

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,  
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

The Honorable Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, met in regular session on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, there being present:

President:	Culver
Councilpersons:	Russell, Robinson, Kling, Showers
Mayor:	Battle
City Administrator:	Hamilton
City Attorney:	Riley
City Clerk-Treasurer:	Benion

President Culver called the meeting to order.

Rev. Robert Somerville led the invocation;

Councilman Russell led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council on February 25, 2016, were approved as submitted.

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

President Culver recognized Mayor Battle.

Mayor Battle asked Kenny Anderson to come forward, noting that there would be the presentation of the STAR 99.1/CAFY Young Citizen of the Month.

Mr. Anderson came forward, along with members of the

CAFY Committee.

Mr. Anderson introduced Jasmine Thornhill, the CAFY Young Citizen of the Month. He stated that she was an 11th grade student at Oakwood Adventist Academy. He stated that among her many activities, she was a United Student Movement "Stop Hunger Now" campaign volunteer; that she had gone on a 10-day mission trip to the Dominican Republic during her Christmas break; that she had volunteered as an aide for a STEM summer camp at Oakwood Adventist Academy; and that she had also served as a Central America Youth Ambassador to the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua. He continued that she was on the Principal's List, in the National Honor Society, a Delta Sigma Theta Honoree, and that she had received science fair awards, as well as numerous other awards.

Mr. Anderson stated that the March 2016 Young Citizen of the Month was Jasmine Thornhill. He congratulated her and stated that members of his committee had some things to share with her.

Mr. Alfred Adams stated that on behalf of the Optimist Club of Huntsville, an organization that for more than 70 years had been directly involved in the improvement and achievement of young people, he would like to make a presentation to her. He continued that, also, in May, she would receive an invitation from the Optimist Club to be a part of their Youth Achievement Banquet.

Mr. Tom Panucci stated that on behalf of STAR 99.1 and

Rocket City Broadcasting, he wanted to congratulate Jasmine and make a presentation to her. He stated that they certainly appreciated all she did.

Dr. Harry Hobbs stated that on behalf of Huntsville Utilities, he would like to present Jasmine with a gift bag, noting that it contained something for her mind, body, and soul.

Ms. Clarene Teague-Adams stated that on behalf of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Huntsville, she was presenting Jasmine her certificate as the STAR 99.1/CAFY Young Citizen of the Month. She congratulated her on this achievement.

Captain Jeffery Rice stated that on behalf of the Huntsville Police Department, Chief Mark McMurray, and all the police officers, he was presenting her with a token for a job well done. He urged her to continue doing the things she was doing in the community.

Mayor Battle presented Jasmine a Coin from the City, stating that this was presented to persons who made the city a better place. He thanked her for all she had done and congratulated her and wished her the best for the future.

Mayor Battle asked Ms. Judy Ryals of the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau to come forward, noting that they had just put together a brand-new digital page they would present at this time.

Ms. Ryals stated that they were very excited to be able to

launch this new website, noting that it was very much needed, that particularly with Huntsville becoming a Gig City, they had to make sure they had the very best website they could put out. She stated that they had been working on this for more than a year, noting that it took quite some time to build a really terrific website. She stated that their entire team had worked on this and that they had worked with Simpleview, a company that was a specialist with destination marketing organizations. She continued that they had chosen the best company they could to assist them in putting this website together.

Ms. Ryals stated that the leader of the team was Jessica Carlton, who was their Marketing manager. She stated that she would like to congratulate the City for hiring Ms. Carlton as their digital marketing person, noting that they had gotten a good one. She stated that they had helped train her, and that she was going to be a terrific asset to the City and continue being an asset for the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Ms. Ryals stated that she would turn the program over to Ms. Carlton.

Ms. Carlton thanked Ms. Ryals, Mayor Battle, City Administrator Hamilton, Council President Culver, and the entire Huntsville City Council for providing this opportunity to introduce the new "huntsville.org." She displayed the site, noting that it had officially been launched on February 25th at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. She stated that they had had

their previous site for approximately six years, and that they were very excited to launch this modern, sleek, user-friendly site that they felt truly depicted the innovative and tech friendly "Rocket City."

Ms. Carlton stated that it was very important to have this on-line space for Huntsville for visitors and meeting and convention attendees. She continued that it was important to grab these persons from the very beginning with captivating, large, iconic, stunning photos of Huntsville/Madison County. She stated that the first thing that would pop up on the site was the Photo slider, and that as one scrolled through, one would see beautiful photos, all of which were linked to internal landing pages which offered more information about the photos and the topic areas. She stated that, for example, if one were to click on the U.S. Space & Rocket Center photo, they would be led to a page with tons of information about the State's No. 1 paid tourist attraction.

Ms. Carlton continued that as one scrolled down, one would come to the Event slider, noting that this was on every page of the new huntsville.org. She stated that this was very important, because travelers came for many different reasons. She continued that one way to get travelers to the city and to get them to stay longer, which would benefit the community economically, was to share with them how many diverse events were going on all the time in Huntsville/Madison County. She stated that if one clicked on "View All Events," one would be

led to a comprehensive event listing.

Ms. Carlton continued with an explanation of the primary navigation and secondary navigation of the site and encouraged persons to explore this site and provide them with feedback concerning it.

Ms. Carlton explained the "Trip Builder" feature, called "My Trip." She stated that persons could select things they might be interested in, such as hotels, restaurants, attractions, events, et cetera, and they would have created a personalized page they would then be able to go back and view, a page that would be dedicated to the things they had noted.

Ms. Carlton stated she would also like to note the "Share" icon, noting that they wanted any visitor to the site to be able to share information very easily on their social media platform of choice.

Ms. Carlton also noted several other features of the new website, including maps and districts, and places of particular interest, as well as input from local bloggers. She stated that there was also an opportunity to sign up for a free e-newsletter, noting that this would allow them follow-up with visitors to the site.

Ms. Carlton stated that the site could be translated to more than 65 languages, noting that Huntsville was proud to be an inclusive community.

