

HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting - June 14, 2018 - 6 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Municipal Building
Huntsville, Alabama

Members Present: Mr. Mark Russell, President
Dr. Jennie Robinson
Mr. Bill Kling
Mr. Will Culver
Mr. Devyn Keith

Mayor: Mr. Tommy Battle
City Administrator: Mr. John Hamilton
City Attorney: Mr. Trey Riley
City Clerk-Treasurer: Mr. Ken Benion

The meeting was called to order by President Russell at the time and place noted above.

Dr. Toni Savage led the invocation; Councilman Culver led the pledge of allegiance.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council on May 24, 2018, were approved as submitted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Resolutions and Special Recognitions.

President Russell recognized Mayor Battle for recognition of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Mayor Battle thanked the members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for being present at the meeting and asked representatives of the group to come

forward.

Ms. Ovetta Hobson, Vice President of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, appeared before the Council, stating that she was speaking on behalf of their president, Ms. Jackie Perry. She stated that she would first like to thank the Council and the Mayor for allowing them this time to introduce, or in some cases reintroduce, their organization to the City of Huntsville.

Ms. Hobson stated that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was an organization comprised of more than 200,000 college-educated, primarily African American, women, consisting of more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States and several other countries. She stated that they were an international organization committed to public service. She stated that on a national level, they convened annually for their legislative conference in Washington, D.C., where they met with their congressional representatives, and they did the same annually on a state level in Montgomery, and locally with the district congressmen. She continued that at the local level, they provided education on the Affordable Health Care and Patient Protection Act, and they had partnered with local high schools to hold voter registration drives and had sponsored an extremely successful 2017 "Get out the Vote" rally. She stated that as one could see, social action was a fabric of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority organization.

Ms. Hobson stated that they looked forward to partnering with their local elected officials and other organizations within the community to advance a fair, just, and equitable agenda that would improve the lives of all Huntsville and Madison County residents.

Mayor Battle recognized Chief Mark McMurray of the Police Department for the presentation of a Lifesaving Medal.

Chief McMurray came forward, along with Captain Jeff Rice and Captain Ken Brooks.

Chief McMurray stated that at this time they would like to recognize some outstanding service by one of their officers. He asked Officer Brandon Ofield to come forward.

Chief McMurray stated that Officer Ofield was one of their newer officers, and he was proud to be able to recognize him at this time. He stated that on March 28, 2018, in an off-duty capacity, while going to get gasoline for his private vehicle, Officer Ofield had observed a van veer across the street and strike the curb. He stated that he had immediately run to the vehicle to assess the scene and render aid. He continued that he had seen that the van was still in gear and had shifted the vehicle into Park and assured everyone's safety and locked down the accident. He stated that the driver was unconscious and had stopped breathing. He continued that Officer Ofield had swiftly begun CPR on the driver, who he noted had had no pulse and was very near death. He continued that Officer Ofield had remained calm and had gotten HEMSI and Huntsville Fire & Rescue to the scene quickly. He stated that Officer Ofield had been successful in restoring the subject's pulse in time for HEMSI personnel to respond and assist.

Chief McMurray stated that had it not been for Officer Ofield's quick action and his knowledge and training, which he noted much of which had been done by Hemsis in their Academy, the subject might not have survived the accident.

Chief McMurray stated that they could not train Officer Ofield in his ability to remain calm in such a situation but somehow he got it.

Chief McMurray stated that it was his honor at this time to present to

Officer Ofield the Lifesaving Award, consisting of a Lifesaving Certificate , a medal for his uniform, as well as a pin for his dress uniform. He thanked Officer Ofield for what he did.

Mayor Battle asked Steve Ivey, Director of Parks and Recreation, to come forward for the recognition of the Randolph School Boys Soccer Team.

Mr. Ivey asked Mr. Blake Davenport to come forward.

Mr. Ivey stated that not a season had gone by when they had not been able to recognize a State championship in the city, which he noted showed the dedication of the youth, the parents, and the coaches, and even the Mayor and the Council for providing the facilities for this.

Mr. Ivey stated that Ms. Ashley Polesak would read the names of the players.

Ms. Polesak stated that they would like to recognize the Randolph School Boys Varsity Soccer Team for their repeat 2018 AHSAA Class 4A - Class 5A Boys State Soccer Championship. She stated that this was the eighth State championship for this program, and the third in the last four years, so that it was needless to say that the Raiders were dominating the soccer field.

Ms. Polesak asked the team members to go to the podium as their names were read.

Ms. Polesak introduced the team members.

Coach Evan Moore was also introduced.

Mr. Blake Davenport Director of Athletics, Randolph School, stated that Coach Alex Tomlinson was unable to be present at this time.

Mr. Davenport stated that they really wanted to celebrate these team members, noting that it was a great program, that the team had done a great job and had had another great season. He continued that they were led by an

outstanding head coach, and they were very fortunate in having coaches such as Coach Tomlinson and team members such as they had. He stated that they would be losing three seniors off this outstanding team, noting that in their four years of high school, they had had back-to-back State titles in three out of four years. He stated that during the season, they had overcome a lot of injuries and had had a very competitive schedule.

Mr. Davenport stated that they were very proud to represent the city of Huntsville and very appreciative of the City for hosting the soccer championships.

Mr. Ivey stated that the Westminster Christian Academy Track and Field Athletes were to be recognized, but, unfortunately, none of them were in attendance at this time. He asked that Ms. Polesak read the names of these athletes.

Ms. Polesak stated that they would also like to recognize the Westminster Christian Academy 4-A Boys 4 x 100 Relay Team for winning the AHSAA championship. She continued that they had also won individual State championships in long and triple jump.

Mr. Ivey stated that they would make sure that these team members received their certificates.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was a resolution for adoption and presentation.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution honoring Barbara Bell for her service to the City of Huntsville, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-428)

Councilman Kling moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Culver.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated this was a very special moment for him. He continued that he saw that Gail Phillips was in the audience, noting that in the past, she had often been referred to as the Assistant Mayor.

Councilman Kling stated that Ms. Bell had recently retired and was being recognized for 51 years of service. He stated he had known her for at least two-thirds of those years, and she was a very wonderful, special person. He stated that during Ms. Bell's time as the Records Maintenance Supervisor, she had had the privilege of working in the administration of five different mayors, and she had been in charge of all the City Council papers and minutes, ordinances and resolutions, and she had recorded deeds for the City and kept records of annexations, along with other essential paperwork.

Councilman Kling stated that at this time they would like to express their sincere appreciation to Ms. Bell for her commitment and services to the City of Huntsville.

Councilman Kling stated to Ms. Bell that it was very special to him that they were recognizing her at this time. He stated that she had been a great person for City government, and she was part of what made the City work.

Ms. Bell stated she had been with the City almost 52 years, that she had started October 5, 1966, and she had been hired by Mr. Charles Younger, the City Attorney, a true Southern gentleman. She continued that after Mr. Younger retired, she had moved to the Clerk-Treasurer's Department, where she had worked under Mr. Charles Hagood initially, and then under her current boss, Mr. Ken Benion, noting they were excellent bosses. She stated

it had been wonderful working with the City, noting that the City employees were her family, although she had her real family with her this evening, and she would like to recognize them.

Ms. Bell stated it was with regret that she had to retire, noting she had had some health problems.

Ms. Bell thanked the Council, the Mayor, and all the City employees who had been so nice to her through all the years, noting that it had been a wonderful journey.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was a resolution for adoption only.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution honoring Mr. Alexander H. Roach, Jr., Engineer for the Defense Advanced Research Programs Agency at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-429)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Business With Outside Legal Representation.

President Russell stated that the next item was the decision of the City Council regarding the Personnel Hearing for Reuben Smartt of Public Works.

President Russell moved that the Council uphold the Department Head's termination decision, with the qualification that such decision, Mr. Smartt's termination for failing to maintain his CDL license, in no way hinder, preclude,

or adversely affect his right to apply for and be considered, along with other qualified applicants, for any future employment with the City of Huntsville for which he may be qualified.

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above motion.

President Russell recognized Councilman Keith.

Councilman Keith moved to amend the above motion by adding that Mr. Smartt would receive two weeks' termination pay.

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Culver.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the amendment.

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that her concern was that they would be setting a dangerous precedent if they began offering severance pay when they terminated employees. She stated that this had never before been their practice.

Councilman Keith stated that he understood it had not been their practice, but that once someone got to the grievance process, there would be discussion by those persons present, and this could definitely change, considering that the Council could change in every way. He stated that he understood why the termination was brought to the Council, but he believed there were a number of ambiguous things that were said during the grievance hearing, as well as what he had read, and he believed that between lawyer's fees and time, et cetera, they had basically disconnected Mr. Smartt from the opportunity to work for approximately two weeks that he could have potentially been working.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling asked if Mr. Dennis Riley was present, noting that he was the City Council attorney.

President Russell stated that Mr. Riley was not present at the meeting.

President Russell stated that Councilman Keith's motion to amend was in order.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Councilman Keith's motion to amend, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Keith, Kling, Culver

NAYS: Robinson, Russell

President Russell stated that the motion had passed.

President Russell called for the vote on the motion to uphold the decision of the Department Head, as amended, and it was unanimously approved.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was the decision of the City Council on the appeal of the denial by the Liquor License Review Committee of a Lounge Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License to Shree Veer, Inc., located at 2064 Highway 72 East, Huntsville, Alabama.

President Russell moved to overturn the denial by the Liquor License Review Committee of a Lounge Retail Liquor Class II (Package) License to Shree Veer, Inc., located at 2064 Highway 72 East, Huntsville, Alabama.

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above motion.

President Russell called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was the decision of the City Council on the appeal of the denial by the Liquor License

Review Committee of a Retail Beer and Wine License to Shree Veer, Inc., located at 2064 Hwy 72 East, Huntsville, Alabama.

President Russell moved to overturn the denial by the Liquor License Review Committee of a Retail Beer and Wine License to Shree Veer, Inc., located at 2064 Hwy 72 East, Huntsville, Alabama.

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above motion.

President Russell called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings to be Held.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of the cutting and removing of grass and weeds against certain properties.

President Russell recognized Mr. Keith Atchley of Community Development.

Mr. Atchley stated that this resolution identified 25 properties that were in violation of the City's Grass and Weed Ordinance. He stated that 19 of these property owners were local, and 6 were out of the area and/or out of state.

