

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was delivered by President Dykes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troup 29516.

**ROLL CALL:** The following members were present:

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

Councilor Smith was absent. A quorum was declared present.

Mayor Phillips and City Administrator Tubbs were also present.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Approved as printed.

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

**VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

Brian Townsend, 800 Energy Center Boulevard, a blind resident, addressed the Council regarding the lack of affordable transportation options for disabled individuals in Northport. He described the financial burden of current services and the challenges this creates for employment and access to community resources, noting that existing transit routes do not serve his area. Council members acknowledged the concern and expressed a willingness to explore transportation options and additional service providers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First Reading – Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance.** The City of Northport is requesting an amendment to the zoning ordinance. This amendment follows a planned 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.

**Offered by:** Dykes

**Resolution 26-87 Awarding Bid for Water Treatment Plant Process Residuals Removal & Disposal.** On Wednesday, April 15, 2026, the Utilities Department received bids for the Water Treatment Plant Process Residuals Removal and Disposal. The department received three (3) bids. This resolution will award the bid to Denali Water Solutions, LLC., who was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$179,880.00.

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

**Resolution 26-88 Adopting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report.** Each year the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) requires all municipalities with wastewater systems to complete a Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual report. This report sets forth actions and schedules necessary to maintain effluent requirements contained in the NPDES Permit and also helps to prevent the bypass and overflow of raw sewage within the collection system or treatment plant and a.) Continue placement of wastewater infrastructure data on the City's Geographic Information System (G.I.S.), b.) Continuing implementation of the City's Pump Station Replacement Plan, c.) Continue with implementing outfall line relocation project.

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

**Resolution 26-89 Awarding Bid File No. 26-09 for the Furnishing of Custodial Services for the Northport Community Center.** The Public Works Department advertised and received bids for providing specified custodial services at the Northport Community Center as needed, beginning May 12, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027. A total of three proposals were submitted. The lowest responsible bidder was Your Next Real Step, charging \$80.00 per Service Visit and \$30.00 per hour Emergency Callout rate.

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

**Resolution 26-90 Accepting the 2025 Audit Report.** This resolution will accept the 2025 Audit Report as prepared by LeCroy Richardson P.C.

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

**Resolution 26-91 for the Allocation/Reallocation of Northport First Funds.** This resolution designates \$69,601.74 from 2025 Northport First Funds be allocated/reallocated, designates \$1,043,617.48 from 2026 Northport First Funds be allocated/reallocate, and the total allocation/reallocation totals \$1,913,219.22. The new allocation/reallocation is as follows: a.) Recreational Facilities \$320,209.97 b.) Main Avenue \$800,000.00 c.) Streetscape IV \$500,000.00 d.) Storm Sewer Rehab \$293,009.25.

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

**Resolution 26-92 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences for Professional Education Services.** The City of Northport desires to enhance its public communication, outreach, and digital engagement efforts. The University of Alabama College of Communication & Information Sciences, Professional Education program offers training and curriculum in key areas including Foundations of Public Communication and Outreach, Introduction to Social Media, Content Creation, and Social Media Analytics. Participation in this program will provide valuable professional development and improve the City's communication strategies and services to the public. The total cost of said services is in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.00).

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

**Resolution 26-93 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with K & A Builders, Inc. for the Maintenance Building at River Run Park at Northport Shore.** On April 14, 2026 the City of Northport opened bids for the Maintenance Building for River Run Park at Northport Shore. The lowest responsible bidder was K & A Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$505,000.00. This resolution will accept the base bid and authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with K & A Builders, Inc. for the Maintenance Building for River Run Park at Northport Shore.

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

**Resolution 26-94 Authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Municipal Right of Way Agreement with Everlasting Properties, LLC.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute a Municipal Right of Way Agreement with Everlasting Properties, LLC for a storefront awning at 401 Main Avenue, Northport, Alabama. The permission granted pursuant to this permit shall be limited solely to 401 Main Avenue and the purpose only for an awning to utilize the public right of way for commercial and business purposes only. This agreement will have no fiscal impact on the City of Northport.