Ms. Carlton stated at the very bottom of the site was one of her favorite features, a beautiful Huntsville skyline, which

she noted included many iconic images of buildings in the city. She stated that then one could click the "Blast Off to the Top" button and be immediately taken to the top of the site. She explained that at the top were listed many categories for visitors to utilize to plan their trip to the city. She stated that "Meetings" was highlighted in green because they were aware of how important this was to the city. She explained how beneficial this site would be to meeting planners who were anticipating coming to Huntsville.

Ms. Carlton expressed appreciation for being able to present this website and urged persons to explore it on their own. She stated that she would be happy to answer any questions the Council members might have.

President Culver asked if there were any questions for Ms. Carlton.

There was no response.

President Culver thanked Ms. Carlton for her presentation, stating that he believed he would be able to navigate the web page.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Dr. Marvin Carroll for his volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-180)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing

resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Mother Betty Craighead for her volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-181)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Mr. James D. Foster for his volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-182)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Mr. Freeman Holifield for his volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-183)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Mrs. Janie Holifield for her volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-184)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Mrs. Jacqueline D. Reed for her volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-185)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring The Honorable Richard Showers, Sr., for his volunteerism and service to the community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-186)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution honoring Mrs. Dorothy Davidson as a "Pioneer" for her exemplary career accomplishments in the local community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-187)

Councilman Showers moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by President Culver and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring Reverend Dr. Julius Scruggs as a "Pioneer" for his exemplary service throughout the religious community, during the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-188)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution acknowledging Urban Strings as the featured musical talent

during a special performance at the 2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration, sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation, to be held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-189)

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

President Culver read and introduced a resolution honoring the life of Albert Franklin Farrar, Sr., with a memorial service to be held at First Missionary Baptist Church on March 12, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-190)

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

President Culver recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that the resolution would be presented at the service to be held on the following weekend, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution celebrating Oakwood University's 90th Alumni Homecoming Weekend, promoting both Oakwood University and the fellowship of its alumni, to be held on March 26, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-191)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by

Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that on March 19 there would be a retirement ceremony for Dr. Virginia Caples on the campus of Alabama A&M University, and that on that occasion he would make a presentation to Dr. Caples, honoring her contributions to Alabama A&M University, the community, and the state, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council.

President Culver stated that the next item on the agenda was Announcements. He stated that items 15.f and 15.u had been deleted from the agenda, and that item 6.a.3 had also been deleted.

President Culver asked if there were any further announcements.

There was no response.

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

President Culver stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-009, amending the City of Huntsville Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations, which hearing had been set at the January 14, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

President Culver recognized Mr. Daniel Shea, Director of Natural Resources.

Mr. Shea stated that the proposed amendments to the City's Air Pollution Control Rules would provide updates and reflect

changes to Federal and State regulations since the last time the City's rules had been amended. He continued that this would include a change to Chapter 1, updating the definition of "Volatile organic compounds;" changes to Chapter 3, Permitting, to reflect the recent Supreme Court decision, and also increasing the City's permit application fees to the level currently charged by the State. He continued that there would be changes to Chapter 5, reflecting changes to Federal law concerning incineration of industrial and commercial solid waste, and also changes to Chapters 13 and 14, incorporating the new Source Performance Standards and Federal National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.

Mr. Shea stated that they had sent out letters to approximately 100 facilities that held permits from them advising them of the changes, and that they had not received any comments from these. He stated that the Air Pollution Control Board had recommended that the Council adopt these proposed changes.

President Culver thanked Mr. Shea for his presentation.

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

There was no response.

President Culver stated that the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Russell moved for approval of Ordinance

No. 16-009, amending the City of Huntsville Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations, which ordinance was introduced at the January 14, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 16-009)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

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

There was no response.

President Culver called for the vote on the above ordinance, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Culver stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing to hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the proposed removal of a nuisance at 3212 Yale Circle, NW, which hearing had been set at the February 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

President Culver recognized Ms. Michelle Jordan of Community Development.

Ms. Jordan stated that the Council had declared 3212 Yale Circle, NW, a public nuisance at the Council meeting on February 25, 2016, and had set a public hearing for this date so that all interested parties to this matter could be heard. She stated that there might be comments from the public concerning this matter at this time.

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

There was no response.

President Culver stated that the hearing was closed.

President Culver stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on Resolution No. 16-144, authorizing the Issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Westlake Apartments, which hearing was set at the February 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting.

President Culver recognized Ms. Jordan.

Ms. Jordan stated that Mr. Thomas Francis, Jr., was present at the meeting to speak concerning this matter.

Mr. Francis appeared before the Council, stating that he was an attorney with the Balch & Bingham law firm in Birmingham. He stated that he was representing a developer who was purchasing and rehabilitating nine housing projects in four different states. He continued that one of these nine projects was the Westlake Apartments at 1901 Sparkman Drive. He stated that this developer planned on having bonds issued by an entity in Wisconsin to finance all nine projects. He stated that, however, there was a Federal law that required as a condition to the issuance of these tax-exempt bonds that the governmental body where each project was located approve the financing and the project. He continued that this was to approve it, and also to hold a public hearing concerning the matter. He stated that, consequently, they had published in "The Huntsville Times" a notice of this hearing at least 14 days prior to the hearing. He stated that at this time they were present for the

hearing, and to allow any comments, and after the public hearing, they would ask that the Council adopt the subject resolution.

Mr. Francis stated that he would be happy to answer any questions concerning this matter at this time.

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

There was no response.

President Culver stated that the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Russell moved for approval of Resolution No. 16-144, authorizing the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for Westlake Apartments, which resolution was introduced at the February 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-144)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Culver recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that, as he understood this matter, the Council was not at this time in any way becoming legally liable for the financing of this project.

Mr. Francis stated that that was absolutely correct. He continued that, in fact, in the resolution there was a statement to that effect. He stated that that was a very good question and apologized for not having addressed it in his

previous remarks.

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

There was no response.

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

President Culver 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 demolishing the property located at 2139 Davidson Street.

President Culver recognized Ms. Jordan.