Mr. Atchley stated that all 25 owners had received written notification, by first-class mail, that they were in violation of the City's ordinance and were given 14 days to correct the violation. He stated that all 25 owners had failed to resolve their violations, and Community Development staff had cut these properties. He stated that the owners had received a written request, by first-class mail, for payment and had failed to respond.

Mr. Atchley stated he was requesting that property assessments be placed on each of these properties in order to collect these costs. He stated that the total cost was \$5,227.45, with an average cost of \$209.10.

Mr. Atchley stated that the owners had also been notified, by first-class mail, of this proposed action.

President Russell asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular matter.

Ms. Jackie Reed, Mirabeau Apartments, appeared before the Council, inquiring as to how many properties were involved in this matter, if it was correct that it was 25.

Mr. Atchley stated that was correct.

Ms. Reed stated that she did not have a problem with this, and she knew how much they charged each person, noting that there had been a lot of rain. She stated she was just wondering if they had notified these people and given them enough time to cut their grass. She stated that what she had a problem with was that the big money boys never cut their grass, and they were never written up. She stated she could go all over the city and show them property that had not been cut or touched the entire summer, and she was sure it was not residential property. She asked why they had two sets of rules. She stated that if these people were being written up and charged, other persons should also be written up and charged. She stated there should not be two sets of rules in the city, that it should be equal.

President Russell asked if there was anyone else in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular matter.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of the cutting and removing of grass and weeds against certain properties, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-430)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-430, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost for demolition of a public nuisance at 500 Rison Avenue, NE.

President Russell recognized Mr. Atchley.

Mr. Atchley stated that in September of 2017, the Council had authorized the removal of a public nuisance located at 500 Rison Avenue, NE. He continued that this property had been demolished on 3/26/18, and the total cost of the abatement was \$9,466.52. He stated that the property owner had been notified, by regular and certified mail, of the cost of the abatement and had failed to pay.

Mr. Atchley stated that at this time he was requesting the Council's approval to assess the cost of this abatement.

President Russell asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular issue.

Ms. Jackie Reed again appeared before the Council, inquiring as to the process for this. She stated that she understood they were sent a certified letter

and asked if they gave them time, and if they heard back from them before the matter came to this meeting.

President Russell asked Mr. Atchley if he could answer Ms. Reed's questions.

Mr. Atchley stated that such persons were notified, that they posted the property and went through the public nuisance process, which he noted gave the owner time to make amends to the property, basically to tear it down or move it, however they might choose to abate the issue. He stated that these properties were always past the feasibility for repair, so the only option would be to tear them down.

Mr. Atchley stated that they tore down the properties. He stated that, however, they notified the owners and let them have the opportunity to go through an appeal process, to let them know that they could appeal this process and come before the Council and see if they could stop the abatement, for whatever reason.

Mr. Atchley stated that in this case, none of those were carried out.

Mr. John Todd appeared before the Council, stating that he was the Personal Representative of the Estate of Wandorah Lancaster, who had once owned this property. He stated that he had received a letter stating that the City was going to charge him for this. He continued that he had not owned this property, and his mother's estate had not owned this property, for five years, that it had been taken away and sold for taxes.

Mr. Todd asked President Russell to ask Mr. Atchley if they had sent a letter to all the people who had owned this property in the last five years.

Mr. Atchley stated that under the State's Public Nuisance Act, they were required to send notice to anyone that had a legal interest in the property at

that time. He stated that as far as past ownership, they were not required to do that. He stated that it was specific in this Act that they sent notice to anyone who had a legal interest in the property.

Mr. Todd stated that one gentleman's name was not mentioned, noting that he had bought this property at the tax sale the day he and his mother lost the property. He stated that this person's name was Brandon Kruse, and he did not see his name on this anywhere. He stated that he was one of those gentlemen that Ms. Reed had mentioned who had tons of money.

Mr. Todd stated that he did not own that property, and he did not wish to be assessed for the cost of demolishing the structure that was on that property. He stated that he had once owned that property, but he no longer owned it.

Mr. Todd stated that he had previously had a situation with the City, when Mr. Jerry Galloway was the Community Development Director, and they had charged him for cutting grass that the City had not cut, that he had cut it, although he had not cut the State's part of the grass that they had bought when the interstate had been expanded and they had taken part of the property.

Mr. Todd explained the situation further and stated that at that previous time, he had been assured he would not be assessed that \$170, but immediately after the Council meeting, the property had been assessed for \$170, and he had fought that for years.

Mr. Todd stated that he was present at this time to be assured by this City Council and Community Development that since he was not part of the ownership of that property, he would not be assessed and there would be no attempt to assess his mother's estate for the cost of demolishing that house.

President Russell asked Mr. Riley if he would oversee this matter and assure that Mr. Todd got the appropriate information.

Mr. Riley stated to Mr. Todd that the assessment was against the property, and, of course, if he had no ownership in this property, it should have no impact on him.

Mr. Todd stated that that was correct, but he had been sent a certified letter, and that the prior time, he had been sent a letter by Mr. Galloway, and he had been assessed after he had been told he would not be assessed.

Mr. Riley stated that he certainly could not respond to anything that had happened with Mr. Galloway, noting that that was a long time ago.

President Russell stated that they would check on this and get with the attorneys, and the matter would be handled appropriately.

President Russell asked if there was anyone else in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular matter.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost for demolition of a public nuisance at 500 Rison Avenue, NE, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-431)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that he did not believe there needed to be a separate amendment concerning this but asked if President Russell agreed that the understanding was along the lines of what Mr. Riley had stated, that the assessment would be against the property and not against one who might not be the property owner.

President Russell stated that was correct.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

After further discussion, it was stated by Mr. Riley that this was an assessment against this property, and that whenever someone tried to sell the property, this would act as a lien against the property and would have to be satisfied before there could be clear title. He stated that, of course, if Mr. Todd were not the owner, he would not be involved in this.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-431, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost for demolition of a public nuisance at 3905 Gunnison Lane, NW.

President Russell recognized Mr. Atchley.

Mr. Atchley stated that in October of 2017, the Council had authorized the removal of a public nuisance located at 3905 Gunnison Lane, NW, and the property had been demolished on 3/21/18. He stated that the total cost of this abatement was \$17,274.84. He stated that the owner had been notified, by regular and certified mail, of the cost of the abatement and had failed to pay the bill.

Mr. Atchley stated that at this time he was requesting the Council's approval to assess the cost of this abatement.

President Russell asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council on this particular matter.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost for demolition of a public nuisance at 3905 Gunnison Lane, NW, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-432)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-432, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings to be Set.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance zoning 43.83 acres of newly annexed property lying on the south side of Green Cove Road and south of Chaney Thompson Road as Residence 2 District, at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-433)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-433, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-434, zoning 43.83 acres of newly annexed property lying on the south side of Green Cove Road and south of Chaney Thompson Road as Residence 2 District.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance rezoning 23.07 acres of property lying on the south side of Green Cove Road and south of Chaney Thompson Road from Light Industry District and Commercial Industrial Park District to Residence 2 District, at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-435)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-435, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-436, rezoning 23.07 acres of property lying on the south side of Green Cove Road and south of Chaney Thompson Road from Light Industry District and Commercial Industrial Park District to Residence 2 District.

(Councilman Keith is no longer present in the Council Chambers.)

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance zoning 2.03 acres of newly annexed property lying on the south side of Haden Road and west of Old Big Cove Road as Residence 1-A District, at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-437)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by President Russell.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Resolution No. 18-437, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Robinson, Kling, Culver, Russell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keith

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-438, zoning 2.03 acres of newly annexed property lying on the south side of Haden Road and west of Old Big Cove Road as Residence 1-A District.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance zoning 345.19 acres of newly annexed property lying on the east and west sides of McMullen Road and north of Cherry Tree Road as Residence 1-B District (265.71 acres) and Residence 2 District (79.48 acres), at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-439)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Resolution No. 18-439, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Robinson, Kling, Culver, Russell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keith

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-440, zoning 345.19 acres of newly annexed property lying on the east and west sides of McMullen Road and north of Cherry Tree Road as Residence 1-B District

(265.71 acres) and Residence 2 District (79.48 acres).

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance rezoning 3.60 acres of property lying on the west side of Taylor Road and south of Sutton Road from Residence 2-B District to Highway Business C-4 District, at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-441)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Resolution No. 18-441, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Robinson, Kling, Culver, Russell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Keith

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-442, rezoning 3.60 acres of property lying on the west side of Taylor Road and south of Sutton Road from Residence 2-B District to Highway Business C-4 District.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance rezoning 99.87 acres of property lying on the south side of Moores Mill Road and south of Harris Hill Blvd. and Old Gurley Road from Residence 1-A District, Residence 2-A District, and Residence 2-B District to Highway Business C-4 District (48.74 acres), from Residence 2-A District to Residence 2-B District (48.50 acres), and from Residence 1-A District to Residence 2-B District (2.63 acres), at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council

Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-443)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Resolution No. 18-443, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Robinson, Kling, Culver, Russell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keith

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-444, rezoning 99.87 acres of property lying on the south side of Moores Mill Road and south of Harris Hill Blvd. and Old Gurley Road from Residence 1-A District, Residence 2-A District, and Residence 2-B District to Highway Business C-4 District (48.74 acres), from Residence 2-A District to Residence 2-B District (48.50 acres), and from Residence 1-A District to Residence 2-B District (2.63 acres).

(Councilman Keith is now present in the Council Chambers.)

President Russell read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Article 15, Residence 2-B District Regulations, Section 15.1, Uses Permitted; and Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5, Powers and Duties, Subsection 92.5.3, Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions, by deleting Subsection 92.5.3(7), to update permitted uses, at the July 26, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-445)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-446, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Huntsville, Article 15, Residence 2-B District Regulations, Section 15.1, Uses Permitted; and Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5, Powers and Duties, Subsection 92.5.3, Permitted Uses as Special Exceptions, by deleting Subsection 92.5.3(7), to update permitted uses.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on, and introduction of an ordinance, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Chapter 13, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Fire Codes, Section 13-31, Adoption of Fire Codes; and Article III, Open Burns, Section 13-68, Exceptions to Prohibition, at the July 12, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-490)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by President Russell.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-490, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-491,

amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Chapter 13, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, Fire Codes, Section 13-31, Adoption of Fire Codes; and Article III, Open Burns, Section 13-68, Exceptions to Prohibition.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Public.

