

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
HELD THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015

The Honorable Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama met in regular session on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, there being present:

President:	Russell
Councilpersons:	Showers, Robinson, Culver, Kling
Mayor:	Battle
Deputy City Attorney:	Cates
City Clerk-Treasurer:	Hagood

President Russell called the meeting to order.

President Russell stated that there would be a moment of silence; Ryan Phillips, Boy Scout Troop 343, 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 July 9, 2015, were approved as submitted.

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

President Russell recognized Mayor Battle.

Mayor Battle stated that there were several groups to be recognized at this time. He stated that there were students who had brought fame and recognition to the community, with

some doing this in the scholastic field and some in the swimming pool.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Steve Ivey, Director of Parks and Recreation, to join him for some recognitions.

Mayor Battle asked the members of the Dolphins Swim Team and the coaches to come forward. He stated that these were some real winners who deserved recognition.

Mr. Ivey stated that the current year was the 50th anniversary of the Rocket City Swim League. He continued that at this time they wanted to recognize some swimmers who had made their first appearance in the pool during the current year, noting that they were very proud of them. He stated that he would turn the microphone over to Ms. Karen Ferguson at this time and let her introduce the team members and provide a little history about the team.

Ms. Ferguson stated that she had been approached by a friend earlier in the spring to start a Special Needs Swim Team, and that they had put this together and had had 15 wonderful children that swam as part of the Rocket City Swim League during the year, and participated in the City Meets, as well. She stated that they all come to practice every week and had done an incredible job, that they had had smiles on their faces and brought all kinds of smiles to others. She stated that they were very proud of them and thanked the members for being on the inaugural swim team.

Ms. Ferguson introduced the members of the team, and they

were congratulated by Mayor Battle and presented with medals by President Russell.

Mr. Ivey stated that they were very proud of these swimmers. He stated that they were also very excited that Rocket City had swum 50 years in the Natatorium, and that they were also excited about the plans for the new pools at the Natatorium, that they were excited about the future of swimming in Huntsville.

Mayor Battle stated that at this time they would like to recognize the group that had started the cyber program in Huntsville approximately seven years prior. He stated that this was an organization they had pulled together, that it was run completely by volunteers, and that the volunteers had done a great job in promoting the cyber industry in Huntsville, noting that this meant jobs for the community, that it meant the City had an industry that would be in place for many years to come.

Mayor Battle asked that the group from Cyber Huntsville come forward. He stated that Bill Steiner of the IT Department was also part of this group.

Mayor Battle stated that they had said that they needed to recognize the fields of excellence in Huntsville. He stated that the field of excellence in Cyber was perhaps something a lot of persons had not been aware of. He stated that seven years prior, they had started off with a one-day summit, and they had had approximately 200 attendees. He stated that at

this time, they had just completed their two-day event, where they had had three separate tracks, covering the managerial, technical, and educational aspects of cyber security, and that they had had approximately 1,000 attendees. He stated that the Department of Homeland Security and the NSA were recognized at the summit, and they bestowed Centers of Excellence on selected universities and colleges, including UAH and Northeast Alabama Community College. He continued that at the Geospatial conference he had attended later, Alabama A&M University was named as a Center of Excellence.

Mayor Battle stated that they had had more than 70 speakers at the Cyber Security Summit, noting that that was a lot of speakers in the cyber field, that it covered just about everyone who was an expert in that field. He stated that they had had government, industry, and education. He stated that pulling together something such as this was just not real easy, that it was something that took a driving force, someone who would work with it day-to-day and do all the work. He stated that this entire group had done yeoman's work to pull this summit together.

Mayor Battle stated that the person who had been involved in this endeavor from the very beginning was Pete Schofield. He stated that he had been in attendance at just about every meeting they had had, that he had started off with the summit when there were the approximately 200 people in attendance and had driven it to the point where they had had approximately

1,000 persons in attendance. He continued that it now had an international name to it, that Mr. Schofield had brought international fame to the area.

Mayor Battle stated to Mr. Schofield that, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, he wanted to thank him for all he had done in establishing the Southeastern Cyber Security Summit, noting that this was a premier event for the Huntsville community and that Mr. Schofield had put them on the map for being known as a place that was a Center of Excellence for cyber security. He presented a plaque to Mr. Schofield.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Tom Stott, President of the Board of Directors of Cyber Huntsville, if he would like to comment at this time.

Mr. Stott stated that Mr. Schofield had been a phenomenal force in driving the conference, that he had done a phenomenal amount for Huntsville, and that Cyber Huntsville would not be where they were at this time without his efforts. He thanked Mr. Schofield on behalf of Cyber Huntsville.

Mayor Battle thanked the members of the group for their efforts, noting that this was one of those efforts that did not show up day by day and they did not always have the big press, but that every day something was gained and something was added to the industry, and they had more and more people coming into the industry.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution recognizing the Huntsville City Schools 2014-2015 Student

Finalists of the National Scholarship and National Achievement Scholarship Programs, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-508)

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

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that it was her honor at this time to present the National Merit Scholars and National Achievement Scholar for 2014-2015.

Councilwoman Robinson read from the resolution that the Council and the Mayor were apprised of the significance of the National Merit Scholarship Program and the National Achievement Scholarship Program, and they wished to acknowledge and commend the students who had attained this lofty goal. She stated that the National Merit Scholarship Program was an academic competition established for recognition and scholarships that high school students entered by taking the Preliminary SAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which was a test which served as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements. She stated that the National Achievement Scholarship Program was an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding black American high school students.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that in both programs

Finalists had to meet high academic standards and other requirements and were judged based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments, without consideration of financial circumstances. She stated that in the National Merit Scholarship Program, each Semifinalist submitted a detailed scholarship application, including essays and information about extracurricular achievements, awards, and leadership positions. She stated that Semifinalists had to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a school official, and earn ACT and SAT scores that confirmed their qualifying test scores.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that in Huntsville City Schools' 2014-2015 National Merit Program, the following students attained National Merit Program Finalists: James Brahm, Ratannya Bralley, Gwendolyn Lemley, Christopher Lin, Matthew Terry, Cameron Thomas, and Braden Yang of Grissom High School; Owen Clarke, Ellery Jones, Rachael Mackenzie, Megan McDuffee, and Andrea Walker of Huntsville High School. She stated that the National Achievement Finalist, from Grissom High School, was Jasmine Willis. She stated that for Grissom High School, the Principal was Lucretia Kalange, Sheri Crigger was the Post-Secondary Counselor, and Suzanne Norris was the PTA President. She stated that for Huntsville High School, Mark Mincher was the Principal, Quaynteece Mosby was the Senior Counselor, and Amy Harbarger was the PTA President.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the City Council and Mayor Battle wanted to recognize and congratulate these young men and women for their significant achievements in becoming Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship and the National Achievement Scholarship programs, bringing distinction and honor to their respective schools, instructors, families, and themselves. She stated that this was only the beginning of many outstanding future accomplishments, and that they wished each of them the very best in all future endeavors.

Councilwoman Robinson asked these students and school principals, counselors, and PTA presidents to join them on the podium to be recognized for their great accomplishments.

Councilwoman Robinson asked that each of the students introduce themselves, say where they were going to school, and what their major would be.

The students did so.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that this was an exceptional group of young men and women. She stated that on the prior evening, she had attended a presentation by Dr. Wardynski, in which he highlighted some of the achievements of the students in the school system, and that these were the kind of young people who were recognized and were evidenced in the many charts he had shown the audience. She stated that these students had not only made their families and their schools proud, but they also made the city very proud. She stated that Huntsville was a smart place to live and to work, and that this

was evidence of this.

Councilwoman Robinson wished the students the very, very best in their future endeavors.