Ms. Jordan stated that on October 8, 2015, the Council had authorized the demolition of this property. She continued that the demolition had been completed on January 14, 2016, and that the total cost for this abatement was \$6,086.46. She stated that the property owner had been notified, by regular and certified mail, of the cost of the abatement and had failed to pay this. She stated that at this time she was requesting the Council's approval to assess the property owner for the cost of the abatement.

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

There was no response.

President Culver stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of demolishing the property located at 2139 Davidson Street, NE, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-192)

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

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

There was no response.

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

President Culver 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 boarding and securing against certain properties.

President Culver recognized Ms. Jordan.

Ms. Jordan stated that two properties, 101 Whitney Avenue, NE, and 13929 Wyandotte Drive, SW, had been found standing open and accessible, and that as a result, Community Development staff had boarded and secured these properties. She stated that the cost for boarding the property on Whitney Avenue was \$241.06 and the cost for boarding the property on Wyandotte Drive was \$258.21. She stated that both owners had received a written request for payment and had

failed to respond. She requested that an assessment be placed on both of these properties so that the City could recoup these costs.

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

There was no response.

President Culver stated that the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to assess the cost of the boarding and securing against certain properties, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-193)

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

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

There was no response.

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

President Culver stated that the next item on the agenda was Public Hearings to Be Set.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance rezoning property lying on the south side of Redstone Road and west of Hobbs Road from Highway

Business C-4 District to Residence 2 District, at the April 28, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-194)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-195, rezoning property lying on the south side of Redstone Road and west of Hobbs Road from Highway Business C-4 District to Residence 2 District.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance rezoning property lying on the east side of Monte Sano Boulevard and east of Viduta Lane from Residence 1 District to Planned Development-Housing District, LUI Rating 35, at the April 28, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-196)

President Culver moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-197, rezoning property lying on the east side of Monte Sano Boulevard and east of Viduta Lane from Residence 1 District to Planned Development-Housing District, LUI Rating 35.

President Culver stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Public. He stated that persons

addressing the Council should state their name and address and would have approximately three minutes to speak.

Ms. Sasha Riffle, 2402 Crestwood Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that she would be speaking on behalf of her husband, Jonathan Pacheco. She stated that Jonathan was a skateboarder in Huntsville Southeast and that he had been filmed by the City of Huntsville and cited on the Downtown Huntsville promotional website.

Ms. Riffle stated that in December of 2011, Jonathan and a friend of his had gone skateboarding, and that it had been a cold night, so that when they found the doors to the abandoned Stone Middle School open, they thought they could have an indoor skating session. She stated that the police had shown up with guns in hand even though it was not a violent situation. She stated that Jonathan had thought it would be safer to sit and wait for the police rather than running away. She stated that the skateboarders had not resisted, and that while waiting for the police officers to determine what needed to be done, one of the officers had told them that it would be fine and they would be let go. She continued that the officer had even done a trick on his skateboard while the two of them were sitting in handcuffs.

Ms. Riffle stated that eventually the two were taken to the police station for questioning, and they had then been arrested and put in jail, charged with burglary in the third degree, even though there was written evidence showing that

there had been nothing taken or damaged. She stated that there had been no intent on stealing anything, that they were just looking for a place to skate. She stated that after spending two nights in jail and having to be bailed out and having gone to court, the charge had been changed to criminal trespass in the second degree. She stated that the fence had been open, that they had not seen any posted "No Trespassing" signs and the doors were open. She stated that they had had to remain inside in fear of getting shot.

Ms. Riffle stated that Jonathan had been sentenced to 90 days in jail or probation for one year. She stated that the order that had been given had not even been signed by a judge. She questioned that there would be probation for skateboarding and asked what the probation fees would pay for, if it would be skateboard rehab classes. She continued that this sounded ridiculous. She asked since when had skateboarding become such a crime. She asked why the officers had assumed that the two were going to perform an illegal act and charged them with burglary in the third degree. She stated that skateboarding was not illegal.

Ms. Riffle stated that they had recently received a letter of a tax intercept to be forwarded to a debt of over \$2,000 to the courts. She stated that this appeared to be an ever changing number. She stated that Jonathan had already paid more than \$1,000 in documented probation fees, noting that his probation had ended up being revoked. She stated that the

final payment he had made to the probation officer had been undocumented and the probation officer had transferred.

Ms. Riffle stated that the way these men were charged was unfair and unjust, that the balance needed to be cleared and the case dropped. She stated that it appeared that skateboarders had a bad reputation but for what reason she was not sure. She stated that any violence that had happened at the skate park had been from people who did not even skate.

Ms. Riffle stated that they needed to know who had the authority to balance this debt and what steps needed to be taken to do so.

Ms. Riffle stated that she would like to turn something negative into something positive by proposing a "Skate Not Hate Day" on June 21, which she noted was National Skateboarding Day. She stated that this would be similar to the annual bike ride, and they would invite the community to skate outdoors and enjoy downtown Huntsville. She continued that they would not limit it to just skateboards, that all ages could enjoy feeling young around town for a day and spread the message to children that skating was simply fun and good for one and not criminal.

President Culver stated that they certainly were excited about the Skate Not Hate Day. He stated that, however, what she had presented was a judicial matter that would need to run its course through the judicial process. He stated that he was not certain if Mr. Pacheco had a licensed lawyer, but there were some appellate processes in place. He stated that the

Council did not address such issues, although they regretted the unfortunate circumstances.

Ms. Riffle inquired as to how they would go about taking such steps.

President Culver stated that he would ask Mr. Riley, the City Attorney, to speak with Ms. Riffle about this situation in private.

President Culver stated to Mr. Riley that, however, he could certainly speak to Ms. Riffle at this time, that it would be his choice.

Mr. Riley stated that he would be happy to meet with Ms. Riffle.

Ms. Riffle asked who she would need to talk with about the proposed June 21st event.

President Culver recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that Ms. Riffle should attend his town meeting on the third Monday at 6 p.m.

Mr. William Fitch, 2325 Billie Watkins Street, appeared before the Council, stating that he would like to speak concerning a fall hazard that existed at Parkway Place Mall. He stated that in March of 2013, his wife had been in the process of leaving that mall and had tripped and fallen and had suffered pretty extensive medical problems, very severe dental problems and back problems.