Ms. Caroline Wilson, 836 Tannahill Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that she wished to speak to them about an issue that was near and dear to her heart because of something that had happened to her husband during his battle against cancer, being the lack of a 24-hour pharmacy in Huntsville. She stated that what her family had experienced a few weeks prior had led her to appear before the Council at this time to ask them to fix this problem in the city. She stated that her husband had suffered from cancer, and they had elected to use the services of Hospice for his end-of-life care so he could be treated at home until his death.

Ms. Wilson stated that they were very pleased with these services, but one night he had encountered a serious complication, requiring the Hospice nurse to come to their home around midnight. She continued that the nurse had written a prescription for critical medication, but she had informed them that there was no 24-hour pharmacy open in Huntsville, that it would be necessary for them to go to a Walgreen's in Madison, the only pharmacy open.

Ms. Wilson stated that her son, who was home on family emergency leave, had been able to go to the pharmacy in Madison, and he was gone for more than 3 ½ hours, stating that there was a line of cars wrapped around the drugstore, with only one pharmacist on duty, who was calling for back-up help. She stated that the medication that had been prescribed was crucial for the

complication, and without it, her husband would have been required to go to the Emergency Room, noting that the reason they had elected to go with Hospice care was to stay out of the hospital if possible.

Ms. Wilson stated that she was not appearing before the Council to complain about what had happened to her family that night, but she was coming before them and asking them to fix this problem by contracting with another drugstore in Huntsville to avoid this happening to other patients in similar situations. She stated that, luckily, her son had been able to go for her, allowing her to stay at home with her husband, but noted that other families might not be so fortunate.

Ms. Wilson stated that in selecting Hospice care, one was offered the ability for end-of-life care in one's home, giving a terminally ill patient compassionate care without going to the hospital, offering the patient more comfort and giving the family the ability to be able to share precious time together with the family member. She stated that the hospitals were full, the waits in the emergency room were extremely long, and Hospice filled an important gap in offering this care.

Ms. Wilson stated that she was sincerely asking the Council to consider contracting with a Huntsville drugstore to offer 24-hour pharmacy services for future Hospice patients, or any patients needing medication during the night.

Ms. Wilson thanked the Council for their time and consideration and stated that she looked forward to seeing this problem fixed in the future.

Mr. Calvin Ikard, 113 Delta Pine Drive, appeared before the Council, expressing appreciation for being allowed to speak at this time. He stated that he would like to share with them that he had had two accidents and had sustained nine broken vertebrae and major head trauma. He continued that

throughout all of this, he had had over 600 video hits, or radar hits on video, audio, and everything else, and it continued as he was speaking.

Mr. Ikard stated that he lost computers, involving a certain email address, with emails being sent to the police chief. He stated that this continued to go on, to the point that they had finally sprung a trap and taken control of his vehicle remotely, through Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. He stated that he had documentation from the dealership. He continued that he ended up with a 93-mile-an-hour speeding ticket, that following the traffic, he went to merge out into the fast lane, and he got this ticket from a State trooper.

Mr. Ikard stated that this continued to go on, to where he had lost nine iphones. He stated that they had been taken from him, but he had a lot of them with him at this time. He stated that this continued on, that he had HughesNet, and they were blocking his HughesNet and continuing to destroy his personal property, which he noted was unfair and unjust. He stated that this was illegal use of government, City, County, and State, and the taxpayers' dollars, to target him for a year and a half, 600-plus video/audio/ radar hits. He stated that he had a radar detector in his car, and he did not mind telling them that, that he had to get one, simply because of the fact that it was constant harassment, with all the police following him, hazing him, harassing him, profiling him.

Mr. Ikard stated that he was appearing before the Council to address this issue, and he was requesting that they call in the FBI, the CIA, or the Federal Trade Commission. He stated that he wanted to know who was in his home, his phones, his computers, and everything he owned. He stated that this was ridiculous for anyone to have to deal with. He stated that he would put it in their home if they wanted him to. He stated that he had a phone in his pocket

at this time that they listened to. He asked what good this was. He stated that it was rendered useless because they would divert his calls to somebody else, and he could not get hold of a Council person if he was dying, that they would divert his calls. He asked if any of the Council members wanted this to happen to them.

Ms. Jackie Reed again appeared before the Council, expressing appreciation to the Council for allowing public input. She stated that she wanted to say that they would miss Ms. Barbara Bell, noting that she was a No. 1 employee whom she had dealt with for 30 years.

Ms. Reed stated that there were a lot of things going on in the city, and a lot of unreal things going on in the city. She stated that she wanted to thank the Mayor for the jobs he was bringing in, that that was a good thing, but noted that they had to do something about the traffic, the roads, and the crime in the city.

Ms. Reed stated that she also attended the County Commission meetings and stated that she had recently thanked them because on every agenda item, they read it, and an attorney would tell them what it was about, how much it was going to cost, et cetera, that they knew everything on the agenda, what they were going to do with it, and what it cost. She asked why they could not handle the agenda in that way, asking if there was something they did not want the public to know about. She stated that maybe they could look into this and change things a little.

Ms. Reed stated that she had some big issues, and one of them was the City Hall Building. She stated that as persons were aware, the City Hall Annex was coming down. She continued that they had yet to know what was going to happen to this property. She stated that this property was too valuable and

should not be for sale, not to give away. She stated that she prayed they had enough common sense not to sell it. She stated that if she had it, she did not believe anyone would have enough money to buy it, and she hoped the Council members could see this. She stated that they could not find a more beautiful location than this current location, next to the park. She stated that she was counting on them for this, and she had her eyes on every one of them, noting that there was always an election coming up, and she would be watching them very closely.

Ms. Reed stated that she believed the marble on the City Hall Annex could be saved, although they were wanting to throw it away.

Mr. Chris Baker, 3210 Winchester Road, appeared before the Council, stating that he had a couple of concerns about Northwest Huntsville. He stated he had a concern about the roads in Northwest Huntsville, with one in particular being Blue Spring Road between Mastin Lake Road and Stringfield Road. He stated that every time this road got fixed, or whatever, there was always a big dip in the road that cars had to drive over, or swerve into the other lane, or whatever. He asked why they consistently had that same problem.

Mr. Baker stated that his other concern was that he understood the City had plans to do something with the property at Johnson High School. He stated that he hoped they were having serious talks about what they were going to do with that property because they needed jobs in that community, that they needed economic development, and they needed educational assistance.

Councilman Keith stated to Mr. Baker that he would get him an answer specific to his concern. He stated that he would get a packet of information for Mr. Baker that might answer some of his questions before his Town Hall

meeting that would be on the following Tuesday. He stated that, also, he could get Mr. Baker to Mr. Chris McNeese, who would understand this. He stated that he was aware of the strip Mr. Baker referred to, that it was when one made a right before getting to the left turn on Stringfield.

Mayor Battle stated that some of the jobs that would be coming to the city, which had been announced earlier in the day, would be in North Huntsville, near the Toyota plant. He continued that, also, Aerojet Rocketdyne was building a rocket production plant in that area. He stated that two of the last five job announcements that had come to the city had been in North Huntsville, at the North Huntsville Industrial Park. He stated that he believed persons would see a lot more opportunity in that area.

Mr. Mike Jennings, 3815 Millbrae Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that he still had a concern about the Sparkman Homes property. He stated that they had talked about this matter a couple of weeks prior, and he wanted to make clear that it was the understanding from the Housing Authority that they had a letter of intent, but when this matter had been discussed at the prior meeting, most of the Council persons appeared to have known nothing about this. He stated that the Mayor had said they had been working on something for several years.

Mr. Jennings stated that his concern was that they needed to do something, if at all possible, to maintain that property because any time they would lose low-income housing, brick and mortar, that property would be gone. He stated that there were several hundred units at Sparkman Homes, if he was not mistaken, and there was no reason they could not rehabilitate that property and keep those tenants in place, with a plan to eventually move out as their income increased.

Mr. Jennings stated that he hoped there was nothing on the agenda for this meeting that would allow this sale, noting that some of the wording was made where persons could not understand it, that they did things without persons being able to understand the full content of what was being said. He stated that he would like for someone to tell him that there was nothing on this agenda that was dealing with the City razing that property or helping the Huntsville Housing Authority demolish that property.

President Russell asked if any of the Council members wanted to comment on this matter.

Councilman Keith stated that he knew absolutely nothing about anything on the agenda pertaining to the Huntsville Housing Authority.

Mr. Hamilton stated that there was nothing on the agenda related to the Housing Authority.

Ms. Mary Jones Moore, 121 Fenwick Place, appeared before the Council, stating that she had the same concern as Mr. Jennings. She continued that they had spoken with Councilman Keith, as a sorority. She stated that she wanted to say to the Council that when they were making decisions to demolish properties where there were tenants that lived there, they should take these persons' living situations into consideration. She stated that they said these persons were going to get vouchers, but they were aware that once these individuals received those vouchers, there was nowhere on the south side of University that would accept those vouchers, that they would leave their houses empty before they would allow someone to use those vouchers.

Ms. Moore stated that she had done some research, and she knew that back in 2014 and 2015, they had been talking about destroying that property. She stated that, of course, they had destroyed Council Court.

Ms. Moore stated that they just needed to make sure that there were places identified for these individuals to go, to not just give them vouchers and leave them out there to just vouch for themselves. She continued that wherever these persons went, the Council needed to make sure they had transportation, noting that the bus system was very important for these persons. She asked if there were already buses, if there would be increased bus routes for these persons, noting that they would need the ability to get around from place to place, whether it would be to work, to doctors' appointments, or whatever.

Ms. Moore stated, concerning the Johnson property, that she hoped the Council would do their due diligence on that property and support the community that was already there, not do anything that would harm their property values. She stated that they should do something that would be positive for that area so North Huntsville could grow and prosper just as South Huntsville.

President Russell recognized Councilman Keith.

Councilman Keith stated that he was thankful for having been able to meet with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members, noting that there had been some really tough and wonderful questions. He stated that he agreed with their concerns, as a citizen. He stated that he just wanted to say that the City Council had not decided to do anything to Sparkman Homes, that this had not been on an agenda of the Council, that they had not decided to move anybody. He stated that although the name was "Huntsville Housing Authority," it was not under or the subject of any of the Council's decisions, that the Council worked with them.