Mayor Battle stated that each of these students should go off to the great universities that had been mentioned, get a great education, learn all they could, and then return to Huntsville. He stated that Huntsville was going to need a work force, and they needed a smart work force, and would need each of these students to come back to Huntsville and enjoy Huntsville.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution congratulating Mack Ford and Ruby Mae Adams Ford on their 50th Plus Wedding Anniversary Celebration, to be held August 8, 2015, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-509)

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

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that he would be presenting the resolution, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council, at the event on August 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Ford. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Ford were active in their church community of Hopewell Community Baptist Church, where they taught Sunday School and were a deacon and deaconess, and spoke at various conventions and churches, both locally and nationally. He stated that they

had received many awards from churches and civic organizations. He continued that they had made numerous contributions to New Market, Alabama, and Huntsville and the surrounding areas. He stated that the Mayor and the Council wanted to congratulate them and extend best wishes for all future endeavors.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution congratulating Charles Edward Bradford on his 90th birthday celebration, to be held July 26, 2015, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-510)

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

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that he would be presenting this resolution at the event celebrating the 90th birthday of Charles Edward Bradford, to be held July 26, 2015, at Oakwood University Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution congratulating Gen. Dennis L. Via upon becoming the Kappa Alpha Psi Laurel Wreath recipient, with the ceremony to be held August 11, 2015, in New Orleans, Louisiana, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-511)

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

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that Gen. Via would be honored with the Kappa Alpha Psi's highest honor, the Laurel Wreath, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated that at that time he would present the resolution, on behalf of the Mayor and the Council.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution congratulating Raymond Navorra "Uncle Red" Glover upon celebrating his 95th birthday, to be held August 1, 2015, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-512)

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

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers stated that he would present the resolution to Mr. Glover, whom he stated was a 50-year Kappa, on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council.

President Russell stated, concerning item 8.f, Ordinance No. 15-524, and item 14.c, Ordinance No. 15-529, that it had been asked that these items be considered by unanimous consent so that they could be voted on at this meeting. He stated that items 15.d and 15.e had been deleted from the agenda.

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 Ordinance No. 15-406,

amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Definitions, amending Article 23, General Business C-3 District Regulations, Section 23.1, Uses Permitted; Article 24, Highway Business C-4 District Regulations, Section 24.1, Uses Permitted; Article 25, Commercial Recreation C-5 District Regulations, Section 25.1, Uses Permitted; Article 40, Light District Regulations, Section 40.1, Uses Permitted; Article 44, Commercial Industrial Park District Regulations, Section 44.1, Uses Permitted; Article 60, Medical District Regulations, Section 60.1, Uses Permitted; Article 64, Airport Commercial District Regulations, Section 64.1, Uses Permitted; Article 66, Medical 2 District Regulations, Section 66.1, Uses Permitted; and amending Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses As Special Exceptions, to add regulations concerning farmers markets, which hearing was set at the June 11, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

President Russell asked Ms. Ashley Nichols of the Planning Department for an explanation of the above ordinance.

Ms. Nichols stated that the proposed zoning ordinance amendment was to add language concerning farmers markets. She stated that within the past three to four years, there had been a tremendous increase in the number of markets in the Huntsville area. She stated that currently these markets were not permitted in the zoning districts, that they were not currently listed within the ordinance. She stated that all farmers markets had to seek a variance, and that with such

variances, persons had to prove that there was a use hardship on the property and they could not use the property in the manner it was zoned.

Ms. Nichols stated that the majority of the zoning districts where these farmers markets were located were within some of the commercial districts, or they were primarily in the residential districts, at some of the local churches.

Ms. Nichols stated that this particular ordinance would add language concerning farmers markets. She stated that the Planning staff had created a definition for farmers markets, which she noted was displayed on the screen. She stated that a farmers market was defined as follows: "A market conducted outdoors or in an unenclosed shelter where retail sales and demonstration of home-grown products, including produce, ornamental crops, meat, eggs, and other agricultural products; homemade value-added products, including baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles and relish, dried fruits, syrup and honey; and handmade arts, crafts, and unique local goods are conducted by the vendor engaged in the production of such products. The term does not include the sale or demonstration of mass-produced items, used clothing, appliances, and other similar products."

Ms. Nichols stated that the definition was extremely specific as to what was a farmers market and what was not a farmers market. She stated that, basically, this was used to eliminate any confusion as far as free-market-type markets that

were not included within the farmers market definition.

Ms. Nichols stated that this would add "farmers markets" as a permitted use in the General Business C-3 District, which she noted would include the downtown zoning district; Highway Business C-4; Commercial Recreation C-5, which she noted would include Ditto Landing and John Hunt Park; Light Industry; Commercial Industrial Park; Medical District; Airport Commercial District; and also Medical 2 District.

Ms. Nichols stated that for farmers markets located in Residential districts and in Neighborhood Business districts, persons would have to go to the Board of Zoning Adjustment and seek a special exception. She stated that, basically, they would be permitted under a special exception, that they would just have to go to the Board and spell out all their terms and conditions, as far as hours of operation, days of operation, and any other amenities they would like to have, such as live entertainment.

Mayor Battle stated that many years prior, farmers markets were generally done by governments, that the County had their farmers markets, as well as others did also. He continued that several years prior, it had come in vogue for churches to start doing this, noting that this was an outreach ministry for them, that it was a way they became part of the community, and the way communities came together. He stated that he felt this was one of the best things that could happen because it had taken away a role government was playing and put it back into private

hands, and into the churches' hands.

Mayor Battle stated that almost every day of the week, one could go to a farmers market in the city of Huntsville, and that these were located in different sections, all over the city. He stated that this was something they had been working on for a long time, to try to make sure they would make it as easy as possible to do, while also protecting the citizens in the residential areas, so that they could spell out details of what would need to happen.

Mayor Battle asked Ms. Nichols if it was correct that this did provide the capability for persons to have their stone-baked pizza.

Ms. Nichols replied in the affirmative.

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

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell moved for approval of Ordinance No. 15-406, amending Zoning Ordinance, Article 3, Definitions, amending Article 23, General Business C-3 District Regulations, Section 23.1, Uses Permitted; Article 24, Highway Business C-4 District Regulations, Section 24.1, Uses Permitted; Article 25, Commercial Recreation C-5 District Regulations, Section 25.1, Uses Permitted; Article 40, Light District Regulations, Section

40.1, Uses Permitted; Article 44, Commercial Industrial Park District Regulations, Section 44.1, Uses Permitted; Article 60, Medical District Regulations, Section 60.1, Uses Permitted; Article 64, Airport Commercial District Regulations, Section 64.1, Uses Permitted; Article 66, Medical 2 District Regulations, Section 66.1, Uses Permitted; and amending Article 92, Board of Adjustment, Section 92.5.3, Permitted Uses As Special Exceptions, to add regulations concerning farmers markets, which ordinance was introduced at the June 11, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-406)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

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

There was no response.

President Russell asked Ms. Nichols if she anticipated any problem with this amendment.

Ms. Nichols replied in the negative. She stated that the Planning staff had sat down with several of the farmers market managers, as well as the Food Bank and the Food Policy Council on numerous occasions, mainly dating back to 2013, and that they were all in agreement that this was a very simple solution compared to the process persons had to go through at this time.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that a couple of years prior, there had been a lot of animated discussion in the community

about chickens, about chickens being raised in home environments, etc. He asked how chickens would be treated under this ordinance.

Ms. Nichols stated that chickens were not included in the ordinance. She stated that if persons wanted to sell eggs, that would be fine, but they could not bring their chickens to a farmers market.

Councilman Kling stated that he was just trying to save several phone calls over the weekend, that he just wanted to get it out that chickens were not a part of this.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 15-406, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-408, rezoning property lying on the west side of South Shawdee Road and on the north and south sides of South Village Square Road from Residence 2-A District to Residence 1 District, which hearing was set at the June 11, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

President Russell recognized Ms. Nichols.