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

**Resolution 26-95 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Master Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer and Task Order Directive No. 1 and 2 for Storm Sewer Improvements.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute a Master Service Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, and authorize Task Order Directive No. 1 and 2 for the Storm Sewer Improvements. The scope of the Master Service Agreement is to include the professional design and construction engineering phases for the City of Northport and includes the improvements to corrugated metal storm sewer at priority locations from the recommended 2023 Storm Sewer Conditions Assessment Engineering Report with the addition of Orion Avenue. Task Directive No. 1 will include the Engineering design phase for services and fees for the In-place Rehabilitation and Drainage Assessment for two additional study areas. Task Order Directive No. 2 will include the Engineering design phase for services and fees for the Storm Sewer Replacement. The amount to be funded for Task Order Directive No. 1 and 2 is \$293,009.25.

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

**Resolution 26-96 Authorizing the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 3 with WAR Construction, Inc for River Run Park Package No. 4.** This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 3 with WAR Construction, Inc. for River Run Park Package No. 4. The scope of Change Order No. 3 is due to changes approved during the course of construction, in the amount of \$75,592.38.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Items included:

1. Minutes of April 20, 2026 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: LeCroy Richardson P.C., Invoice #5 for Audit Expenses related to Fiscal Year 2025 Audit. The audit will include multiple components that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the City for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Total amount is \$7,750.00 split between water and sewer, \$1,500.00, and general fund, \$6,200.00.
4. Purchase Requisition: Stivers Ford Lincoln, in the amount of \$48,660.00, is for a 2025 Ford F-150 4x4 Pickup Truck for the Utilities Department. The prices are determined by State Bid Contract. This is part of the FY2026 Capital Budget that was approved by Council on March 2, 2026.
5. Purchase Requisition: Black Warrior Solid Waste, in the amount of \$39,000.00, is for the yearly tipping fees to haul biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the landfill. This should cover the remainder of the fiscal year and is part of the FY2026 Budget.
6. Purchase Requisition: Alabama Department of Transportation, improvements to the Rose Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing under the current Special Work Authorization agreement, in the amount of \$45,000.00.
7. Purchase Requisition: Tyler Technologies ERP Pro 10, the City's financial software in the amount of \$64,711.74.
8. Purchase Requisition: Citizenserve, annual billing for our tax and permitting software in the amount of \$34,200.00. This is a budgeted expense. This software billing is for 19 users for multiple departments - Finance (4), Planning/Building Inspections (5), Engineering (5), Utilities (2), Admin (2), and Fire (1).
9. Purchase Requisition: Tuscaloosa County Commission in the amount of \$42,157.50 is for housing inmates in January, February and March 2026.
10. 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.
11. Purchase Requisition: Comcate Software Inc. is for the renewal of the Code Enforcement Manager Software in the amount of \$9,794.61.
12. Purchase Requisition: Tuscaloosa County High School Softball Sponsorship, \$8,100.00. Reimbursement of gate fees for the TCHS Softball Wildcat Invitational held April 10th - 11th at River Run Park.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:** None.

**LEGAL DEPARTMENT:** None.

**PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2300 approving a Conditional Use for property located south and west of 300 River Run Park.** TTL, Inc. is requesting conditional use approval for upper-story dwellings in a Recreational zoning district for the property located south and west of 300 River Run Park South. The proposed development would include a hotel with 144 rooms with an additional 54 hotel rooms that could be converted into 18 condominium units, for a total of 198 bedrooms. The Planning Commission met on April 14, 2026 and held a public hearing after which they voted to give a favorable recommendation to the City Council.

There were no speakers to address the council.

**Motion:** Dykes | **Second:** Higdon **Abstain:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT -** None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S BUSINESS:**

Notified citizens of upcoming remote office hours at City Hall with Congressman Robert Aderholt’s staff Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 12:00.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS’ BUSINESS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**Time:** 5:52 p.m. **Motion:** Higdon | **Second:** Washington **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

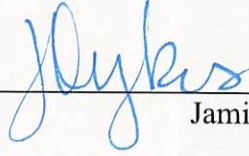
**RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened in regular session at **6:35 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 6:35 p.m. Motion: Dykes | Second: Conger**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.



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Jamie Dykes, It's President

**ATTEST:**



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Tera Tubbs, City Administrator