Mr. Fitch stated that after consulting with the owners of the mall, he had basically been informed that no action would

be taken, so that they had brought a lawsuit against CBL & Associates, the owner of the mall. He stated that this had gone on for more than two years, and they had been scheduled to go to court in June of 2015, but that in that month, his wife had passed away, before they could go to court, and that, unfortunately, nothing had ever been resolved concerning this.

Mr. Fitch stated that he had later contacted the Inspection Department of the City of Huntsville and had been informed that the construction there was in violation of City ordinances and had been told that CBL would be contacted and that he would receive a copy of the email. He stated that after a few more weeks, he had again called, and it had gotten kicked up to a different level. He stated that, however, nothing had happened. He stated that he had again contacted the Department, and at that time had been basically told that they would have to walk on eggshells because Parkway Place Mall was a big contributor to the tax base of the City of Huntsville.

Mr. Fitch stated that the condition that had caused his wife to fall still existed at that mall. He stated that he had no financial interest in this whatsoever, that he would just like to ask if the Council or Mayor Battle could assist in any way in seeing that this situation would be resolved.

President Culver recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that if there had been a

determination made by the Inspection Department that something was not up to Code or up to the standards it was supposed to be, that to him that was the bottom line right there. He stated that he believed Mr. Fitch had talked to several people, but he was not aware of all the conversations. He asked if perhaps Mr. Fitch could meet with the Department head of the Inspection Department and perhaps they could go out and look at the subject area, and that if there was a violation, and if the City had the authority, he felt the Inspection Department should take action on this matter.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban Development, to meet with Mr. Fitch and see what could be done concerning this matter.

President Culver thanked Mr. Fitch for his presentation and stated that they certainly wanted to extend their condolences to him and his family.

Ms. Jackie Reed, Jack Coleman Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that she appreciated the presentation that had been made earlier in the meeting, noting that this was the first time in her many years of coming to the Council meetings that they had really recognized the "Rocket City." She continued that that was what the city was, and they should recognize that and focus on it.

Ms. Reed stated that she had a lot of concerns at this time, and that, particularly, the Research Park matter was bothering her a lot. She stated that she had read about it in

the paper, that Cummings Research Park was blighted. She stated that persons had asked her what was blighted, and she had told them that she had not gotten this answer. She continued that they did not have an answer for a "blighted area." She stated that they really needed to look at this situation and work with the people who were the owners of this property and try to help bring businesses into Cummings Research Park.

Ms. Reed stated that the whole city was blighted in her area. She stated that they should look at all the empty buildings in the city. She continued that they could not buy every piece of property that went out of business. She stated that they had to think beyond the money, that they had to try to help keep Cummings Research Park and fill the empty buildings. She stated that she would personally like to see some of this before they decided they were going to buy certain property and give it away. She continued that they were giving away a lot of the city.

Ms. Reed stated that another thing that was bothering her was the parking garage on Jefferson Street that they had given to a friend for retail. She stated that she felt what they had done with the parking garage was a big mistake, that they needed all the parking they could get in the city.

Ms. Reed stated that, however, she believed they had done two good things, one being the white posts they had put up for keeping persons in their lane as they turned off a street. She

stated that this had helped a lot. She stated that there was also the one-way-in and one-way-out, which she noted made two good things they had done for the city.

Ms. Reed stated that she did not like the direction in which the City was going, that she wanted them to fill the empty buildings they already had and quit going into Limestone County, that they should take care of what they had. She stated that traffic was bad at the schools. She stated that she had to blame the Council, the Administration, the Superintendent, and the School Board that Huntsville High was having to pay people to rent parking spaces at their homes to park cars.

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

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval to purchase a new truck for the Meter Technology Department (PR 10208867) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-198)

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

President Culver recognized Mr. Joe Gehrdes of Huntsville Utilities.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that this was a fairly routine item, that it was a truck to provide the service of examining meters out in the field. He stated that it was a regular purchase

item.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion of this resolution.

There was no response.

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

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval to purchase an optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR) (PR 10209016) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-199)

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

President Culver recognized Mr. Gehrdes.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that this was a rather complicated piece of equipment to analyze fiberoptic cable. He stated that, obviously, they would be using this equipment to ensure they were getting the proper installation of fiberoptic cable as they moved forward with their network installation.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion of this resolution.

There was no response.

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

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution

authorizing the Mayor to execute a Tri-Party agreement among Tennessee Valley Authority, the City of Huntsville, and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama, Inc., allowing Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama, Inc., to participate in the Valley Investment Initiative (VII) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-200)

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

President Culver recognized Mr. Gehrdes.

Mr. Gehrdes stated that this was an agreement to incentivize Toyota's reinvestment in their activities in the community, and that this provided them with some bill credits and some breaks on their electricity bills for continuing their commitment to participation in the City's industrial community.

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

There was no response.

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

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

Councilman Kling nominated John Ehinger for reappointment to the Air Pollution Control Board, for a term to expire April 11, 2021.

President Culver stated that the next item on the agenda

was Approval of Expenditures.

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

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-201)

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

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

There was no response.

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

President Culver asked if there was a Finance Committee Report.

Councilman Showers replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Showers asked Ms. Peggy Sargent, Director of Finance, to give a brief report as to where they were at this time concerning tax revenues compared to where they had been the prior year at this time.

Ms. Sargent appeared before the Council, stating that they had the revenue numbers for the month of February, and that they were approximately 2 percent up for the month, compared to the same month in the prior year, and up approximately 4.4 percent year-to-date. She stated that both of these numbers were down from the prior month's report. She continued that they had come through their peak period of revenue collection and were going into the decreasing period because

they had finished the holiday season.

Ms. Sargent stated that Councilman Showers had requested that she look into housing start numbers. She stated that at this time the January numbers were the only ones available. She stated that there had been 131 new housing permits issued for the area, and that this was down 1 percent versus 2015 and up 7 percent versus December. She stated that there had been 128 new housing starts in January, which she noted was up approximately 5 percent versus 2015 and 1 percent versus December.