Ms. Nichols stated that this property was approximately 3.19 acres and was located on the west side of South Shawdee Road and on the north and south sides of South Village Square Road. She stated that the property was currently zoned

Residence 2-A District. She stated that the remnants of the property highlighted in red on the display were portions of property that remained from the original 1963 zoning. She stated that part of this area had been zoned Residence 2-A, as well as, previously, Neighborhood Business C-1A. She stated that the prior fall, there had been a rezoning which shifted some property from Neighborhood Business C-1A to Neighborhood Business C-1, and also back to Residence 1 District, which she noted was single-family only.

Ms. Nichols stated that this was a City-imposed rezoning, noting that, basically, the Planning staff would like to clean up the zoning district and make the zoning consistent with the actual uses that were on the property. She stated that all of the properties were single-family detached homes, and there was no use for a multi-family dwelling zoning district there. She stated that, also, with the amount of acreage and the lack of sewer on Green Mountain, it would make that zoning designation essentially useless.

Ms. Nichols stated that the Planning staff would like to propose that this property be rezoned from Residence 2-A District to Residence 1 District, which she noted was consistent with the adjacent uses.

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

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Showers moved for approval of Ordinance No. 15-408, rezoning property lying on the west side of South Shawdee Road and on the north and south sides of South Village Square Road from Residence 2-A District to Residence 1 District, which ordinance was introduced at the June 11, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-408)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson.

President Russell asked Ms. Nichols if the property owners had asked for this or if they had been advised that this was going to occur.

Ms. Nichols stated that they had sent out courtesy notices to all the property owners in March of the current year. She continued that the matter was not presented to the Zoning Committee until April of 2015. She stated that only two property owners had responded. She continued that the rezoning was approximately 7 acres, and that two property owners had wanted to opt out, so their property had been removed from this.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 15-408, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that it was the time and place in the meeting for a public hearing on suspension of licensure for certain taxpayers, which hearing was set at the July 9, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

President Russell asked Mr. Randy Taylor, Director of Finance, for an explanation of the above matter.

Mr. Taylor stated that there was a group of taxpayers associated with this matter. He stated that the City used suspension of licensure to enforce some of the agreements they had with taxpayers for outstanding liabilities or for non-compliance. He stated that in this particular group, there were taxpayers who had had some compliance issues the prior year and their licenses had been held for renewal in the current year until the taxpayer became compliant. He stated that the licenses had been issued, and now there were some of the same issues of non-compliance. He stated that they had advised these taxpayers that they needed to do this suspension in order to continue to enforce their compliance. He stated that as long as the taxpayer complied, they withhold the suspension, and they would not enforce it until it became necessary.

Mr. Taylor stated that all of these taxpayers had been informed about what the process was about. He continued that they did not intend for anyone to go out of business, but they did intend for them to honor the obligations they had to the public.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Council members had received information concerning the taxpayers under seal, that the details, as to the amount, et cetera, were known to the Council members.

Mr. Taylor stated that he would be glad to address any concerns the public might have during the public hearing.

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

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution suspending licensure for certain taxpayers, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-513)

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

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, 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 for suspension of licensure for a certain taxpayer, which hearing was set at the July 9, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

President Russell recognized Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor stated that this was a similar action as the one above. He stated that this one had been set apart separately because the taxpayer already had an agreement with the City to resolve a past-due liability. He continued that they had again used suspension to re-enforce this agreement. He stated that as long as the taxpayer honored the agreement they had already negotiated and that was in place, the City would, of course, not take any action on this matter.

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

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution suspending licensure for a certain taxpayer, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-514)

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

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

There was no response.

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 Public Hearings to be Set.

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution to set a public hearing on an ordinance rezoning certain lands lying on the east and west sides of Jordan Lane and on the north side of Bob Wallace Avenue from Residence 1-B District, Residence 2-B District, and Neighborhood Business C-1 District to Neighborhood Business C-2 District, at the September 10, 2015, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-515)

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

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-516, rezoning certain lands lying on the east and west sides of Jordan Lane and on the north side of Bob Wallace Avenue from Residence 1-B District, Residence 2-B District, and Neighborhood Business C-1 District to Neighborhood Business C-2 District.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution calling for a public hearing on the 13th day of August, 2015, at 6 p.m., pursuant to Ala. Code §§11-99-1 et seq., on the proposed creation of a tax increment financing district tentatively named "TIF D6," as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-517)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing

resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion of this resolution.

Councilman Showers asked if someone could comment on the locale of this particular TIF.

Mayor Battle stated that the locale was at Greenbrier Parkway and I-565. He stated that it was approximately 7200 acres from the north boundary to the south boundary, and that it covered that whole area. He continued that, however, it did not cover the site they hoped to have as a TVA-certified site, because that area needed to be left out in the event an OEM-type project would come in.

Mayor Battle stated that most of this property was in place to fund the Greenbrier Parkway Extension that needed to be done. He continued that the reason they were doing the Greenbrier Extension was because it was part of the Polaris agreement. He stated that if one went out to the area, one could see steel up and walls ready to go up at the Polaris site. He stated that they were supposed to be in operation by the end of the first quarter of 2016, which he noted was a pretty quick build process.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban Development, if he would like to comment further on this matter.

President Russell stated to Councilman Showers that this

matter was on the agenda under New Business, Item 15.b, Resolution No. 15-559, and that they would be going into this matter in great detail. He stated that what they were doing at this time was setting a public hearing concerning the matter. He asked if it would be all right to have the discussion of this matter when the item came before the Council.

Councilman Showers replied in the affirmative.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 15-517, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Communications from the Public. He stated that persons would have three minutes to address the Council.

Mr. Bob Boyett, 3312 Village Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that he was appearing in regard to some kind of variance as to being able to start work in the neighborhoods in Huntsville at 6 a.m. rather than 7 a.m. He stated that when there was extreme heat, it was really hard working outside, and that he would like for that to be considered.

Mr. Boyett stated that the second item on his agenda concerned the Botanical Garden, being able to dump wood chips there.

Mr. Boyett stated that the third item concerned some form of an ID for contractors in the city, having some type of identification, perhaps on the doors of their vehicles, so that persons could possibly see that they were legitimate businesses that were paying taxes in the city.

Councilman Kling stated that he had had some contact with Mr. Boyett, and that the last issue he had mentioned had been a problem in the Holiday Homes/Triana Village area, and perhaps in other parts of the city also. He stated that there appeared to be a problem with persons who were not licensed and would just come around with a truck, asking for money to cut tree branches, et cetera. He continued that such persons might ask for a prepayment, and they might take the prepayment and drive away, and that would be that, that nothing would happen, or that in some cases, there would be below standard tree cutting that would take place.

Councilman Kling asked if there was some sort of an ordinance or some enforcement that could take place concerning this. He continued that persons such as Mr. Boyett had a City license, that they had gone through the process and sent their check to Mr. Hagood, but that there were other persons that did not comply. He stated that sometimes these persons were coming from outside the city, and that it was a bad situation.

Councilman Kling asked if there was any ordinance or any compliance that the City could enforce concerning this violation.

Mayor Battle stated that the City had an inspector that, quite frankly, was out looking to make sure that persons did have licenses for the work they were doing. He stated that this was a requirement they had in the City, and that a portion of this requirement was for some type of name identification on

vehicles.

Mr. Randy Cunningham, Director of the Inspection Department, appeared at the microphone.

Mayor Battle stated to Mr. Cunningham that they had just been discussing unlicensed persons working in the community, and that he had stated they had someone who watched out for this and brought quite a few of these persons in to get licensed. He asked Mr. Cunningham if he would advise the Council and the public as to the process they had in place to make sure this did not happen out in the community.