Councilman Keith stated that he was also worried about the exodus from Sparkman Homes. He continued that, however, what he had found was that

the majority of the people at Sparkman Homes, especially the ones who had children, wanted to leave, that they wanted a voucher and had been pleading for that. He stated that many of these persons had already located opportunities elsewhere. He stated that as far as where the vouchers would go, he absolutely agreed that it was subjective, in the assumption that there were only certain places they would go. He stated that one of his concerns was the schools.

Councilman Keith stated that he was willing to work with anyone who would help him understand what this exodus would look like and the effect it would have on that community. He stated that he could say at this time that the Council had not made any decisions to affect what was going on at the Huntsville Housing Authority. He stated that he would encourage persons to take those concerns to the Huntsville Housing Authority as they started this process. He stated that he agreed that they had to be careful and had to support those individuals who believed in a lot of ways that they were ready to live on their own but might not be.

Councilman Keith stated that he wanted to reiterate that the Council had not made a decision on this matter or been a part of any decision concerning it, but if they were to do so, he would be the first to discuss it with his community.

Ms. Trudy Spearman, 104 Leshawn Cove, appeared before the Council, asking that they support extending the times for the bus schedules in Huntsville. She stated that she volunteered at a homeless shelter for women and children, and that most of the women who came into the shelter did not have high school diplomas, and a lot of times the only jobs they could get would be in retail and food services. She stated that with the bus routes ending at 6 o'clock, sometimes they could not get back and forth to work, or go to school.

She continued that if they were in this shelter, they either had to work or go to school, or both. She continued that they wanted to do that, but that with the bus schedule as it was at this time, and with them working in retail and not getting off from work until perhaps 9 p.m., they would not have a way to get back and forth to work. She stated that as much as these women wanted to get off government assistance, and as much as they wanted to make a change in their lives, they were having a very, very hard time doing it, simply because they could not work because they did not have transportation.

Ms. Spearman stated that she just wanted to ask the Council to please consider extending the times for the bus routes and also consider weekend bus routes because those were the jobs these persons could get. She continued that, also, if they wanted to get their GED, and go to school at night in order to do so, they could not even do that.

Mr. Kyle Leslie, 5420 Alumni Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that it was sort of ironic that when the meeting had started this evening, the opening prayer was about unity. He stated that he was present at the Council meeting to talk about the redevelopment of J.O. Johnson High School. He stated that there were a lot of issues throughout the city, throughout the state, throughout the country, and throughout the world. He continued that he was looking for a solution for some of this.

Mr. Leslie stated that what he was wanting to talk about was a technology, engineering, math, and science complex, located at the J.O. Johnson High School. He stated that they were just asking for 10 acres. He stated that he had talked with Councilman Keith about this. He continued that they were looking at \$15 million. He stated that, basically, what they were looking at would be something similar to the Smithsonian Institute, where one

walked in, and there were the displays, the kiosks, et cetera. He stated that they were looking at that in the front end, and on the back end, they were talking about training. He stated that they were now in the space and rocket center, that this was Huntsville, Alabama, and one could not throw a rock around here without hitting someone with a doctorate degree.

Mr. Leslie stated that they had no location in the city that showed they were Huntsville. He stated that if they wanted to change the economic values of the community, the city, and the state, they first needed to change the educational system. He continued that that was what they were talking about doing, that that was what they were proposing.

Mr. Leslie stated that he was appearing at this time to talk to the Council members, that they needed their help, that they were asking them to come in and assist them with this. He stated that they needed planning, secretaries, people that could come in, logisticswise. He stated that they were talking about artificial intelligence, robotics, above and beyond the STEM program.

Mr. Leslie stated that if the Council members had any questions, to please give him a call at 256-631-7784.

President Russell recognized Councilman Keith.

Councilman Keith thanked Mr. Leslie for his passion, noting that he had been wonderful in this whole process, that he had responded to the RFP, that he had put together a team. He stated that they would work to find opportunities and solutions to where Mr. Leslie's dream could fit inside this community and beyond the community, that it could fit inside the City of Huntsville.

Councilman Keith stated that they were taking the first step on the Johnson property, and they would be very diligent to understand that that was

a potential site that not only would be successful for Northwest Huntsville but for the city of Huntsville. He stated that they were in a long process on this, but he did want to thank Mr. Leslie again, noting that his words were not falling on deaf ears.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Huntsville Utilities Items.

(Councilman Keith is no longer present in the Council Chambers.)

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the approval and purchase of emergency repairs to rebuild the No. 2 water pump at the South Parkway Water Treatment Plant. (BWO 152-2018MayRWP) (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-447)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Mr. Joe Gehrdes of Huntsville Utilities for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that this was to repair a failed pump, at a price tag of \$87,559.44.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Resolution No. 18-447, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Robinson, Kling, Culver, Russell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Keith

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the

approval and purchase of a new 2-ton cab & chassis with a new steel line utility body and a new 55' aerial unit (BWO 373-2018 May Truck) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-448)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Mr. Gehrdes for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that this was to replace a bucket truck that had caught fire on their lot a few months prior. He stated that this came with a price tag of \$237,000.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for a roll-call vote on Resolution No. 18-448, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Robinson, Kling, Culver, Russell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Keith

President Russell asked Mr. Gehrdes if he wished to comment at this time.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that he wanted to announce to those persons listening to the meeting, as well as to the Council and the Mayor, that their dear friend and former employee, and certainly a resource to the City Council, Richard Knox had passed away. He stated that he had been a very good resource for many of them, that he could answer any question. He stated that Mr. Knox had retired a little more than a year prior from Utilities, after putting

in more than 40 years. He stated that at the time of his retirement, he was the second longest serving employee they had at Huntsville Utilities. He stated that he would certainly be dearly missed, and he asked that everyone keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

(Councilman Keith is now present in the Council Chambers.)

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Board Appointment Nominations.

Councilman Kling nominated Mr. Thomas Winstead for reappointment to the Huntsville Electric Utility Board, for a term to expire July 2, 2021.

Councilman Kling nominated Ms. Kimberly K. Tippett for appointment to the Beautification Board, for a term to expire September 30, 2020.

Councilman Keith nominated Dr. Dorothy Huston for reappointment to the Huntsville Natural Gas Utility Board, for a term to expire July 1, 2021.

Councilman Keith nominated Dr. Dorothy Huston for reappointment to the Huntsville Water Utility Board, for a term to expire July 1, 2021.

President Russell asked if there were any other Board nominations.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Approval of Expenditures.

Councilman Keith read and introduced a resolution authorizing expenditures for payment, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-449)

Councilman Keith moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-449, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing travel for Councilman Devyn Keith to Baltimore, MD, September 22-26, 2018, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-450)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Keith.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that he would be happy to support this resolution but asked if they could get an explanation concerning it, noting that they did not have too many trips going to Baltimore.

Councilman Keith stated that this was to attend a conference specifically concerning community policing in a very innovative way, and they would also cover a number of other issues around urban revitalization, that they would tackle those two topics.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-450, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell asked Councilman Keith if there was a Finance Committee Report.

Councilman Keith replied in the affirmative. He asked Ms. Peggy Sargent, Director of Finance, to present the Mid-Year Budget Review.

Ms. Sargent stated that the City had posted its 2018 Mid-Year Budget Review to the City website, so the citizens could look at that data. She stated

that the information was provided that they were running right where they would expect to be at this point in the year, that Revenues and Expenses were running at even levels, which, with a balanced budget, was where they would want to be.

Ms. Sargent stated that, additionally, they had also received the 2017 Annual Report, and that had also been published to the City's website for the citizens.

Councilman Keith asked Ms. Sargent if she could provide a quick understanding concerning that budget cycles were not January to December and asked how this worked for them, what October meant to them.

Ms. Sargent stated that the City's budget ran from October 1 to September 30, so the Expenses that persons would be looking at in this report were for the first six months, and the Revenues were actually for the first seven months, because the tax dollars came in a month in arrears, so they had to do an accrual-based system for the Revenues.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Mayor.

President Russell recognized Mayor Battle.

Mayor Battle made the following Board appointment:

Mr. Jan Williams to the Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission, Seat 4, for a six-year term to expire May 3, 2024.

Mayor Battle stated that Ms. Spearman had mentioned the bus schedules, et cetera, and asked Mr. Tommy Brown, Director of Parking and Public Transit, to talk about when the next survey would be done, noting that they surveyed every so many years, according to the Federal Transit Authority, to make sure they were meeting the needs of the population that needed the

buses.

Mr. Brown stated that approximately a month prior, his department had initiated a study to take a look at Saturday service, longer hours of service, noting that they had recognized the things the previous speakers had brought to their attention were needs in the community, particularly Saturday service and evening service for people that worked in the food industries and things such as that. He stated that they had situations where persons could get to work, but they were having to take a taxi home, costing them several hours' worth of pay, and it was a burden on people.

Mr. Brown stated that that was one of the things they were looking toward solving with this study: a good recommendation on exactly how to go about meeting those needs and the funding sources to pay for such needs. He stated that this was under way, and they would be having several public hearings, several sessions for public input. He stated that he would encourage the previous speakers on this subject to attend such meetings, as well as encouraging other persons to attend, and make their voices known.

Mr. Brown stated that it was fortunate that they had found a source of additional revenue, that approximately \$200,000 of additional revenue had come through in their FDA grants for the following year, so that hopefully they would have some federal funding to help pay for this as well.

Mr. Brown stated that this would have to go through the study process, and they would come back with recommendations for them, and they would come back to the Council after the public input process. He stated that there would be ample opportunity for the public to provide additional information on this issue.

Mayor Battle stated to Mr. Leslie, a previous speaker, that he had

mentioned a technical school and stated that at this time there were plans for a Cyber Engineering School. He continued that they were looking for a home site for this, and at this time they were looking in Research Park. He stated that this was a spinoff out of Cyber Huntsville, and it was an engineering school, and it would be a statewide engineering school. He continued that the Governor had committed \$10 million to it thus far, that there was some money in the works. He stated that he could get Mr. Leslie in touch with the people who were working on this at this time if it might help him out.

Mayor Battle stated that a question had come up about the Housing Authority. He stated that he would tell each of them that the Housing Authority was an Authority, that there were five members of the Housing Authority Board, and they were the ones who actually made the decisions about public housing. He stated that these persons were appointed by the Mayor, and they were appointed in staggered terms, one every year, over the past five years. He stated that he had appointed all five members of the Housing Authority Board. He continued that he had a policy with his Boards to leave the Boards in place, that the people who served understood what was going on, and he did not call them and say that they were to do this or to do that because there were intelligent people on the Boards, and they were the ones who had to make the decisions.

