

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Council President Dykes.

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

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 absent.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved as printed.

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

VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – Resolution consenting to the vacation of public right-of-way for a portion of 71st Avenue in the City of Northport. Mr. Bobby D. Acker and Mr. Austin Scott Murphy are the owners of property located on 71st Avenue. The owners have filed with the City, a Declaration of Vacation of Right-of-Way for a portion of 71st Avenue.

Offered by: Dykes

First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 74, Article IV, Section 74-209 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Utility connection charges, deposits and other fees. As discussed at the April 20, 2026, Council Work Session, this ordinance updates Chapter 74, Article IV, Section 74-209 pertaining to utility connection charges, deposits and other fees. The updates include amending terminology and adjusting charges related to new taps and installing water meters where taps have been made by the developer. The current charges were based off material and labor costs from 2007. The updated charges reflect current labor and material costs. This ordinance is also being updated to codify fees for the Fire Hydrant Water Meters.

Offered by: Higdon

Resolution 26-97 authorizing the Mayor to enter a Funding Agreement with Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC). The City of Northport and the Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission (TCRIC) desire to participate in a funding agreement to provide funding towards the costs of certain right-of-way acquisitions for the access management and streetscape improvements project along SR-69N/SR-13/Lurleen Wallace Blvd. (US-43) from 5th Street to SR-6 (US-82). The City will disburse the amounts needed to complete the right-of-way acquisitions, and TCRI will reimburse the City for the amounts it disburses for the right-of-way up to a maximum amount of \$2,000,000.00.

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

Resolution 26-98 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Change Order No.1 with Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction, Inc. for the 2024 City Streets Resurfacing Project. This resolution will authorize the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1 with Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction, Inc. for the 2024 City Streets Resurfacing. The scope of Change Order No.1 is due to final line-item quantities and cost during the project. The balancing change order is required to authorize final payment and finalize costs for the project closeout, in the amount of \$31,096.12.

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

Resolution 26-99 Reappointing Bonnie Corbett to the Northport Civil Service Board. The term of office for Ms. Bonnie Corbett on the Northport Civil Service Board is set to expire on July 31, 2026. Ms. Bonnie Corbett has agreed to continue serving in this capacity. This resolution will reappoint Ms.

Corbett to serve as a member of the Northport Civil Service Board for a term of six (6) years, said term to commence on August 1, 2026, and expire on July 31, 2032.

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

Resolution 26-100 Reappointing Heather Dill to the Northport Redevelopment Authority. The term of office for Ms. Heather Dill on the Northport Redevelopment Authority is set to expire on June 1, 2026. Ms. Heather Dill has agreed to continue serving in this capacity. This resolution will reappoint Ms. Dill to serve as a member of the Northport Redevelopment Authority for a term of six (6) years, said term to commence on June 2, 2026, and expire on June 1, 2032.

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

Resolution 26-101 Reappointing Trevor Sprowl to the Northport Redevelopment Authority. The term of office for Mr. Trevor Sprowl on the Northport Redevelopment Authority is set to expire on June 1, 2026. Mr. Trevor Sprowl has agreed to continue serving in this capacity. This resolution will reappoint Mr. Sprowl to serve as a member of the Northport Redevelopment Authority for a term of six (6) years, said term to commence on June 2, 2026, and expire on June 1, 2032.

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

Resolution 26-102 Appointing a Member to The Mental Health Board of Bibb, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa Counties, Inc. The City of Northport appoints three (3) members to the Mental Health Board of Bibb, Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, Inc., d/b/a Indian Rivers Behavioral Health. The term of Mr. David Hardin is currently set to expire on June 1, 2026. The Northport City Council desires to appoint David Albright to The Mental Health Board of Bibb, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa Counties, Inc. for a six (6) year term, said term to commence June 2, 2026 and expire on June 1, 2032.

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

Resolution 26-103 Awarding Bid for the 2026 Hightown System Improvements PRV Installation Project. On May 6, 2026, the Utilities Department accepted bids for the 2026 Hightown System Improvements PRV Installation Project. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Apex Civil Construction, LLC., in the amount of \$56,319.00, as shown in the attached bid tabulation. The project is part of the 2025 Water & Sewer Capital Budget.

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

Resolution 26-104 authorizing the City Administrator to enter a Pay-To-Play Distribution Agreement with Northport Sports Complex Development, LLC. This Pay-to-Play Agreement was contemplated in the Exclusive Dealings Agreement signed with Northport Sports Complex Development in June 2024. This Agreement allows the City to collect \$11.00 for each hotel room sold under a pay-to-play arrangement for River Run Park. There is no cost to the City for this Agreement.

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

Resolution 26-105 awarding a contract to KPS Group for land use impact study. The City Council passed a temporary moratorium on new car wash and automobile repair uses in February. The moratorium was enacted for a period of one year. The City issued a Request for Proposals to perform a land use impact study and to make any recommended zoning changes. The RFP also addressed the need to update the City's existing zoning map to conform with the Comprehensive Plan. KPS Group was the only submittal received. In 2022, KPS Group was awarded the contract for updating the City's Comprehensive plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Subdivision Regulations. Staff is of the opinion that KPS has the knowledge and expertise to perform the functions of the study and is requesting that the City Administrator be authorized to negotiate scope and fee for the project. The resolution will also authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract, not to exceed \$55,000.00, and approve any expenditures required for the implementation of the resolution.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items included:

1. Minutes of May 4, 2026 – Tera Tubbs
2. Bill Listing – Tera Tubbs
3. Purchase Requisition: CivicPlus, Notify Northport App & SeeClickFix Console for Unlimited Licenses, \$35,657.65.
4. Purchase Requisition: Motorola Solutions is for the Flex Equipment and Evidence Maintenance in the amount of \$68,604.17.
5. Purchase Requisition: Misc. Metals & Fabrication, LLC., in the amount of \$22,725.00 for fabrication and installation of 2 weir plates for the headworks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- 6. Purchase Requisition: LeCroy Richardson P.C., Invoice #6 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 \$4,950.00 split between water and sewer, \$3,960.00, and general fund, \$990.00.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: None.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT: None

PLANNING & INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Second Reading – Ordinance 2301 amending 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.

There were no speakers to address the council.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S BUSINESS: None.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Library Summer Reading Program: The library has launched its summer reading program. Dates and times are available on the library’s Facebook page. The program will rotate locations, including a session at City Hall.

Elections: County Elections will be held on May 19, 2026, the only city buildings being used are City Hall and the Community Center.

Community Engagement Meeting: On Monday, June 1, after the regular council meeting, there will be a come and go engagement meeting for citizens regarding the future of City Hall. City staff and council members will be present to answer questions and gather feedback from the community.

Upcoming Events & Reminders: Memorial Day greetings were extended to all attendees. The Mayor’s meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm.


ADJOURNMENT

Time: 5:45 p.m. **Motion:** Higdon | **Second:** Conger **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Tera Tubbs, City Administrator



Jamie Dykes, It’s President