Mr. Cunningham stated that they did have a process, that they had an individual that did that, that went out in the neighborhoods. He continued that typically this was done by complaint. He stated that summonses to court were issued, noting that persons had an option, that they could go to court or they could purchase a license, with insurance.

President Russell asked Councilman Kling if that answered his question.

Councilman Kling stated that perhaps Mr. Cunningham could talk with Mr. Boyett outside the Council Chambers.

Councilman Kling stated that another concern Mr. Boyett had was about wood chips being dumped at the Botanical Garden. He stated that he believed Mr. Hatfield had been going to look into this matter.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated that he wanted to attempt to

clarify what he thought Mr. Boyett's question was, which was if the City had an ordinance that required a business owner to display a business license, perhaps on the door of their business, so that the general public could see that this individual was a licensed business owner.

Mr. Cunningham stated that they did not require the license to be displayed. He stated that, however, signs had to be displayed on the vehicles they used for their business.

Mayor Battle asked if it was correct that they had to have signage on the vehicles themselves.

Mr. Cunningham replied in the affirmative.

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if it was correct that the signage on the vehicle also had to have some reference to a license number on it, or some kind of license.

Mr. Cunningham stated that that would depend on the trade. He stated that some of the State Boards had a license requirement, where one had to have a decal or their actual certification number. He stated that, however, most of them would not.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if, then, one could have identification on their truck but not be licensed, that it could say, for example, "Randy's Tree Service."

Mr. Cunningham stated that that was correct.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that, then, that would not necessarily mean that one would be licensed. She stated that

she believed what Mr. Boyett was asking for was if there was any identification that could be on a truck so that someone seeing that truck could know whether or not that individual was licensed. She asked if it was correct that there was no provision for this.

Mr. Cunningham stated that there was not anything concerning this on the books at this time. He stated that if they started something such as this, they could require a certification number of some sort that one could reference. He stated that currently what persons did was just to make a phone call to them, and they would look up persons in the system and be able to tell whether or not they were licensed. He continued that then they could send an inspector to look into it.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Cunningham how many persons the City had licenses with at this time, how many different companies. Mr. Cunningham stated that currently there were approximately 4,900 licensed businesses.

Mayor Battle stated that assuming there were 5,000 licensees and if each one of these businesses had an average of four trucks, that would be 20,000 trucks they would have to have come in for someone to check to make sure they had a number on them, et cetera. He stated that they got lots of calls in the Mayor's office, and that most persons were calling because of something they had not seen, or that had gone right or wrong, et cetera. He stated that they had not seen a

proliferation of non-licensed persons. He stated that Mr. Cunningham got most of those calls, that when they came in, they were sent to his office, and that they quickly went out if there was a problem, to make sure that persons would get licensed. He stated that with 20,000 vehicles or so, with license numbers on them that the City would have to check, etc., that would encompass having a lot of persons on the Inspection payroll to make sure this would happen.

President Russell asked if there were any further comments concerning this matter.

There was no response.

President Russell asked Mr. Cunningham to meet with Mr. Boyett and make sure that his questions had been answered.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Terry Hatfield, Director of Public Works, if he would report on his findings concerning the wood chips at the Botanical Garden.

Mr. Hatfield stated that the Botanical Garden was one of the areas where there was a lot of illegal dumping, that Joy McKee had gotten several calls concerning this, as well as his department. He stated that it had gotten so bad that they had purchased some cameras to put at some of these sites, with the Botanical Garden being one of them.

Mr. Hatfield stated that in speaking about this matter with personnel at the Botanical Garden, they would not recommend this, nor did he. He stated that it was difficult enough to try to control what was being dumped at the site at

this time, and he did not feel they should add something they could not monitor. He continued that the Botanical Garden did not have the personnel to do this. He stated that the City was already paying an employee on the first and third Saturday in the month to load some of the compost and leaves, and they still had about two years' worth of leaves. He stated that this was something they needed to look into also, because this person had been there for 10 hours a month, and they might get only three, four, or five people to come in.

Mr. Hatfield stated that this was something that could not be monitored, that it was an isolated place, and that he would not recommend that anything be allowed to be dumped there.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Hatfield if it was correct that he had spoken about this matter with Botanical Garden personnel.

Mr. Hatfield replied in the affirmative. He stated that they had agreed that they would not recommend it, either.

President Russell asked Mr. Boyett if his questions had been answered.

Mr. Boyett stated that he would like to go back to the identification on the vehicles and what Mayor Battle had said. He stated that it would cost some money to have some identification put on the vehicles, but noted that they were talking about persons like himself who did it and a whole bunch of other people who did not. He stated that he saw trucks driving up and down the roads, with \$50,000 worth of lawnmowers in the back, on a trailer, and no identification on the door.

Mr. Boyett stated that there was a pretty good chance that these persons were not paying their taxes, that the City was missing out on taxes. He stated that they were overlooking the big picture on the taxes that could be drawn into the City.

Mr. Boyett stated that it was hard for anyone who was doing things legally to compete, as opposed to not legally. He stated that one had to make a decision if they wanted to play or did not want to play. He stated that he could back down and take all his stickers off and do it illegally, and he could cut his price in half, and not pay taxes. He stated that that was something to think about.

Mayor Battle stated that he felt like they were both saying the same thing. He continued that he felt like their effort at this time needed to be to make sure that everybody out there working did have some kind of identification on their truck, noting that once they had this identification on their truck, it made it very easy for someone to call in and advise that someone was about to do work for them and inquire as to whether they had a license, and this could be checked.

Mayor Battle stated that he believed the problem Mr. Boyett was looking at was the problem of the trucks that were out there that did not have any name on them, did not have any identification on them, and just carried around some type of equipment, ready to go do work, without a license.

Mr. Boyett stated that these persons were working in the evenings, whereas the City's enforcement officer most likely

worked 9 to 5, or 8 to 4, whatever it might be. He stated that he had seen these persons out there, and some of them would come in from 4 to 8 in the evening, and would cut down a tree, or mow a lawn, whatever.

Mr. Boyett stated that this was basically where he was concerning this situation. He stated that these persons needed to be in compliance, whether or not it cost money. He stated that this was just the way it was, and that they should play the field evenly or not make anyone at all do it. He stated that there needed to be more enforcement in this situation. He stated that there were many residents of neighborhoods that could be watching this and looking for some type of sticker or identification on the door of a vehicle, whatever it might be, that would signify compliance. He stated that, for instance, this year it could be a red rocket, and the following year it could be a blue rocket, and that it would be on the side of the door, and that whenever a person would call in, they could be asked if a vehicle had a blue rocket on the side of the door. He stated that this might be of benefit, and the illegal guys would come in and get legal, because they would know the residents were looking at them, not just the inspectors. He continued that if they did get caught by the inspectors and were then given a choice of getting a license and getting insurance, and there was no fine, then there would be no penalty for being bad.

Mr. Boyett stated, going back to the Botanical Garden

issue, that putting a sign on a stick in the dirt was not going to slow anybody down from illegally dumping. He stated that what needed to be done would be that it would be professionally managed. He stated that he had taken photos of the entire area, and that they could have cameras going in and going out, and that if somebody came in and something was illegally dumped, there would be cameras. He stated that there were cameras all over the city that showed photos of every traffic signal in the city. He stated that this could be handled just as easily as that, rather than putting some cameras up to attempt to take night pictures, or whatever it might be.

Councilman Kling asked if Mr. Cunningham could come back to the microphone.