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

President Culver recognized Mayor Battle.

Mayor Battle stated that he would first like to address Ms. Reed's comments concerning taking care of what they had and the empty buildings. He stated that this was the whole reason they were working on a redevelopment plan for Cummings Research Park. He stated that if one looked at the corner of Bradford and Wynn, there were several empty buildings sitting there, and that this was the reason they were doing an urban renewal plan. He continued that if one looked at Madison Square Mall, there were several empty buildings there, and that this was one of the reasons they were doing an urban renewal plan and redesigning Research Park, so that they could have a park that was vibrant and alive.

Mayor Battle stated that Research Park was 50 years old,

and that because it was 50 years old, there were some buildings there that were 40, 45, and 50 years old and had gone through their time of economic usefulness. He stated that these buildings would either have to come down or be refurbished, that something was going to have to happen so they could make sure that since they had the second largest research park in America, which had been an asset to them for many years, this asset would be as good in the future as it was at this time. He stated that this was the entire reason they were doing the Research Park plan, that they were doing an urban renewal plan, and that they were working out in that area.

Mayor Battle stated that he had just wanted to answer this and make sure that everyone understood that it was the plan to revitalize Research Park and make it into something that would fit more into the 21st Century than into the 20th Century. He stated that it had done a very good job for the city in the 20th Century but that it was now time for change, that it was time to get it into the modern day, and to do some things that they had not previously thought about. He stated that this was why they would go through a regenerative plan to actually take Research Park from where it was to where it needed to be.

Mayor Battle announced the following appointments.

The reappointment of Johnny Ozier as a Supernumerary member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, for a term to expire March 9, 2019.

The appointment of Sally Warden as Supernumerary member of

the Planning Commission of the City of Huntsville, for a term to expire October 26, 2018.

Mayor Battle stated that the St. Patrick's Day parade would be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12.

Mayor Battle stated that the Youth Art Month Exhibition would be at the Huntsville Museum of Art, beginning on the following Sunday at 3 p.m., noting that there would be the recognition of some young people who had done some great art. He urged persons to attend this event, stating that it would continue through the remainder of the following week.

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

President Culver recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that on the following Saturday at 5 p.m., there would be the annual Rosetta James Gala at the Jackson Center, noting that several honorees would be recognized at that time.

Councilman Showers stated that on the following Monday evening, there would be a meeting of the Lincoya Estates Civic Association at the Showers Center at 6 p.m.

Councilman Showers stated that on Tuesday, March 15, there would be the groundbreaking for the new Morris School, P-8.

Councilman Showers stated that also on the following Tuesday, March 15, at 6 p.m., would be his annual Town Hall Meeting. He invited all citizens to attend, noting that members of the Administration would be present to discuss their

concerns in North Huntsville.

Councilman Showers stated that the following week there would be the Al Azhar Temple No. 195 and Al Azhar Court No. 181 Prince Hall Shriners Desert of Alabama's Gala at the Marriott, and that, also, there would be the Shriners and Daughters Gala.

Councilman Showers stated that on the following weekend, there would be the 35th anniversary of Minister Johnny Jones at his church.

Councilman Showers stated that the Rev. Dr. Julius Scruggs would also have a pastoral celebration the upcoming weekend.

President Culver recognized Councilman Russell.

Councilman Russell congratulated J.O. Johnson High School, Westminster Christian Academy, and Madison Academy for their Boys' basketball teams winning the State Championships in their respective classifications.

Councilman Russell stated that he had recently attended Huntsville High School's production of the Broadway play "Legally Blonde," and that it had been absolutely fabulous. He encouraged persons to attend this during the upcoming weekend.

Councilman Russell stated that persons could also attend Grissom's performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on the upcoming weekend and stated that he was sure this would also be very entertaining. He stated that persons could support the local arts community by attending one of these shows, noting that these kids really needed to be encouraged to continue in performing.

Councilman Russell stated that he had attended the Kite Festival the prior weekend, and this had been an outstanding event, with more than 6,000 people who had attended.

Councilman Russell stated that Mayor Battle had declared this week "Innovation Week" and stated that there were quite a few entrepreneurs in the community, and that it had been very exciting for him to be able to join Mayor Battle in this.

Councilman Russell stated that he had also been able to join the Mayor at the Big Spring Park East announcement. He stated that construction was almost complete on this, and they were trying to get it open by the time of the Panoply event. He stated that the City departments had really worked diligently on this, doing a lot of the work themselves in order to save the City money, and that this was certainly appreciated.

President Culver recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the prior week, Mayor Battle and she had had the opportunity to attend a press announcement at Ditto Landing, introducing their new Executive Director, Brandi Quick, and to also take a look at the new plans that had been developed for Ditto. She continued that they were looking forward to great things happening there. She stated that she had said at the time of the press announcement that it was time they stopped referring to Ditto as one of Huntsville's best kept secrets and make it a destination that

everyone knew about and would be excited to visit. She stated that as they were looking at the districts on the map from the Convention & Visitors Bureau, she had thought how wonderful it would be to have a recreation district in the Ditto area.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that they had been reminded at this meeting that Huntsville was the Rocket City, a technology hub and a center of innovation, and that in keeping with that, they were seeing good things in that vein happening in the schools. She stated that Challenger Middle School and Mountain Gap Middle School had taken the top places at the State Middle School CyberPatriot Competition. She stated that this was great preparation for the students to then participate in the Cyber Security Team at Grissom, which was again going to be competing in the Nationals. She continued that they had been National champions for two years.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the FIRST Robotics regional competition would be coming to the VBC March 24-26. She continued that she had been told that this competition was equal in energy and excitement and attendance to any athletic competition they had had in the city. She stated that there would be hundreds of young people coming in from many different states, and she believed some foreign countries, for this competition. She stated that it would be a really exciting opportunity for the Rocket City to host this, and that it would be really cool to watch. She suggested that persons check the schedule and come and watch this competition at the VBC.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the South Huntsville Business Association had had their meeting during the week, and that Ken Smith from the Chamber had presented a market study. She continued that it was really remarkable to see what he could do. She stated to Councilman Showers that she would certainly recommend his assistance to him with his business association. She stated that it had been very interesting how he had been able to drill down to demographics and look at market projections. She continued that one heard a lot about retail saturation in particular in the city, but that Mr. Smith had actually identified retail leakage, opportunities for restaurants and retail in South Huntsville. She stated that as the overpasses were developed and completed, they were looking forward to seeing some of this development take place, to expand some of these opportunities.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she would like to thank ALDOT and the City Traffic Engineering and City Engineering for their response to many requests on the part of the citizens with regard to the construction process on South Parkway and the resulting traffic. She stated there had been many, many emails and phone calls, and that everyone, ALDOT and the City staff, had been extremely patient in addressing and working with these concerns.