Mayor Battle stated that he did constantly talk to the Board members or the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, that they tried to keep up with what was going on in the public housing arena because it was very important to them, noting that they had to offer opportunity to everybody in the city. He stated that as Mayor, he did keep in touch with them, but it would be the Board itself that would be making the decisions. He continued that as the Council had

said, they would not make a decision about the Housing Authority, under HUD rules and regulations. He stated that the Housing Authority Board was the final say in what would happen in public housing.

Mayor Battle stated that the question had come up numerous times about what was happening with Cecil Ashburn Drive and asked Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, to comment on this. He stated that Mr. Davis was the driving power that had brought in the Facebook announcement earlier in the day, as well as the driving power that had brought in Toyota-Mazda. He continued that Mr. Davis and his department had done a wonderful job in making sure the city was built for growth and jobs. He thanked Mr. Davis for what he did. He continued that as they brought in jobs and had growth, they had to accommodate this growth and make sure they had the roadway system and infrastructure that could support this.

Mr. Davis thanked Mayor Battle for his kind words, noting that, however, there was a whole team involved in this that did not get to stand before the Council and take recognition, but it took a village to be successful.

Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Davis stated that he had spoken at the last few Council meetings about one of the "Restore Our Roads" projects, Cecil Ashburn Drive. He stated that they had done open bids on this project earlier in the year, with a totally different viewpoint of how to handle this project, and the bids had come in extremely over budget from what they had anticipated. He continued that keeping one lane open at certain times, with a platooning effect, had not seemed to be very favorable, so they had gone back to the drawing board on this. He stated that they had not changed the design plans, but they had been talking with contractors on how to reduce the cost, how to expedite the

construction.

Mr. Davis stated that at this time he would like to walk the Council and the public through this, noting that they believed they had a plan together that would be most beneficial to the community. He stated that he was a commuter who would be affected by this project, and he had also lived through the Governors Drive project, so he understood the importance of it and the impact it would have on the community. He continued that this was why they had been looking at ways to cut this from a 2 ½-year project down to being able to have it finished as quickly as possible.

Mr. Davis stated that Cecil Ashburn Drive was at current capacity, that the capacity of the road was approximately 16,000 vehicles per day, and that according to the latest traffic counts, they were averaging approximately 17,000 vehicles a day on this two-lane stretch. He stated that their projected modeling, based on development and growth pattern, from annual traffic counts, was projected to go to 30,000 vehicles per day in approximately 12 years.

Mr. Davis stated that the established budget for this project stood at \$20 million. He continued that the overall project was to take the existing two-lane and convert it to a four-lane divided highway. He continued that this would also have paved shoulders and bike lanes in both directions. He stated that one of the big things they were adding to the project was improved safety. He stated that since this road had opened, there had been almost 800 accidents, and, unfortunately, 11 fatalities. He stated that this was unacceptable in the community, that it was not something they should take lightly. He stated that this was something they wanted to improve on, and that was why they had taken on this road, that it was part of "Restore Our Roads,"

from a capacity standpoint and also safety improvements.

Mr. Davis stated that he wanted to show the Council and the public the difficulty they were having in trying to come up with a way to give access to the public but also get this road completed in a reasonable amount of time.

Mr. Davis stated that what one could see in the light blue on the display was where work would occur, and the dark brown was the existing pavement widths. He continued that in red they were trying to show that construction was not just on one side of the road. He stated that he had wanted to show this graphic so the public could see, and the Council members would understand, that it was a very challenging project to do in a safe manner and also have the traveling public go through this zone during construction. He stated that he hoped what he was displaying would better show what they would be doing. He stated that on the uphill side, one could see a cut area, and the red and white dash lines indicated the current existing grade. He continued that the black shaded area was the existing two-lane section, and the green was the new road. He stated that in the yellow, one would see a concrete barrier to separate the traffic, which he noted should greatly reduce, if not eliminate, head-on collisions, for the most part. He continued that that had been the cause of most of the fatalities.

Mr. Davis stated that the lower portion of the slide was the fill area, that it would be the downhill side. He stated that one could see that they would be doing work in one of the two lanes pretty much throughout the construction, so it made it very challenging to keep the road open. He stated that it could take the road from what they felt could be a 12-month construction to 2 1/2-years, just because of the start and stop throughout the day and the contractor not being able to work.

Mr. Davis stated that on the new project schedule, Phase 1 would be a right-of-way clearing and grubbing contract, which they believed would be a two- to three-month duration. He continued that they would most likely do that sometime in the fall. He stated that during that time, they would be able to leave the road completely open in both directions. He stated that they anticipated construction could start in January of 2019 on the actual road-widening portion, which he noted would be a 12-month duration, with the road closed.

Mr. Davis stated that they were continuing to evaluate possible options with the Administration on trying to provide an incentive, not to complete the project any faster but to get a two-lane section open as quickly as possible. He stated that they were continuing to talk with various contractors, and their engineering team was trying to come up with a solution as to what they thought could be. He stated that as they got closer to the end of the current year, they would probably have some good ideas of how they could get to a point in construction where they could reopen the road, in a manner very similar to what they had done with Zierdt Road, where they could get a two-lane section finished and put traffic back on it, and then complete the other two lanes. He stated that they were working on that, and they would probably look at incentivizing that in order to get that done as soon as possible.

Mr. Davis stated that at this time he would answer any questions the Council members might have.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling asked Mr. Davis if it would not be better for construction on the road to commence when school would recess, in perhaps May rather than in January, because of the expected inclement weather that

might delay things.

Mr. Davis stated that that was a very good question. He stated that the schedule was actually by design, with a lot of thought process, noting that the clearing and grubbing they could do with the road being open, and the traveling public would start to see the exact scale of the project and begin to understand why the road needed to be closed. He continued that, also, it reduced the amount of disruption to the community because there would be two or three months with the road being open, rather than just putting it all in one contracting, closing the road and starting the 15-month clock.

Mr. Davis stated that the second reason for the January start was that the first thing that would occur would be four to five months of rock removal, drilling and removing rock. He stated that they would actually process that rock and put in the fill slope, so that the rock that would be removed would not be hauled off. He stated that that could be done in inclement weather, in the winter months. He stated that what they were aiming for was to complete that in about the May-June timeline, when the weather would start breaking, and they would put down asphalt.

President Russell asked if there were any further questions for Mr. Davis.

There was no response.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Chris McNeese, Director of Public Works, to comment on the repaving of Oakwood Avenue, noting that this had been a long process, waiting for some infrastructure to get done, which he noted was under the road.

Mr. McNeese stated that it was his understanding they were about to be complete with the Utility improvements along Oakwood, from Jordan Lane up

to Pulaski Pike, that they would be complete by the end of the current month. He stated that they would be right behind Utilities, getting ready to resurface once they were completed.

Mayor Battle asked how far they would resurface on Oakwood.

Mr. McNeese stated that they were going to go from Jordan Lane to the Parkway.

Councilman Keith asked if Water Pollution Control would be the last to sign off.

Mr. McNeese replied in the affirmative. He stated that he would have to talk with Shane Cook concerning this, noting that he probably had one or two areas that he could add some detail. He stated that that would be behind the curb and gutter and not in the roadway itself.

Mayor Battle stated that earlier in the day, they had been fortunate to announce about Facebook putting in the data center, noting that most persons would know it under the name of "Starbelt," which the Council had previously passed. He stated that this was approximately \$750 million worth of investment in the community by the Facebook corporation. He stated that these were some very fine people they had been working with on this project for approximately 15 months, to bring it to fruition. He congratulated Mr. Davis and his team and everyone who had had a part in making that happen. He stated that this was a corporation that wanted to be a good partner in the community. He continued that when they had started talking to this company about incentives, et cetera, they had said they wanted to buy their land, which he noted was a refreshing thing for the community. He continued that they had also said they wanted to be a good corporate partner.

Mayor Battle stated that they looked forward to having this company in

North Huntsville Industrial Park, noting that the construction would start very soon. He continued that for every \$1 million of capital investment, there would be 12 jobs created, so there would be many jobs just from the construction portion. He stated that after that, they would have approximately 100 jobs, which should pay an average of \$80,000 each, so this would bring a lot of economy and vitality to the North Huntsville area. He stated that they were very, very proud to have Facebook coming into the area, and they welcomed them as partners.

Mayor Battle stated that about 10 days prior, there had been an election, and he wanted to say that it had been an honor to run for governor, and he wanted to thank the people of Huntsville for indulging him and letting him run. He stated that they had a great team of people who had kept the City running when he was gone, and he wanted to thank each of them for the job they had done to make sure they did not miss a beat while he was gone, noting that that might be good or it might not be so good. He reiterated that it was an honor to have been able to run and stated that he came in second and second meant that he was elected to go back to the job he was previously at, so he was back as Mayor, and he looked forward to that.

Mayor Battle stated that he was looking forward to some great things happening in the city of Huntsville over the next several years.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Council.

President Russell recognized Councilman Keith.

Councilman Keith stated that he wanted to give credit to Mayor Battle in every way, noting that the announcement earlier in the day was another exciting announcement for the city. He congratulated Mayor Battle, Mr. Davis,

and others who had worked diligently on this. He stated that Mayor Battle was due gratitude and respect for the hard work he put in for the city of Huntsville and that in a lot of ways, he was glad Huntsville still had Mayor Battle because he had a lot to learn from him. He stated that he gave him and his team full respect, noting that it was a team Mayor Battle had put together. He stated that Northwest Huntsville thanked him specifically, but he was sure the entire city would as well.

Councilman Keith thanked the members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for being in attendance at the meeting and for their tough questions. He stated that this was not anything new, that they had been in attendance at every Town Hall meeting he had had, they had been there to see him through this entire experience, and they had always held him accountable. He stated that he was blessed to have women such as them in his community, as a part of his community and caring for his community, so that they had success throughout the city of Huntsville.

Councilman Keith stated that he would be holding a Town Hall meeting on the following Tuesday, June 19, at the Bo Matthews Center, at 6 p.m., and they would be discussing a number of issues. He stated that they would take some steps forward in making some decisions about Northwest Huntsville.

Councilman Keith stated that on Saturday, he and Ms. Joy McKee would be joined by a good friend of his whom he was sure everyone had heard about, Rodney Smith, with Raising Men Lawn Care. He stated that Rodney had been across the world cutting grass. He stated that he would be cutting grass, although he did not know if he could do it as well as Mr. Smith. He stated that they would get started at 8:30 a.m., and they would be going throughout Northwest Huntsville and getting projects done. He thanked Ms. McKee for

her assistance with this and stated that persons were excited about it.