Mr. Cunningham appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Kling stated that he believed what Mr. Boyett was talking about was a fairness issue, that Mr. Boyett was correct, that he was paying for his license, and some persons were not paying for licenses, and that some people were coming from out of town, that might have a chain saw in the back of their truck, and they might take a deposit and then just skip town. He asked if they might could come up with something in the ordinance to put in some hard-line penalties if someone got caught operating this type of business without a license. He asked if there was a way they could strengthen this. He stated that he had heard of cases where people had paid a deposit, and the person would say they would be back, that they had to go

pick up some supplies, and then the person would basically skip town. He asked if there was any way they could strengthen the ordinance so that if someone were caught without a license, without insurance, et cetera, they would get hit and hit hard.

Mr. Cunningham stated that if they were not doing any work, he did not believe they could do anything to them.

Councilman Kling asked if Mr. Cunningham was saying that a person could fraudulently take money, perhaps from a little old lady on Hillsboro Drive, and then just skip out, and they did not do any work, and they did not have a license or anything.

Mr. Cunningham stated that as far as their writing them a citation to court, he did not believe they had anything for which to write them a citation. He stated that, however, an incident report could be filled out and turned over to the D.A.'s office, because that would be theft by deception or fraud.

Councilman Kling asked if they could do anything about a person who did not have a license and got caught.

Mr. Cunningham stated that they issued a citation, that they actually issued a summons citation to court, and that it would go before the Municipal Court.

Councilman Kling asked if the penalties could be strengthened, something more than what they were at this time, as a deterrent.

Mr. Cunningham stated that that would be a good deterrent.

Mr. Boyett stated that this was a good discussion. He

asked what would be so difficult about it if one had five trucks and got five stickers. He stated that a person could pay \$5 for each sticker, and they would be legal. He stated that he did not understand what was so hard about this. He stated that if this were done, they could have residents looking out for problems. He stated, concerning the inspector Mr. Cunningham had been talking about, that he was pretty sure his hours would be 9 to 5, and that persons knew when to go and do work, on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. He stated that this was his point. He stated that they should try to do something rather than not doing anything. He asked what could be done.

President Russell asked Mr. Cunningham if he was going to meet with Mr. Boyett concerning this matter.

Mr. Cunningham replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Jacqueline Briggs, 11828 Gateway Drive, Apartment D, appeared before the Council, stating that she was appearing because she needed justice. She stated that her son, Anthony Briggs, had been killed three months prior, but she had heard nothing concerning this. She stated that she needed peace and she needed justice, that she needed to know what was going on and why she had not heard anything.

Ms. Sylvia Hawkins appeared before the Council, stating that she was Ms. Briggs' daughter. She stated that Ms. Briggs had been talking about her son, Anthony Briggs, who was killed May 25th. She stated that he was shot by police officers.

She continued that her mother had not heard anything from the detectives or anyone. She stated that they had gone down to try to get a burial certificate and could not get that. She stated that, also, they had not heard anything concerning the autopsy. She stated that they just wanted to know what was going on. She stated that they had not heard if the police involved were back on duty or not, and that they just wanted to find out something about that. She stated that they had tried to call the detective, but he had not responded back to them.

President Russell asked if there was a representative of the Police Department present in the meeting.

Deputy Chief Kirk Giles came forward.

President Russell asked Deputy Chief Giles to discuss this matter with Ms. Briggs and do what he could to answer her questions.

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for the purchase of two additional trucks (PR 10184674) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-519)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for the purchase of an electric meter test

board (PR 10188257) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-520)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Tri-Party agreement among TVA, the City of Huntsville, and Norris Cylinder Company, allowing Norris Cylinder Company to participate in the Valley Investment Initiative VII (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-521)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for the purchase of water tank property on Eastwood Circle (PR 10187432) (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-522)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for the purchase of contract labor to clear natural gas rights-of-way (PR 10187946) (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-523)

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

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Water Revenue Warrants, Series 2015, for the construction of the Southeast Water Treatment Plant (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-524)

President Russell moved that unanimous consent be given for the immediate consideration of and action on said ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, and upon said motion being put to vote, the following vote resulted:

AYES: Showers, Robinson, Culver, Kling, Russell

NAYS: None

President Russell stated that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on said ordinance had been unanimously carried.

President Russell thereupon moved that said ordinance be finally adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell recognized Mr. Gary Whitley of Huntsville Utilities.

Mr. Whitley stated that this ordinance was to authorize the issuance of the 2015 Water Warrants to construct the Southeast Water Treatment Plant. He stated that Mr. Phillips

would explain the finances that had been handled earlier in the day.

Mr. Ted Phillips appeared before the Council, stating that he was the CFO for Huntsville Utilities.

President Russell asked Mr. Phillips if it was correct that the Council had previously voted on this matter.

Mr. Phillips stated that they had come before the Council recently to get the Council's approval for Mayor Battle to have authorization to sign the agreement. He continued that this was the official agreement when they had done the pricing. He stated that at that time, they had not known what the pricing of the deal would be. He stated that this had been done earlier in the day, and that they were very excited in that they believed they had gotten very good pricing. He stated that the all-in interest cost on this was 3.292215 percent over the 20-year life of the bond issue.

President Russell inquired as to how they knew this was a good price.

Mr. Phillips stated that they had worked very hard on this over the prior two weeks, in pre-pricing the agreement and matching it up with other similar type credits that had gone to market in the prior three or four days. He continued that they had had assistance from Phil Dotts and his company to help them make sure they were getting a good price. He stated that they felt the spreads on this were very comparable with other credits of the same nature that had gone to market in the prior

couple of days.

President Russell asked if this was what they had been expecting within their budget.

Mr. Phillips replied in the affirmative.

President Russell asked if there were any further questions or comments concerning this matter.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 15-524, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Board Appointments to be Voted On.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution to reappoint Charlie Bonner to the Museum Board of the City of Huntsville, for a term to begin August 13, 2015, and expire August 13, 2021, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-525)

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

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

Councilman Showers nominated Roosevelt Dixon for reappointment to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals, for a term to begin August 22, 2015, and expire August 22, 2020.

Councilman Showers nominated Ola Mae Tibbs for

reappointment to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals, for a term to begin August 22, 2015, and expire August 22, 2020.

President Russell 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. 15-526)

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

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

Councilman Showers replied in the negative.

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

Mayor Battle made the following appointment:

Dick Fountain for reappointment to the Huntsville Housing Authority, for a five-year term to expire August 14, 2020.

Mayor Battle welcomed Mr. Lyle Voyles to the meeting, stating that he was the new President of the Citywide Neighborhood Association. He continued that they had had a good meeting on the prior Tuesday evening to discuss some issues. He stated that they had all agreed they were going to work on education and moving forward. He thanked Mr. Voyles for his service, noting that he had served his community for

quite some time and that now he would be serving the entire city.

Mayor Battle stated that on Wednesday of the current week, they had honored Dr. William J. Emrich, Jr., noting that The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics had named him Engineer of the Year. He stated that this was a tremendous honor. He stated that Dr. Emrich was a NASA engineer who was working on propulsion systems, bigger, faster, and better than ever before, at the Marshal Space Flight Center. He continued that Dr. Emrich also worked as an adjunct at UAH. He stated that they were very proud to have him in the community and were proud of his accomplishments. He stated that Dr. Emrich would attend the AIAA Convention on July 27 and be awarded Engineer of the Year for 2015.

Mayor Battle stated that on the prior Saturday, he and Councilman Showers, along with other persons, had been in attendance at the Community Watch program "Why Police Do What They Do." He stated that this program would be shown on the City's TV channel. He continued that it was a program that would help persons walk a mile in someone else's shoes. He stated that there had been three instances shown that were real-life instances that had happened. He stated that they had had a re-enactment of these instances, and that persons had had the opportunity to have this re-enactment in a play-gun-type situation, but it was something that was very serious, and that it taught persons that some decisions had to be made in a very

short period of time, and that such decisions were life-type decisions.