President Culver recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that over the prior week, he had attended two neighborhood association meetings, Merrimack and

Holiday Homes, and that it was great to see these neighborhoods. He stated that he had gotten great feedback from the residents concerning protection services that were provided by the Police Department, their responsiveness, and that there were also kudos for the Community Development Department for what they had done to provide assistance to the residents of these two neighborhoods. He stated that he had certainly enjoyed participating in these meetings.

Councilman Kling asked if Traffic Engineering would go out and double-check the pylons at the merge lanes at Governors and California, and also at Drake Avenue and Whitesburg. He stated that he believed some of these had been knocked over and they just needed to be reset.

Councilman Kling stated that he would be holding his monthly town meeting on March 21, and that there would be a new time, with the meeting commencing at 6 p.m.

Councilman Kling stated to Mr. Shane Davis that he might recall that at the prior meeting, there had been some discussion about the old Hilton property. He asked if Mr. Davis had had an opportunity to do any computation on sales tax and lodging tax that they might receive from this property once it was developed, over a 20- or 25-year period, just to see what revenue they might be taking in from this.

Mr. Davis stated that he had done this and that this information would be emailed to the Council members, and that they could post it if the Council so desired.

Councilman Kling asked if this was something that Mr. Davis might be able to present at this time for the public.

Mr. Davis stated that he could not do so at this time, but that he did have it on file and had just not had the opportunity to email it to the Council members. He stated that he would do so the following day.

Councilman Kling stated that, as Councilman Showers had mentioned, the new Morris Elementary School groundbreaking would be held the following week. He stated that this was going to be a great investment for that neighborhood area. He stated that that and the Stone Middle School development were certainly great things for West Huntsville.

President Culver recognized Mr. David Johnston, stating that his firm had done a lot of work for the City of Huntsville and that he appreciated his attendance at this meeting.

President Culver commended Councilman Showers, Mayor Battle, and Mayor Battle's staff for the meeting they had had at Johnson High School. He stated to Councilman Showers that he was certainly trailblazing in that neighborhood, noting that he was excited to hear all the possible things that could go into the Johnson location. He stated that he wanted the public to understand that while there were some differences between Grissom, with it being on a major roadway, versus Johnson, which was more in a neighborhood setting, that the Mayor's team was doing exceedingly well with getting input from the public, noting that it had been a very informative meeting.

He stated to Councilwoman Robinson that he knew she had Grissom under control and that they were excited with what was going on with both of these schools.

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

Councilman Showers moved for approval of Ordinance No. 16-147, establishing the position of Director of Communication, which ordinance was introduced at the February 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 16-147)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Culver recognized Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the ordinance on the floor would establish the position of Director of Communication. He stated that previously this had been handled through a contract, and it had been determined that it was more appropriate for these duties to be performed by a City employee. He stated that the existing contract had been extended by the Council in order to allow time to get this action in place, and that this contract was coming to an end on March 31. He stated that this action would create this position and would allow Mayor Battle to appoint someone to this position at a future Council meeting. He stated that this would create the position, and the following two items on the agenda would take care of the budget actions and the things necessary to actually have the position in place.

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

President Culver recognized Councilman Russell.

Councilman Russell inquired of Mr. Hamilton as to who this position would supervise.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the position would supervise two City employees, with one being Blake Hudson, who did a lot of the work with the TV station, as well as Council meetings, and also the digital media specialist position. He stated that, also, there were a number of contracts that were executed, such as they had at this time with Brenda Martin. He continued that there were also matters that might be contracted out to an outside firm. He stated that this position would have the supervisory management role over such contracts.

Councilman Russell stated that he had previously asked for one person to be in charge of the City's website, but they had never been able to achieve this. He asked if this position would be in charge of the City's website.

Mr. Hamilton replied in the affirmative, stating that this would really be on the design and content side of this. He stated that, obviously, ITS had a role in building the site and doing the back-end side. He stated that this position would be responsible for managing the design and content, the manner in which the departments used and uploaded into the website.

Councilman Russell inquired as to whom this person would report.

Mr. Hamilton stated that it would be to Mayor Battle.

Councilman Russell asked if it would be directly to Mayor Battle and not through Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton stated that that was correct. He stated that this position would be a member of the Mayor's office, but that they wanted to be clear that this was the City's Director of Communication, just as the Director of Public Works was the City's Director of Public Works, even though the position reported up through the Administration.

Mr. Hamilton stated that there were certainly communication needs of the City Council, and that this position and any employees who worked for this position would support these needs of the Council, as the contractor, Kelly Schrimsher, currently did. He continued that one example of this was Councilwoman Robinson's newsletter, where this position had supported the Council's needs.

Mr. Hamilton stated that this would include not only the Mayor's needs and the Council's needs but also the various departments' needs. He continued that some of the departments had embedded communications capability, and that this position would synchronize these efforts. He stated that the Police Department and Parks and Recreation were the two largest examples of departments that did a great deal of public communications. He continued that this position would have a lot of responsibility in synchronizing these efforts and making sure that what was being done was in concert with the needs of

other departments of the City, including the Mayor and the Council.