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson welcomed Mayor Battle back, noting that the state's loss was Huntsville's gain. She stated that Mayor Battle had made them proud.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that earlier in the day, she had had the opportunity to attend a Huntsville Police Department promotion ceremony, noting that there were a number of sergeants who were now lieutenants, and that one of these was now Lt. Jonathan Ware, who she noted spent his Thursday evenings with them at the Council meetings. She stated that he was the leader of the Community Resource Officer Unit, but he would no longer be doing that, that he would be assigned to the West Precinct. She thanked Lt. Ware for his service to the Council during their meetings, noting that he would be missed.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that during the week, the team from Main Street Alabama had come to South Parkway, and they had begun what was going to be a three-year process of revitalizing the South Parkway. She stated that the team was extremely complimentary of the engagement of the businesses along South Parkway, which had really taken ownership and stepped up financially and contributed to that effort. She stated that they were in the process of hiring an executive director who would work through the Main Street process and help lead it. She stated that they were in the application process for this position and suggested that anyone who was interested in the position take a look at the South Huntsville Business Association website and consider applying.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that on the following evening, there

would be the Goodby Grissom/Hello Library event, from 5 to 8 p.m. She stated that tickets were on sale at the Bailey Cove Library and on line at the Library Foundation website. She stated that there would be food, a band would be playing, and there would be Grissom graduates present to speak and share their Grissom experiences. She continued that persons could take a final walk-through of the building prior to it being demolished, and there would be brick and locker doors for sale. She invited everyone to join them at this event.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that if one had been on South Parkway, one had seen that they were making a lot of progress on the overpasses, and they were also doing a lot of work on the access roads, which she noted had meant closing these roads down to one lane, so there was a lot of platooning that had been taking place, and it had not been a pretty sight. She thanked everyone for their patience. She stated that the following day would be one of those days, and the southbound access roads were going to be down to one lane, so if one had any way of avoiding that, one should do so.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that they appreciated everyone's patience with this project.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that he would say welcome back to Mayor Battle, except he had not been gone anywhere, that even though he had been out of town, he had kept things running very smoothly over the last several weeks, that a lot of great things had been taking place throughout the city. He stated to Mayor Battle that they were very proud of him, that he was a great ambassador, a great representative for the city of Huntsville.

Councilman Kling stated that a couple of weeks prior, he had attended the Wally Vess Youth Fishing Rodeo at Brahan Spring Park, and he had had the

opportunity to walk around and visit with a lot of good folks teaching the younger generation how to fish and how to compete. He stated that it was a lot of fun to watch, and he enjoyed visiting with folks he had not seen in a while.

Councilman Kling stated that on the past Monday, he had had the opportunity to speak at a McThornmor Acres event, noting this was a great neighborhood that they had talked about in the past. He stated there was a lot of momentum taking place there, that they were very excited about their application process for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Councilman Kling stated that on Thursday of the prior week, he had had the opportunity to attend the annual barbecue at Valley Garden Apartments, between 9th Avenue and Bob Wallace. He stated that that was a great event. He stated that the owner there spent money out of his own pocket to set up a computer lab so kids could have a place where they could go to work on a computer and do homework. He stated that that was a very well-maintained, outstanding complex in West Huntsville.

Councilman Kling stated that he was aware they had a study looking at the expansion of the bus routes and stated that when they looked at expanding Saturday service, another thing to look at was the tourism that was taking place in West Huntsville, and going into the downtown area. He stated that bus service on Saturdays during the daytime and the nighttime might make sense. He stated that, of course, this service could be used for people traveling back and forth to work, so one service could kind of piggyback off the other.

Mr. Brown stated that they would be looking at that, that one of the things the consultant was going to help them do would be to look at what Saturday service would look like, noting that most likely it would be different from weekday service. He stated that they would be looking at getting people

to the grocery store, et cetera, as well as social opportunities.

Councilman Kling asked Mr. Brown if it was correct that the idea was for the study to be completed so that whatever changes might be made would take place to coincide with the new fiscal year, with the budgeting.

Mr. Brown stated that that was a goal, but he was not sure whether or not they were going to meet that. He stated that in the study, they were looking at many things, that Saturday service and later service were just two of the things they were looking at. He stated that, however, they had asked them to put that at the top of the list. He continued that, in fact, he had a conference call with them scheduled for the following day to go over where they were on this. He stated that the goal was to get those two things done as quickly as they could and get it back to the Council for their consideration, hopefully in time for the budget, but as quickly as possible if they did not make that.

Councilman Kling stated that he had had residents along Governors Drive who had been asking him about the road widening, acceleration lane expansion, noting that he believed there were stakes up in some persons' yards. He asked if the appropriate person could have contact with those residents, just to let them know what was going on. He stated that he was aware they were talking about things that would basically be on the city right-of-way, but these residents had contacted him. He asked if someone could talk about what the timetable was for that. He asked if this project would conflict with the Cecil Ashburn project, when they had two things at the same time, or just what was the game plan.

Ms. Kathy Martin, Director of Engineering, stated that the design was approximately 50 percent complete. She continued that they had just started to do appraisals on seven tracts up through that area, and that was what the

stakes represented. She stated that as part of the appraisal process, each individual property owner was met with. She stated that the intent of this project was to extend that lane approximately 2,000 feet, to make what had previously been built, that was east of California, more usable.

Ms. Martin stated that if Councilman Kling would furnish these persons' names and numbers, they would be happy to meet them out there and show them what the stakes meant. She stated that what they were anticipating, dependent upon right-of-way acquisition, was construction later in the current year.

Councilman Kling asked if the reversible lane idea was more or less a "dead duck," so to speak.

Ms. Martin stated that that had been discussed with Director Cooper recently, so he was aware of the concern and what Councilman Kling's request was.

Councilman Kling stated that he would be holding his next monthly Town Meeting on the following Monday evening at 6 p.m. at the Library.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated to Mayor Battle that he believed he had run a very great race, that he had been impressed, and the candidates had kept it aboveboard, that they had not succumbed to some of the tactics some of the people in Montgomery were doing. He congratulated Mayor Battle and welcomed him back.

Councilman Culver stated that he wanted to give a shout-out to the distinguished sisters of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, noting that everything they did, from their "Derby Day" to their "Sickle Cell Walk," he followed.

Councilman Culver stated that he had asked Ms. Martin to do a quick

presentation on Zierdt Road and Martin Road, noting that there had been a lot of inquiries from residents concerning this, and he thought this would be the best way to communicate with those residents as to where they were on this. He stated that there had not been any intentional stalling on this project, that they were moving forward. He stated that Ms. Martin and her team had done an excellent job with the progress they had made to date.

Councilman Culver stated that he would turn the floor over to Ms. Martin, the City Engineer, to provide an update on this project.

Ms. Martin stated that it was difficult to really talk about the status of Martin Road and Zierdt Road without just a brief history.

Ms. Martin made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Martin apologized for the scale of the map being displayed, noting there was a lot of work going on in that area, that there were actually seven different projects they had been working on over the past decade for this area.

Ms. Martin stated that toward the top of the display was Madison Boulevard/I-565, and then there was Martin Road from the airport. She pointed out Gate 7 at Redstone Arsenal and stated that into Redstone Arsenal was Martin Road as well. She continued that Zierdt Road went out to Madison Boulevard.

Ms. Martin stated that, as she had mentioned, there were about seven different projects out there, four of which were complete, being the Martin Road on-base section, completed back in 2014, and three phases of Zierdt Road, noting that this involved the clearing and grubbing, the security fence relocation, the utility relocation, and construction of the northbound lanes.

Ms. Martin stated that the projects that remained were construction of the southbound lane on Zierdt Road, to include the multi-use path, as well as

Martin Road Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Ms. Martin stated that this status update really came at a good time because they were hoping that very soon persons would see a lot of construction going on out in that area.

Ms. Martin stated that Martin Road would be approximately 2.8 miles of a new five-lane, curb-and-gutter roadway, and the roadway would contain 4-foot bike lanes on each side, as well as 5-foot sidewalks on each side. She stated that one could see the drastic change in that scenery as Martin Road took shape.

Ms. Martin stated that Phase 1, as they had talked about, was between Gate 7 and Old Jim Williams Road. She stated that Utility relocation had begun in November, that persons might have seen the Gas Department out there working. She stated that ALDOT had bid the project in March, and it took approximately 90 days for ALDOT to get a contractor on site, so they anticipated a contractor to be on site in the current month. She stated that it would take approximately 24 months to complete that construction, and two-way traffic would be maintained during the construction period.

Ms. Martin stated that Phase 2 of Martin Road was between Old Jim Williams Road and Laracy Drive. She stated that the right-of-way had recently been completed, as of May of 2018, and the design was approximately 90 or 95 percent complete. She stated that construction was anticipated to begin late in the current year, and with a construction duration of approximately 18 months, the intent was to complete both projects at the same time. She stated that there would be a detour during Phase 2, that it would involve taking Trademark Drive, due to construction of the bridges and the culverts.

Ms. Martin stated that Zierdt Road was very similar, at 3.5 miles, but, however, it was a four-lane, curb-and-gutter road. She continued that it would have a divided median, and it would include a 12-foot multi-use path along the west side of the road. She stated that what the display on the screen depicted were the phases they had completed, as she had mentioned. She stated that they had done all the clearing and grubbing, reset the security fence, and constructed the new northbound lanes, and that was what one saw out there at this time. She stated that the reason they were able to do that was because it was all on Redstone Arsenal's property and did not require any right-of-way acquisition.

Ms. Martin stated that all that was left was construction of the southbound lanes, as well as the multi-use path. She stated that the current status of Zierdt Road was that the first three phases had been completed, and the southbound lanes and the multi-use path, to include the intersection improvements, was anticipated to have a late June bid date, according to ALDOT. She continued that the right-of-way was finally complete. She stated that the intersection improvements were pretty significant, and they would have to be constructed under traffic conditions as well.

Ms. Martin stated that the current construction sequence for the southbound lane, when it let in June, would be to have a contractor on site by October of the current year. She continued that the first thing the contractor would need to do would be to detour all the traffic onto the new northbound lanes that had been constructed, so they would need to construct the transitions at the intersections, and then bring them back to the intersections, and build those under traffic conditions, so they anticipated an approximate 30-month construction duration on this project.