Mayor Battle stated that the police officers in the street had to fall back on their training, and that was why training was so important. He stated that what had happened on the prior Saturday had opened a lot of persons' eyes. He encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to look at this, noting that it would be on the City's channel very soon and would also be on the website.

Mayor Battle stated that Greene Street Market was going on at this time, and there would be Music on the Square on Friday evening.

Mayor Battle stated that the City of Huntsville Employees Day of Caring at Manna House would be on the following Monday, July 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. He stated that they had relaxed their rules, that everyone could wear comfortable clothing on Monday, very comfortable clothing, so that they could go out and work at Manna House, because it would be hot there.

Mayor Battle stated that the Concert in the Park would be on the following Monday, and that the Art Walk would be on the first and fourth Fridays on the Square.

Mayor Battle stated that one of the things the City of Huntsville did every year was to have interns. He stated that the interns came in and added life and vitality to the offices, that they gave them a few laughs, and they did some great

things. He stated that these interns were Margaret Mason, Carson May, Aleesea Woodgett, and Abby Thornton. He asked them to come forward, noting that he was sure if Aleesea and Abby were present.

Margaret Mason and Carson May came forward.

Mayor Battle stated that Margaret and Carson had been working in his office, and that they had done a fantastic job for them over the prior two months. He stated that they would be leaving the first week in August to go back to school, and that they would certainly be missed. He thanked them for the jobs they had done. He stated that Carson had marked his agenda for this meeting so that he would know what to expect and what to do. He thanked him for taking care of him and thanked both of them for being a part of their team for the prior two months.

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

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated that he wanted to compliment Shane Davis and Kathy Martin for the work they had done on TIF 6, noting that he had met with them earlier in the day concerning this matter. He stated that he would save his further comments on this until later in the meeting.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling stated that during the prior few weeks, he had attended some very important neighborhood meetings in

his district. He stated that Dr. Wardynski had obviously had a very good meeting the prior evening at Grissom High School, noting that recently at a meeting of the Holiday Homes Neighborhood Association, they had had the one-hour condensed version of this, as far as efforts that were going on in the School System, and that it had been very informative and very well received by this group.

Councilman Kling stated that he had also attended a very good meeting of the Mayfair Neighborhood, where representatives from both the Police Department and the Inspection Department had done a very good job with their presentations and answering questions from the residents of this neighborhood.

Councilman Kling stated that on the prior Monday evening, he had held his monthly Town Meeting. He stated that this had been a very good meeting and that he appreciated all the persons who had been in attendance.

Councilman Kling stated that he would like to commend Diane Walls, who was with the Rocket View Neighborhood Association, noting that she was working to replace the 50-year-old "McThornmor Acres" sign along Holmes Avenue. He stated that it was old and outdated, and that Ms. Walls was taking it upon herself to spearhead an effort to replace it, that she was raising money from residents of the neighborhood to put up a new sign. He stated that many people in the neighborhood had been participating financially and providing input, and that he felt this was going to be a very good

project when it was completed. He stated that also, they were working to try to provide some additional upgrades on the street lighting in the neighborhood. He stated that hopefully this would happen, noting that the brighter, sodium street lights would serve as a good crime deterrent in that neighborhood. He stated that hopefully there would be something happening on this in the near future.

Councilman Kling stated that he had an issue he would like to bring up to Shane Davis. He stated that school would be beginning in the near future, and that going west in the mornings along Governors Drive and going east in the afternoons, he felt there would be a lot of congestion. He stated that he was aware there were some issues that were still being worked out on the signalization on this roadway. He stated that he believed there would be an upsurge of phone calls and complaints that would come in when school started because there would be more traffic on the road at that time. He stated that he would appreciate whatever Mr. Davis might be able to do about this situation.

Mr. Davis stated that they were looking into this situation, noting that this was personal to him because that was his commute into and out of the downtown area.

President Russell recognized Councilman Showers.

Councilman Showers asked if Steve Ivey, Director of Parks and Recreation, was still present at the meeting.

Mr. Ivey appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Showers stated to Mr. Ivey that he just wanted to let the public know what was coming to the Showers Center. He asked if Mr. Ivey could brief them on the splash pad that would be going in and the face lifting that would be happening at that particular center.

Mr. Ivey stated that they were working with Councilman Showers and the community in that area, noting that they had the funding from Community Development to put in a splash pad. He stated that this would be in the back of the Center, where the outdoor basketball courts were. He stated that they were working on that at this time and they were also working on a total renovation of all the locker rooms at the facility. He stated that there would also have to be an additional phase, noting that they had recently found out that the air conditioning in the gym would have to come in a later phase. He stated that they were also working on this situation.

Mr. Ivey stated that they had met with the water therapy class at the Center the prior week and had gotten their input as to what they would like to see in the locker rooms. He stated that, also, they wanted to get with the Ministerial Association in North Huntsville and get their input on the splash pad. He stated that they were also working with them on partnerships to come in and do the sun shades. He stated that they wanted to make sure they would have a facility that everyone in Huntsville would be proud of.

Councilman Showers asked if Mr. Shane Davis was still present in the meeting.

Mr. Davis appeared at the microphone.

Councilman Showers asked Mr. Davis if he would give the Council a briefing on where they were with the At Home development that was going in at the former Kmart location.

Mr. Davis stated that they had completed all the demolition of the old Kmart, as far as the internal components. He stated that if one drove by this location, one would see some new facade going up on the front, and that they were also actively working on the interior space. He stated that an opening was scheduled for mid-September, so that they were approximately 45 to 50 days away from having a brand-new retailer, not only in Huntsville but along the Parkway.

Councilman Showers stated that he had also read in the newspaper during the week that in addition to At Home, there would also be some other businesses located on this property. He asked if Mr. Davis would address this.

Mr. Davis stated that they were currently working with the ownership of the property on two outparcels that were in front of the At Home facility, on either side of the main drive of what had been the former Kmart. He stated that they were not quite ready to disclose anything publicly concerning this, but they were working on the location of these two outparcels. He stated that this would be brand-new construction, and that they were working hard on it.

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that there had been a meeting of the South Huntsville Business Association during the prior week, and that she would like to thank Kathy Martin and Harrison Diamond, who had participated in the meeting. She stated that Mr. Diamond, at the request of the South Huntsville Business Association Steering Committee, had created a map of business opportunities that were going to be taking place in South Huntsville, similar to the one that had been done for the North Huntsville Business Association. She stated that it was really exciting to see all the opportunity sites they had, and some things that were going to be going on there.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that particularly the South Parkway businesses had a lot of concern about the overpasses and the impact they would have on their business, so that it had been very important for Kathy Martin to join in this meeting. She stated that Ms. Martin had done an extra-mile effort in creating a presentation, with slides, that would permit the business owners to see what the layout was going to look like. She stated that, however, they had asked her for "crayon" drawings that would be a little more simple for a layman to understand. She continued that Ms. Martin was going to be working on those, as well.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that they had had a very good discussion about how the City was going to work with businesses to make sure the businesses could remain open. She stated that

this had been an overview of what the construction process was going to be like. She stated that the Business Association had taken on the task of being the front point of contact with the City so that communication with business owners during the construction phase could be handled effectively. She stated that she felt this was an example of a very positive partnership between the business community and the City, in order to make sure the needs of the businesses would be met. She stated that she felt they were all very sensitive to the needs of the business owners, and she commended Ms. Martin and the other City staff members who were working with these businesses.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she had recently had some emails and other inquiries regarding the nature of the overpasses, noting that people were eager to see the construction start, and, of course, get completed, certainly in advance of the opening of Grissom High School. She stated that persons needed to understand that the delay was because business owners had made comments about the design of the overpasses and accessibility issues. She continued that then the staff had taken this design back to the State, which she noted was never an easy thing to do.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that the State had worked with the staff to redesign some access ramps in order to be more accessible to businesses, particularly to those shopping centers next to the Byrd Spring overpass. She stated that it

was actually a good thing that the delay had taken place because they had gotten it right, noting they had done it in a way that would benefit the neighborhood as well as the businesses, and that now, with the redesign, they were ready to proceed with the process. She stated that persons would see on the agenda for this meeting a couple of items that would move the process along to bids, and eventually to construction.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that on the previous evening, she and Mayor Battle had had the opportunity to be in attendance at the meeting at Grissom High School with Dr. Wardynski. She thanked Huntsville South for organizing the presentation. She stated that Dr. Wardynski had spoken for well over two hours about all the great things that were going on, not just at Grissom and the South Huntsville feeder schools, but throughout the School System. She stated that they had so much to be proud of, that they had made so much progress in the space of four short years that it was truly remarkable.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that Dr. Wardynski had shown a map of the United States and highlighted all the states that had come to Huntsville to visit Huntsville City Schools and to learn about what the School System was doing in its transformative process. She stated that Huntsville was truly a smart place to live and to work, and the School System was part of this. She commended them for their efforts.