Councilman Russell stated that he could not offer a better solution at this time, but that it did concern him that there would be PR people in each department who did not report to the Director of Communication, but the Director of Communication was going to try to synchronize them, as Mr. Hamilton had stated. He stated that he believed they needed to watch this.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he certainly agreed with Councilman Russell on this. He continued that, actually, that system was already in place at this time, under the leadership of a contractor. He stated that this was something that he monitored closely, because both of those department heads reported to him, and he worked closely with them. He stated that this had been working extremely well, noting that he sat on the outside and watched these communications and that he saw a great deal of communication collaboration amongst those departments with the Director of Communication.

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

President Culver recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she believed it was really important to establish this position of Director of Communication because the City was lacking the presence of a newspaper and al.com was really not assuming that role of communications. She stated that this was the way the City was

going to be able to get out this information because they did not have the traditional vehicles they had previously had. She stated that this appeared to her to be another justification for doing this.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion of this matter.

President Culver recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that he had already been in contact with Ms. Schrimsher to kind of follow in the footsteps of Councilwoman Robinson in establishing a district newsletter for District 4, to kind of highlight some of the issues. He stated that this was the way he believed City government could go out and really reach the communities and show what they were doing, noting that there were a lot of very positive things happening in the community. He continued that he had already been utilizing this position to put out information concerning his town meetings, and that he believed the newsletter would be a good follow-up. He stated that this might be a concept that other Council members might want to look into doing also.

President Culver stated that he had been in contact with Ms. Schrimsher regarding some of the other social media that he was looking to implement.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion of this matter.

There was no response.

President Culver called for the vote on Ordinance

No. 16-147, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman Robinson moved for approval of Ordinance No. 16-148, amending Ordinance No. 89-79, as Amended, Classification and Salary Plan, which ordinance was introduced at the February 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 16-148)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Culver recognized Mayor Battle.

Mayor Battle stated that this concerned the position they had just been discussing, that it added it to the Classification and Salary Plan.

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

There was no response.

President Culver called for the vote on Ordinance No. 16-148, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Culver moved for approval of Ordinance No. 16-149, amending Budget Ordinance No. 15-642 to modify the authorized strength of a department, which ordinance was introduced at the February 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 16-149)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

Mayor Battle stated that this was adding an additional person to Administration payroll.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion

of the above ordinance.

There was no response.

President Culver called for the vote on Ordinance No. 16-149, and it was unanimously adopted.

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

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-202, annexing land lying on the east side of Forest Hills Drive and south of Dug Hill Road.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-203, annexing land lying on the west side of Old Monrovia Road and north of Wayne Road.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-204, declaring certain equipment surplus and to be donated to the Huntsville Tennis Center.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-205, declaring certain equipment surplus and to be donated to Huntsville Area Crimestoppers, Inc.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-206, amending Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan.

President Culver read and introduced Ordinance No. 16-207, amending Budget Ordinance No. 15-642, to modify the authorized strength in various Departments.

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

President Culver reiterated that items 15.f and 15.u had

been deleted from the agenda.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Roark Carving for Earth Day Event at Hays Nature Preserve on April 23, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-208)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Ballparc, LLC, for hardware and software licenses for use at all City of Huntsville event facilities, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-209)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the State of Alabama, Alabama Historical Commission, for a grant in the amount of \$1,260 for a scholarship to allow Jessica White to attend the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2016 in Mobile, Alabama, July 26-31, 2016, and the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives NPS and SHPO Workshop in Washington, DC, July 12-14, 2016,

as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-210)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Huntsville Housing Authority and the City of Huntsville, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-211)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to settle the claim of Gracie Wells and Nailah Baker (Claim FY13-91), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-212)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell moved for approval of a request for authorization to advertise and fill the position of Accountant II, and to fill at higher than minimum within the grade if necessary, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced an ordinance

amending Budget Ordinance No. 15-642 by changing the authorized personnel strength in various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 16-213)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced an ordinance amending Budget Ordinance No. 15-642 by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 16-214)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the low bidders as specified in the attached Summary of Bids for Acceptance, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-215)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a membership agreement with The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-216)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Originator Participation Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Total Media Management, LLC, dba New South Mortgage, as a Participating Lender for the Down Payment Assistance Program, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-217)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Wonderware, Inc., d/b/a CORE Business Technologies, to maintain access to historical data, due to the Tyler Munis implementation, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-218)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama and Summit Technology, an Emtec Company, for Database Support, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-219)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Reed Contracting Services, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Various Construction Projects-2013, Project No. 65-13-SP31, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-220)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Land Design Solutions, Inc., for Jefferson Street Streetscape Improvements, Project No. 65-15-SP04, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-221)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the low bidder, Reed Contracting Services, Inc., for Chase Farm Industrial Access Road Improvements, Project No. 71-16-RD01, and ALDOT Project

No. IAR-042-000-009, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-222)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement for Huntsville Fire & Rescue to conduct training exercise on Huntsville Hospital property, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-223)

Councilman Russell moved for approval of the foregoing resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers and was unanimously adopted.

President Culver read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Matheny Goldmon Architecture + Interiors, LLC, for architectural services for the Clinton Avenue Parking Garage, located at 116 Clinton Avenue, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-224)

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

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

President Culver recognized Councilman Russell.

Councilman Russell stated to Mr. Jeff Easter, Director of General Services, that this matter had been presented to the Council by Mr. Shane Davis at the prior meeting and that his understanding of this was that the City would not be paying any architectural fees to Matheny Goldmon, that the developer would actually be paying these fees. He inquired as to why the City was paying this.

Mr. Easter stated that the fees for this service would actually be coming out of the \$200,000 that had been dedicated to the project. He stated that this was not over and above what had been passed at the prior Council meeting, that it was inclusive of that money.

Councilman Russell asked if it was correct that the City had agreed to pay \$200,000 and cap it at that, and that they would be taking this money out of that \$200,000.

Mr. Easter stated that that was correct.

Councilman Russell inquired as to what the other money would be spent on. He asked what kind of fees Mr. Easter believed they would be seeing.

Mr. Easter stated that the total project cost at this time was estimated to be \$279,000, and that everything over the original \$200,000 would have to be borne by the developer.

Councilman Russell inquired as to whether it was correct that the first \$200,000, no matter what this would be, would be paid by the City.