Councilman Culver thanked Ms. Martin for her presentation, noting that from looking at it, they were still on track. He asked if he could direct anyone in the general public who might have any questions concerning this to Ms. Martin's office.

Ms. Martin replied in the affirmative.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Unfinished Business Items for Action.

President Russell stated that the next item, Ordinance No. 18-395, adopting new fire codes for City of Huntsville, had been withdrawn from the agenda.

President Russell moved for approval of Ordinance No. 18-396, declaring certain equipment surplus and to be sold at public auction, which ordinance was introduced at the May 24, 2018, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 18-396)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above ordinance.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 18-396, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was New Business Items for Introduction.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-451, annexing 0.8 acres of land lying on the north side of Dug Hill Road and east of Broad Armstrong Drive.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-452, annexing 9.57 acres of land lying on the south side of Highway 72 West and south of

Providence Main Street.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-453, amending Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan Ordinance.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-454, amending Budget Ordinance No. 17-700 to modify the authorized strength of various departments.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 18-455, amending Ordinance No. 04-315, Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 18, Drug and Alcohol Policies.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was New Business Items for Consideration or Action.

President Russell asked if any of the Council members would like to hold any of the items from the consolidation.

Councilman Kling asked to hold items 15 .a, 15.b, 15.h, 15.j, 15.n, 15.aa, and 15.ag.

Councilman Culver asked to hold item 15.s.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Outdoor Solutions for construction services for the Lowe Mill Parking Lot, at 2411 9th Avenue, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-458)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final to the agreement between the

City of Huntsville and Baseline Sports Construction, LLC, for construction services for the Huntsville Tennis Center Court Expansion, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-459)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 and Final to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Dunlap Contracting, Inc., for construction services for the Cavalry Hill Gym Restroom modifications, located at 2800 Poplar Avenue, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-460)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Barge Design Solutions, Inc., for Engineering Design Services for Greenbrier Parkway, Phase V, Project No. 71-18-RD04, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-461)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and GEO Solutions, L.L.C., for Construction Materials Testing Services for the Aerojet

Rocketdyne Facility, Project No. 71-17-SP44, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-462)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 between the State of Alabama and the City of Huntsville for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility, and construction for widening of CR-7 (Zierdt Road) to Five Lanes from South of CR-11 (Martin Road) to Madison Boulevard in the city of Huntsville, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-464)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the low bidder, B.H. Craig Construction Company, Inc., for Western Area WWTP Disinfection Improvements, Base Bid and Alternates A and D, Project No. 71-17-SF01, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-466)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and

Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Construction Administration Services for 2018 Water Pollution Control Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation-Contract 1, Project No. 71-18-SP47, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-467)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 2 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Weaver Environmental Services Company, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Emergency Manhole Rehabilitation, Project No. 71-16-SP35, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-468)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with the low bidders meeting specifications as outlined in the attached Summary of Bids for Acceptance, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-470)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing travel expenses, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-471)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which

motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 17-700 by changing the authorized personnel strength in various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 18-472)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 17-700 by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 18-473)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Release for Property Damage for settlement of a claim against Clarence Jordan, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-475)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Release for Property Damage for settlement of a claim against Mr. Bult's, Inc., as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-476)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Release for Property Damage for settlement of a claim against James Baker, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-477)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to invoke Progress Bank Letter of Credit No. 9000742200 for Viduta Village Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-478)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to invoke Service 1st Bank Letter of Credit No. 33151 for the Village of Providence, Phase 6B, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-479)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the

City Attorney to settle the claim of Cineta Lashonda Jones and Nathaniel Jones, a minor, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-480)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the claim of Nolisha Jones (FY17-151), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-481)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Carol English, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-483)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Lisa Hamilton, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-484)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and William McDonald, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-485)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Brian Hudson, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-486)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution to reclassify the position of Director of Landscape Management, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-487)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the certification of the Huntsville Naval Reserve Center, GSA Parcel Number: 14-05-22-4-003-002.000, PPIN: 123138; GSA Control Number AL-00016-S, as needed for educational programs and purposes of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-489)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill one Police Programs Specialist position, Grade 17, to bring manpower up to authorized strength, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously approved.

President Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill one Parking Services Clerk position, Grade 9, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously approved.

President Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill 12 Water Pollution Control Utility Worker positions, Grade 8, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously approved.

President Russell stated that the Council would now consider the items which had been held from the consolidation.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement, Parking Lease, and related instruments between the City of Huntsville and Jefferson Hotel Partners, LLC, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-456)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban and Economic Development, for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Davis made a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Davis stated that this was a new economic development project for the Downtown Central Business District. He stated that the address was 106 Jefferson Street.

Mr. Davis stated that this project would consist of the demolition of vacant property and the construction of a new hotel. He continued that the hotel brand would be a Curio by Hilton, which would consist of 110 rooms, with a rooftop bar, a full-service restaurant, and meeting space. He stated that the investment on this property would be \$30 million of new investment for the downtown area. He stated that should the Council approve the development agreement at this meeting, construction was anticipated to start in March of 2019, with the project being open to the public no later than February 2020.

Mr. Davis stated that what he was displaying at this time was a zoomed-in version of the project site. He stated that because of the chain link fence in front of this property, it was one that they received the most complaints concerning, with the public wanting to have something done with this property because it impeded portions of the sidewalk. He stated that the project that was before the Council at this time would actually take care of that portion of Jefferson Street, with much-needed improvements. He stated that most of the vacant property had been boarded up for several years, and then due to the structural condition of the building, they had allowed some chain link fencing to be installed to protect pedestrians in that location.

Mr. Davis stated, concerning the City's commitments to help make this property a "go" for downtown, that one would be to construct streetscape improvements along Jefferson Street. He stated that, as the Council members were aware, each year in the Capital Plan they approved streetscape

improvements in the downtown area, noting that they typically did these in areas where they were aware redevelopment was occurring so they would make that investment one time and not make a streetscape improvement and then have it torn out by vertical construction on adjacent properties. He continued that the City would ensure that the proper utilities were available to service the project, being water, sewer, gas, and electric, and they were in the right capacities, working with Huntsville Utilities and the Sewer Department. He continued that they believed that, for the most part, these were already in place, in the back public alleyway.

Mr. Davis stated that the City would enter into a standard parking lease to utilize 168 spaces in the Clinton Avenue garage, noting that this was standard business procedure with Parking and Public Transit, that they did every day with different people in the downtown area needing public parking leases. He continued that the City would provide temporary construction easements to support the construction activities of the project, noting that with a building of this size, there would be a portion of the sidewalk closed, to protect both the construction workers and the traveling public. He stated that there was a temporary easement in the development agreement, that the City would grant that, just so normal construction activities could occur.

Mr. Davis stated that the display at this time provided a better view of what the redevelopment would look like, noting that this was a six-story Curio by Hilton, as he had mentioned. He stated that on the display one could see the rooftop bar and rooftop amenities, noting that this would create a drastic change in this area of downtown. He stated that they had done the improvements on Washington, and the loft apartments had brought that area to life. He continued that they believed with this project, it would do the same

with Jefferson Street, as a catalyst to that portion of the downtown area.

Mr. Davis stated that at this time he would answer any questions the Council members might have.

Councilman Kling inquired as to the location of the property.

Mr. Davis stated that it was a portion of the old Hale Brothers Furniture property, almost directly across from the Clinton Avenue garage, on Jefferson Street.

Councilman Kling stated that he understood there would be a restaurant on the property.

Mr. Davis stated that the development agreement required a full-service restaurant, on the first floor.

Councilman Kling stated that they had some good restaurants downtown, noting that he liked the Purveyor, and he was glad there were more such restaurants coming into the downtown area.

Mr. Davis stated that they believed this project would add extreme value to the downtown area.

Councilman Keith inquired as to the cost of the streetscaping.

Mr. Davis stated that in that area, they would be doing more than what they had been asked to do, that they would probably do a couple of blocks, but within the block of this project, they were probably looking at \$1 million or \$1.5 million. He continued that in doing this, they would go ahead and connect Clinton Avenue to the Washington streetscape, which he noted they had not yet completed, and try to finish that block between the Courthouse Square and Clinton Avenue. He stated that this was the City's desire, not what the developer was asking. He stated that they wanted to complete that entire block. He stated that this was in the Master Plan, and it was in their annual

Budget of downtown streetscape. He stated that this was something they would do anyway, that they just waited until they got a development to occur so there would not be damage once it was put in place.

President Russell asked Mr. Davis if he could briefly explain how the parking spaces would work, the 168 spaces in the Clinton Avenue garage. He asked if these would be first come, first served, or if they would be reserved only for this hotel.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the agreement was to provide up to 168 spaces. He stated that this was somewhat more complex, noting that there would actually be 95 spaces in the Clinton Avenue garage, as the minimum, and it would then be up to the Director of Parking and Public Transit to allocate where the other spaces would be. He continued that that could certainly be done in the Clinton Avenue garage if space were available, but there was also flexibility to shift the other spaces around, to just meet the changes in demand in the coming years. He continued that this was a long-term agreement.

Mr. Hamilton stated that they had said 168 spaces in the Clinton Avenue garage, but the reality was that probably about 73 of those would be shifted to other garages. He stated that there were limits in the agreement as to how far away those parking spaces could be, et cetera, to protect the success of the development.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the developer and Mr. Brown would work out any marking requirements, et cetera. He stated that his expectation was that there would be at least some portion of those 95 that would be reserved because the developer anticipated servicing that parking with a valet service, and to ask the valets to have cars parked all over the garage would not be good for them or for the City. He continued that his expectation would be that there

would be a section that would be assigned specifically for them, in order to accommodate that valet process.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-456, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Keith read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with GEO Solutions, L.L.C., for preliminary Geotechnical Investigation for the redevelopment of the former Johnson High School campus, Project No. 71-18-SP48, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-457)

Councilman Keith moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell recognized Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis stated that the Council members might recall that they had done an RFP for redevelopment of the Johnson campus. He continued that they had received a response for a private redevelopment of a portion of the Johnson campus, along with the City's plans for utilizing portions of the Johnson campus. He stated that this had gone very, very well, for a single-family residential development to occur. He stated that they were at the stage of these negotiations such that they needed to do some preliminary geotech so they could start working on the economic portion of the project and hopefully be able to bring it before the Council in the near future.