President Russell stated that recently Pastor T.C. Johnson

had submitted to the Administration and the Council a request for information, and that that information had been put together. He asked Ms. Cates to briefly explain this. He stated that, unfortunately, Pastor Johnson was not present to receive this information, but noted that it would be provided to him.

Ms. Cates stated that the information that Pastor Johnson had requested had been compiled by the Human Resources Department. She stated that it was available for Pastor Johnson to pick up, noting that she had emailed him earlier in the day concerning this, and they had also placed a call to his cell phone number, but they had not heard back from him. She stated that Pastor Johnson could pick up this information in the City Attorney's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

President Russell stated that there was a Boy Scout present in the audience and asked if he would go to the microphone and introduce himself and tell the Council what troop he was in and what badge he was working on or why he was present at the Council meeting.

Daniel Piterno appeared before the Council, stating that he was in Troop 236 and he was working on the Communications merit badge.

President Russell thanked Daniel for his attendance at the meeting and stated that if the Council could be of any assistance to him, they would be happy to do so after the

meeting.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was New Business Items for Introduction. He stated that item 14.c, Ordinance No. 15-529, would be considered by unanimous consent at this meeting.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-527, amending and updating Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-152, Budget Management, of the Code of Ordinances.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-528, amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-222, Cell Phone Policy, of the Code of Ordinances.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance annexing land lying west of Greenbrier Road and on the south side of Hundley Way, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-529)

President Russell moved that unanimous consent be given for the immediate consideration of and action on said ordinance, which motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Robinson, and upon said motion being put to vote, the following vote resulted:

AYES: Showers Robinson, Culver, Kling, Russell

NAYS: None

President Russell stated that the motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of and action on said ordinance had been unanimously carried.

President Russell thereupon moved that said ordinance be

finally adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked Ms. Ashley Nichols of the Planning Department for an explanation of the above ordinance and, also, to explain why this needed to be acted upon at this time.

Ms. Nichols stated that the property highlighted on the displayed map was the proposed annexation. She stated that this property was approximately 156.34 acres and was located west of Greenbrier Road and on the south side of Hundley Way. She stated that the property was currently vacant farmland and that the property owner was petitioning for annexation for future development. She stated that there was also a portion of the property that would be sold to the City in the future because a portion of the property would contain part of the proposed Greenbrier Parkway.

Mr. Shane Davis stated to the Council that the reason they were asking for unanimous consent on this item at this time was because later in this meeting they would be asking the Council to approve a project plan for a new TIF District 6, and that this property lay in the heart of that, and that Greenbrier Parkway went through it. He stated that they wanted to annex this property before introducing TIF 6, so it could be included in the TIF project plan, such that that portion of Greenbrier Parkway that went through this piece of property would qualify in the TIF program.

Mayor Battle stated that he would like to mention that,

also, they had 55 active projects, working with the Chamber of Commerce, at this time. He stated that if every one of these hit, there would be a total of 5800 jobs and \$1.3 billion in investment.

Mayor Battle stated that this property was right in the middle of an area that was having a lot of emphasis on it at this time from the advanced manufacturing side. He stated that, of course, Polaris was right in this area, and that numerous other entities were looking in this area. He stated that this would finish off this strip in there and give them a very good area that they could do industrial development and advanced manufacturing on for the upcoming 10, 15, or 20 years and provide jobs for persons in Huntsville.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion concerning this ordinance.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 15-529, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-530, amending Section 8.2, Appointment Rate, of Ordinance No. 04-315, Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 15-531, amending Section 22.14, Conference and Travel, of Ordinance No. 04-315, Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

that items 15.d and 15.e had been deleted from the agenda.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Division, for the 2015-2016 Madison-Morgan County Strategic Counterdrug (STAC) Team Grant, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-532)

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 Clerk-Treasurer to invoke CB&S Bank Letter of Credit No. 555546 for Ansley Farms Phase I Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-533)

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 Clerk-Treasurer to invoke CB&S Bank Letter of Credit No. 555544 for Anslee Farms Phase I Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-534)

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 Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 362000812633 for Kenthurst at McMullen Cove Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-535)

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 Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 362000821579 for Old Cove at McMullen Cove Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-536)

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 Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 362000821659 for Oakshire at McMullen Cove Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-537)

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 Cintas Corporation for Laundry and Dust Control Rental, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-538)

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. 15-539)

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 to amend Budget Ordinance No. 14-665 by changing appropriated funding for various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-540)

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 enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Harry Walls Environmental Consulting for preparation of the City of Huntsville Environmental Review for

the 2015 Action Plan and 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-541)

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 contract between the City of Huntsville and Family Services Center, Inc., for new construction of a house, using HOME Investment Partnership funds, in the Terry Heights neighborhood at 2805 Barbara Drive, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-542)

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 contract between the City of Huntsville and Family Services Center, Inc., for new construction of a house, using HOME Investment Partnership funds, in the Terry Heights neighborhood at 2714 Barbara Drive, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-543)

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 contract between the City of Huntsville and Family Services Center, Inc., for new construction of a house, using HOME Investment Partnership funds, in the Hillandale neighborhood at 3208 Brook Manor, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-544)

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 DHI Mortgage Company, Ltd., as a Participating Lender for the Down Payment Assistance Program, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-545)

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 BancorpSouth Bank, as a Participating Lender for the Down Payment Assistance Program, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-546)

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 a special employment agreement between the City of Huntsville and Robin D. Cox, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-547)

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. 8 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Johnson & Associates Consulting Engineers, L.L.C., for Utility Easement Acquisition for Church Street and Pratt Avenue Widening and Realignment, Phase I, State Project No. STPHV-4500(200) and City Project No. 65-01-RD05, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-548)

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 to the agreement between the City of Huntsville and Reed Contracting Services, Inc., for Highway 431 Turn Lane Improvements, Project No. 65-14-TI02, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-549)

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 Alabama Department of Transportation for Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Roadway Lighting along SR 53 (US 231/Memorial Parkway) from Station 69+16 to Station 92+40, Project No. NHF-0053(530), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-550)

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, J.C. Cheek Contractors, Inc., for Periodic Bid for Traffic Striping and Marking-2015, Project No. 65-15-SP48, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-551)

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 State of Alabama Department of Transportation for Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Traffic Control Signals along US 231/Memorial Parkway from

north of Whitesburg Drive to south of Golf Road, Project No. NHF-0053(531), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-552)

(This resolution contains some incorrect language and will be corrected at the next Regular Council Meeting, 08-13-15.)