Mr. Easter stated that that was correct.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion of this matter.

There was no response.

President Culver called for the vote on Resolution No. 16-224, and it was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the State of Alabama, Alabama Historical Commission, for a grant award in the amount of \$20,000 for a Heritage Development Plan for Normal Historic District at Alabama A&M University, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 16-225)

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

President Culver recognized Ms. Jessica White with the Inspection Department.

Ms. White stated that this was a certified local government grant application in the amount of \$20,000, which she noted required a 40 percent matching fund. She stated that Alabama A&M University had agreed to commit \$6,000 of this matching fund, and the Normal Historic District Preservation Association had volunteered to commit \$1,000, and the Historic Huntsville Foundation had volunteered to commit the remaining \$1,000 to cover this 40 percent matching fund.

Ms. White stated that the purpose of this Heritage Development Plan was to identify the historic importance of the

historic buildings within this district on campus, and that it would help to assess the preservation needs, or restoration needs, for the buildings within this historic district. She continued that it would help to identify long-term use, so that these buildings could be sustained over a long period of time. She continued that it would also help to identify funding opportunities to help fuel any type of preservation or restoration efforts that would happen in this historic district.

President Culver asked if there were any disadvantages to the City of Huntsville in engaging in this.

Ms. White replied in the negative.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion of this matter.

President Culver recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that he understood there would be an effort to identify the significance of the historical sections of the campus, such as the buildings, some of which were dilapidated and in need of repair, and asked who would bear the cost of repairing the identified buildings.

Ms. White stated that they had not made that determination, that this was just to make a plan concerning this, that it was to make a road map to identify possible uses for the buildings and means of funding. She stated that after that, it would be up to the University to implement the plan.

President Culver asked if there was any further discussion

of the above resolution.

President Culver recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson inquired as to the location of the historic district, if it was actually on the campus itself.

Ms. White replied in the affirmative. She stated that Alabama A&M had approximately 46 buildings, total, within the boundaries of its historic district.

Councilman Showers stated that he was delighted that they were coming up with this grant to do what they had indicated would be done with it.

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

There was no response.

President Culver called for the vote on Resolution No. 16-225, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Culver stated that the next item on the agenda was Non-Roster Communications from the Public. He stated that persons who would like to address the Council should position themselves within proximity of a microphone and that they should state their name and address for the record.

Ms. Jackie Reed again appeared before the Council, stating that when there was a Huntsville Utilities item on the agenda, she would like to know the value and the cost, that she would like to see that on the agenda. She stated that, also, when property was annexed, she would like for them to put the amount of the acreage that would be annexed on the agenda. She stated

that she would like to be able to educate the public a little better on these matters. She stated that, also, on Channel 42, she would like for them to put the 10-year District Plan that the Council had passed on a map and put their names on it and circle the colors of their district.

Ms. Reed stated that she wanted the people to be able to know their district and who was representing them. She stated that she was tired of trying to tell persons who their Councilperson was. She stated that she heard complaints all day long and would ask the people who their Councilperson was, and they did not know this. She reiterated that she wanted them to put up a map somewhere and put their names on the district they were representing and see if they could educate the people in the city of Huntsville.

Ms. Reed stated to Councilman Kling that she did not know what was wrong with Governors Drive and California Street, but that she had heard that someone from the Planning Department had gone out and talked to some of the residents in this area about a cul-de-sac or something such as that. She stated that that was certainly not the worst place in the city that she went through every day, at Governors Drive and California.

President Culver recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated to Ms. Reed that what he had been talking about earlier at Governors Drive and California concerned the plastic pylons that occasionally got knocked over, noting that he just wanted to get these put back up. He

stated that the meeting over the weekend had to do with the residents of the eastern end of Longwood Drive, noting that there was a possibility, because of traffic danger, that they might close off that entrance, so that there would not be hard right turns coming in. He reiterated that there were some traffic safety issues, noting that this had been brought up a couple of years prior, and it had been decided to wait on this until after the Governors Drive road-widening project was completed. He stated that the City Planner, Mr. Dennis Madsen, had gone out and met with residents of this neighborhood the prior weekend concerning this.

President Culver asked Ms. Reed if it was correct that she had stated that on Channel 42 she wanted the 10-year District Plan, with the Council members' names on each district; and that when they annexed land, to include the number of acres; and, also, the cost of the Utilities items that would be on the agenda. He stated that they would certainly look into that.

Mr. Joseph Lee, 5104 Sunrise Trail, appeared before the Council, stating that he was rising only for the purpose of information and, also, to thank the Council. He stated that he had found it quite interesting to hear the Council members inquire concerning the Normal National Historic District which was on the campus of Alabama A&M University. He stated that he really appreciated the fact that the amount of funds the City was applying for would hopefully help the University with its National Historic District.

Mr. Lee stated that he wanted to briefly add why this was important. He stated that there were few places in Huntsville that chronicled the history of African Americans in the city. He continued that one of these places was the Normal National Historic District, which was at the top of Normal Hill, at the University. He stated that what was there was the first hospital in the county that had served blacks, and that also there was the first high school for blacks in the county. He continued that there was also a stadium that was built by Civilian Conservation Corps funds in the 1940s. He stated that there was also a 1920 Andrew Carnegie Library. He continued that there were many other buildings there that had quite a significance from the standpoint of the education of African Americans in the country, not only in the State, particularly going back to the 1890 Land Grant Bill.

Mr. Lee stated that this was a University that had a significant number of historic structures, and that he believed it was important that the City, County, and the State work together to use these artifacts to educate the public about the struggle for freedom that African Americans had gone through.

Mr. Lee thanked the Council for approving this particular action. He stated that he believed it was imperative that the public was aware of this particular site.

President Culver stated that he would like to clarify his previous inquiry concerning this matter. He stated that he certainly supported Alabama A&M University, being an alumnus,

and that his concern was whether or not it would prejudice the school. He stated that some times when they did things it put institutions, or even private residents, kind of in a box so that only certain limited things could be done. He thanked Mr. Lee for his comments.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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