Mr. Davis stated that this contract would do that, some light geotech information so they could get soil conditions and see what the value would be of doing the development so they could start talking the economics of the

Johnson campus in general and how this project could move forward.

Mr. Davis stated that this was in a contract amount of \$10,000 with GEO Solutions to perform this work.

President Russell recognized Councilman Keith.

Councilman Keith asked Mr. Davis if it was correct that the developer he had mentioned did not include Huntsville Housing Authority, that it was a private development.

Mr. Davis stated that that was correct, noting that it was a local private development company that did very high-end, normal subdivisions that were seen throughout the community, market-rate type homes.

Councilman Keith stated that aesthetics was very important to the community and asked if the developer had provided examples of the product they would like to bring to the market, and if, to Mr. Davis' knowledge, comparatively, this was above what the market was currently.

Mr. Davis stated that it absolutely was, noting that it was very similar to any new subdivision product that one would see anywhere in the community or within Madison County.

Councilman Keith stated that this was an opportunity to see a social return on investment rather than an economic return on investment, and the community was very excited about this. He stated that this was 40-something acres where they could inject public dollars around this housing market, which he noted would incentivize the developer to come in and do something in this area that not only needed it but wanted it. He stated that this was as important as any of the new businesses that were coming into the community, and that getting this right would not be just getting it right for District 1 but for the city of Huntsville. He stated that he certainly appreciated everyone who had been

working on this matter, noting that it would be a game changer for the community, that it was a big first step for them.

Mr. Davis stated that with the last two out of five economic development announcements for the North Huntsville Industrial Park and the progress they had made with the redevelopment of Johnson High School, they were really starting to see a lot of interest in commercial redevelopment along the Parkway, noting that was what they had been working toward for years. He stated that it was all coming together, that it all had to work together, that there were many pieces that when put together started to catch some momentum. He stated that he was excited about what the remainder of the year would bring.

Mr. Hamilton stated he believed it was important that they continue to have good, open dialogue about this. He stated that he wanted to make sure people understood that the Johnson campus was a very large campus, more than 40 acres, and they fully expected that campus to go through multiple phases of redevelopment, noting that they certainly hoped the majority of this would be private investment to drive the economics, but there was also the public component, which was separate.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the resolution on the floor was for surveys to be done on portions of the campus where they were anticipating, hopefully in the near term, to begin some private development. He stated that the architectural work that was going along with the newer gymnasium building was still ongoing, that they were making good progress, and it was expected they would be bringing a final contract for construction to the Council later in the current year. He stated that this was a public portion of that campus, with public amenities within that building, and also potentially some outdoor amenities

that would go around it and be designed in context with the private development that would occur.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he did not want the Council members or the public to be confused when they saw a whole series of things coming in future months. He stated that this was going to be done in phases, and each of the phases, although they might be contracted separately, would be designed in context, so ultimately, as they went through the phases, they would end up with a good development that had both public space as well as private development.

Councilman Keith stated that Mr. Hamilton had done a wonderful job of looking at these amenities, not only from what they would do from a City standpoint but also the aesthetic quality. He stated that there was a level of quality they wanted to deliver to District 1, and he believed there had been a commitment not only from himself but also from his colleagues, as well as the Administration. He stated that Mr. Davis was correct, that this could be a really big year in their commitments and their construction for District 1 at the Johnson campus.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-457, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and OMI, Inc., for Merchants Square Parking Deck, Project No. 71-17-SP45, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-463)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution,

which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked Ms. Kathy Martin, Director of Engineering, for an explanation of the above resolution.

Ms. Martin stated that this was Modification No. 1 for Geotechnical services on the Merchants Square parking deck. She stated that it was part of the development agreement that the City would construct the parking deck, and the contractor had encountered deep pockets of very soft material, and this had required them to go back and do some additional geotechnical testing in order to stabilize the area.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-463, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the low bidder, Midsouth Paving, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Asphalt Projects-2018, Project No. 71-18-SP44, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-465)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Mr. Chris McNeese, Director of Public Works, for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. McNeese stated that this was a periodic bid that the City had for asphalt and other concrete line items that Public Works and other departments pulled from. He stated that this was good for one year, and it was up for renewal for two additional years if the Council saw fit. He stated that his

department used this from time to time, as well as did other departments.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-465, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Mountain Ridge Limited Partnership, as adopted by Resolution No. 17-964, on December 7, 2017, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-469)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell recognized Mr. Scott Erwin of Community Development.

Mr. Erwin stated that in December of 2017, the Council had authorized a contract for \$200,000 to Neighborhood Concepts to do a renovation of HVAC and roofing with the Mountain Ridge Property on Hobbs Road. He stated that the developer had indicated a need to extend the time slightly and reallocate some of the funds from Legal to HVAC. He continued that there were no additional funds involved.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-469, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of

Huntsville and the University of Alabama Huntsville, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-474)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson,

President Russell asked Chief Mark McMurray of the Police Department for an explanation of the above resolution.

Chief McMurray stated that this was a standard Memorandum of Understanding for working relationships between the City of Huntsville Police and the Police of UAH. He stated that there was no money involved, that it was jurisdictional guidelines, on boundaries, where they policed and where UAH policed. He stated that UAH did not enforce their campus rules on City property. He continued that the Huntsville Police still had jurisdiction on the campus itself. He stated that this was clearly written for their lawyers and UAH's lawyers, so it was known what the jurisdictional boundaries were, and that they did assist each other.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver asked, as related to UAH, if their citations and arrests were returnable to Municipal Court or if they took them to the State.

Chief McMurray stated that they currently did what they had always done, that they went through the Municipal system. He stated that this just helped them assist each other when they needed each other. He stated that if there was a shooting, or something such as that, they knew that they cooperated, and they had this MOU to help.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-474, and it was

unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution of support and approval of the Singing River Trail Project, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-482)

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked Mr. Dennis Madsen, Manager of Urban and Long-Range Planning, for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Madsen stated that this was a planning and design process for a Singing River Trail concept, which was the idea of a regional greenway network connecting the cities of Huntsville, Madison, Athens, and Decatur, as well as Limestone, Madison, and Morgan counties. He continued that this was something that was being led by the Land Trust of North Alabama, TARCOG, and the Committee of 100's Vision 2035 process. He stated that they had the planning and design from ALTA under contract to assist with planning and development. He stated that many municipalities and senators and representatives from the State had already contributed, as well as TVA, Huntsville Hospital, Calhoun Community College, and he believed the Land Trust as well. He stated that the City's contribution would be \$20,000.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-482, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application to the U.S. Department of Education for conveyance of Berachah property, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 18-488)

Councilman Kling moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Mr. Ricky Wilkinson, Director of General Services, for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that this was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application to the U.S. Department of Education for the Berachah property.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that in 1986, the City had purchased this property from the Berachah Church, and in 1991, the City had sold approximately 3.21 acres to the Department of Navy for the use of the Huntsville Naval Reserve Center. He continued that during the 1999 BRAC, the Navy had declared this property as surplus, and the City had expressed interest in it. He stated that during that, basically what had happened was that the Department of Navy had conveyed this property to the City, with a restricted deed, for the use of law enforcement and public safety training, and it had become the City's Public Safety training facility. He stated that at this time, the intent was to turn this property into the North Huntsville Library. He continued that in order to do that, they had to make an application through GSA to the Department of Education for the property to be used as an educational use rather than for public safety.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion of the above resolution.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 18-488, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was

Legal Department Items/Transactions.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance vacating a portion of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 73, Monte Sano Manor 2nd Addition, Beckett Drive (Shadowood), as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 18-492)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance vacating a portion of a Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 54A, Little Mountain Subdivision, Saddle Ridge Drive (Lovett), as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 18-493)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Non-Roster Communications from the Public.

President Russell stated that persons who would like to address the Council should go to a microphone, and that when recognized, he or she should state his or her name for the record and would have three minutes during which to address the Council.

Ms. Jackie Reed again appeared before the Council, stating that they ran through the agendas quickly and did not inform the public as to the price on anything, and they built garages and did not tell the public how much they were going to cost or how much someone was going to pay for a lease. She stated that she knew they were building one for Stovehouse, and she believed that was

\$1 a year.

Ms. Reed stated that they were moving too fast, and the public, or at least the persons who talked to her, were very upset with the direction the city was headed. She stated that she wished these people would come and talk to the Council rather than talking to her about these matters. She stated that they expected her to bring all this before the Council.

Ms. Reed stated that she wished they would leave Sparkman Homes alone, that they just wanted to tear up the city, that they were tearing up everything around. She stated that they could not do all that in two years, and some of them would not be there in two years.

Ms. Reed stated that she had also seen the Johnson High School property being railroaded, She stated that it was not the same as with Grissom, that that had turned out well for those people. She stated that with Johnson it was not the same, that they were not letting Johnson be turned into the same thing Grissom was being turned into.

Ms. Reed stated that talk was cheap, that how the Council members voted was how she counted, that how they voted was what mattered. She stated that they could sit up there and blow smoke all night, but when they took a vote, that was what she depended on to tell whether one was a good Councilperson or not.

Ms. Reed stated that she had missed the last ALDOT meeting because she never saw it advertised, as to when it was being held, but she would not miss the next one.

Ms. Reed stated that bicycle sidewalks were the biggest waste of money she had ever seen. She stated that persons who liked to ride bicycles should go down to John Hunt Park. She stated that she was getting out of the

Holmes Avenue neighborhood. She stated that she had been told that the City owned the property on Butler Hill where the homeless hung out and walked the streets all night long, with hoods on. She continued that bicycle sidewalks would be good for those persons, that they could case her neighborhood. She asked who was going to patrol the greenways and the bicycle sidewalks.

Councilman Keith stated to Ms. Reed that if she was a District 1 resident, they would love to have her at the Town Hall meeting on the following Tuesday. He stated that the difference between the Johnson development and the Grissom development was that in District 1 they were developing two sites, so Berachah would actually become their library, which was comparable to the Sandra Moon Complex. He stated that it was a little bit different, but they would take it.

Mr. Kyle Leslie again appeared before the Council, expressing appreciation to the Mayor for his response. He stated that the only thing he would ask would be if they were going to build these educational facilities, to put them in a neighborhood. He continued that which neighborhood would not matter because they had illiterate kids throughout the city, but rather than Research Park to give consideration to putting them in some neighborhood, in anyone's district, where they could be utilized, where kids could actually walk to get some training.

President Russell asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Council.

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the meeting was adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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