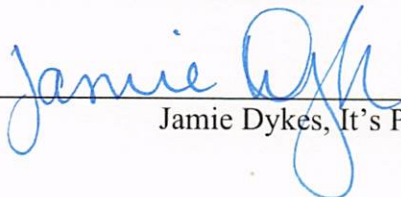
Time: 6:20 p.m. **Motion:** Higdon | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened in regular session at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 7:25 p.m. **Motion:** Dykes | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.



 Jamie Dykes, It's President

ATTEST:



 Tera Tubbs, City Administrator