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 Enrollment Agreement Benefit Changes for the purposes of amending eligibility criteria of the City's Group Health Plans, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-553)

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 application for stop loss insurance coverage with HCC Life Insurance Company for the purpose of renewing stop loss coverage for the City's group health plans, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-554)

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. 5, to renew

and extend Group Dental Plan Policy between the City of Huntsville and Delta Dental Insurance Company, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-555)

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 employment agreement between the City of Huntsville and Vernon Lee, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-556)

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 Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama, Inc., for the operation of Westside Center, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-557)

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 adjust the salary of the Manager of Planning Services, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-558)

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 of Huntsville Department of Urban Development to prepare a Project Plan for the development of a proposed Tax Increment Financing District, tentatively named "TIF D6," which district encompasses approximately 7,131 acres, more or less, in accordance with Ala. Code §§ 11-99-1 et seq, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-559)

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

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

Mr. Davis stated that they were proposing at this time to create TIF District No. 6, which he noted would be the seventh TIF in the City of Huntsville. He stated that this TIF lay in Limestone County and that it was approximately 7,100 acres. He stated that this was in what they called the "Greenbrier Corridor" of Exit 3. He indicated the area on the displayed map.

Mr. Davis stated that if the Council approved the resolution on the floor, the next step would be that they would bring several other items to the Council to officially adopt

this TIF. He stated that at this time the Council would be authorizing them to create the plan and bring it before them.

Mr. Davis stated that he had another slide to present to the Council, just to go over what the project plan would include. He stated that, first and foremost, it would be to complete the Greenbrier Parkway Extension. He stated that the small portion they could see in green on the displayed map was under construction, noting that it started right at the fire station on Greenbrier Road and ran north to the Norfolk Southern Rail, along the frontage of the Polaris campus. He stated that with TIF 6, they would take it from the Norfolk Southern Rail to Huntsville Brownsferry Road, to fully realize that connection. He stated that it would also allow logistics for both jobs and the trucks that would be needed to gain exposure and prosperity in the job growth they were seeing in this area, from the I-565 to the I-65 connection.

Mr. Davis stated that another project would be to start on the southern portion of Greenbrier Parkway and go across I-565 on a small portion of Swancott Road. He stated that the southern portion of Greenbrier Road where it crossed I-565 was another area that was predominantly undeveloped that they believed had great potential to develop, both in jobs and from a retail/commercial standpoint.

Mr. Davis stated that the next project would be improvements on Highway 20, noting that this was currently a small, two-lane road that had seen an increase in traffic. He

continued that they believed this demand would only increase. He stated that, again, this was predominantly undeveloped. He stated that in a master plan they had brought before the Council to adopt four or five years prior, for annexing lands in Limestone County, this was a major corridor that was identified to be a retail area, essentially the "University Drive" of annexed Limestone County. He stated that they would five-lane and improve this road.

Mr. Davis stated that another project would be to run a sanitary sewer north and south along Limestone Creek, from I-565 to the TVA megasite. He stated that that sewer line would pick up not only Polaris, which was under construction, but also new sites along that Greenbrier Parkway corridor. He stated that, as Mayor Battle had previously mentioned, they believed this was a phenomenal corridor to blossom with this public infrastructure, both in jobs, commercial/retail, and housing.

Mr. Davis stated that the last project they would put in the project plan would be the construction of a possible elementary school. He stated that the City had been donated this land several years prior by the McDonald family, and it was also donated a 60-acre location for a public park along Beaver Dam Creek. He stated that this would also be included in the plan.

Mr. Davis reiterated that their main focus at this time would be to start Greenbrier Parkway. He stated that under the

TIF format, they would have five years to encumber expenditures within that TIF District. He continued that they would not encumber all the projects he had mentioned in year one. He stated that he believed the first project they would encumber would be Greenbrier Parkway. He stated that they believed the Polaris investment that was going within the TIF boundary would pay for that, that they were confident it would.

Mr. Davis stated that as things developed in this five-year period, they could then come back before the Council and ask for an increase in the bond issue within that TIF boundary for these other projects. He stated that they would be conservative in the TIF boundary, so as to not overextend the City, that they would spend only what the TIF boundary would produce. He stated that they would not be taking any proceeds from any other portion of the city, North, South, East, or West, to build this infrastructure. He continued that this was the reason the TIF was being created, to let it pay for itself.

Mr. Davis stated that he would answer any questions the Council members might have for him.

President Russell recognized Councilwoman Robinson.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she had a comment and then a question. She stated that when the McDonald family had given this property to the School System, the agreement had included that the School System would build a school when there were 800 Certificates of Occupancy. She stated that if the

800 certificates were there, the School System was bound to construct a school.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that on the previous evening, they had heard Dr. Wardynski say that they had maxed out their ability to construct a new building, that the \$200 million they were investing in a very aggressive building program was going to be it for awhile, because the rest of their effort would be going toward fulfilling the demands of the Justice Department's Consent Order. She stated that, therefore, this TIF would be very timely, because it would provide the resources that would be needed to honor the agreement to build this school when the time came and the demand was there.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that her question was why the megasite was not included in the TIF boundary.

Mr. Davis stated that that was a very good question, and he stated that he would go back to a previous slide so that the Council could see where the megasite was in relation to the TIF district they were proposing.

Mr. Davis displayed a slide. He stated that the biggest reason was they believed the megasite would provide another TIF in the future. He stated that this was 1300 acres. He stated that if one looked at the historic TVA megasites across TVA's service region, all but two of the 14 they had originally created had more than a \$1 million investment on it at this time. He stated that to the north and to the east, there were more infrastructure needs in the annexed portion of

Limestone County within Huntsville, so they would like to hold that piece out to help further prosper areas should that develop.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated that he would again say he applauded Mr. Davis and others for the work they had put into this, that he had been watching this, and it was going to satisfy a lot of concerns they had had in West Huntsville, especially as it related to whether or not they had been forgotten. He stated that, as persons were aware, he had held Town Hall meetings in the Olde Cobblestone area and other areas west of Huntsville. He stated that it was hard to justify a police precinct and other public safety services, fire and rescue, without that area growing to where this would be warranted. He stated that they liked to say they wanted to give every resident in the city limits the same service people got in the central city, but that the reality of it was that in some cases it was not practical or feasible to do so.

Councilman Culver stated that he was excited about this, and that he believed they could move forward with plans on looking at precincts and police stations and things of that nature.

Mr. Davis stated that Councilman Culver had made a great point. He stated that he thought sometimes the city core forgot that persons in Limestone County were citizens of Huntsville, and that there were subdivisions in that area where

the residents wanted the same quality of life citizens in North Huntsville, the core of the city, and South Huntsville had. He stated that creating this TIF and getting the infrastructure in place to encourage retail and commercial development and industry development to bring in more tax revenue would allow them to accelerate the quality-of-life issues that were being asked for in that area.

Councilman Culver stated that he believed that was absolutely correct. He continued that if he understood correctly, this would be the largest TIF they had done in terms of land.

Mr. Davis stated that that was correct. He stated that this was not for them to attempt to force development to happen, noting that development would happen naturally, on its own, between the landowner and the private entity that wanted to develop. He stated that this would just be allowing them to create the infrastructure within an area that they believed was prime for development, to set the conditions and the environment for that transaction to occur.

Councilman Culver stated that he agreed with this and stated that he was aware that the businesses that were coming in were not necessarily the kinds of businesses that would be going into a location such as Cummings Research Park.

Mr. Davis stated that that was correct.

Councilman Culver stated that Cummings Research Park had been at a 97 percent occupancy rate, although at this time it

had dropped into the 80s.

Councilman Culver stated that this would allow them to have a place for these businesses when they tried to attract them to Huntsville.

Mr. Davis stated that Research Park was a professional environment, that it was research and development, but that a lot of the companies located in Research Park were now going into production, taking the research and development and putting it out in the workforce. He stated that they had to capture this business. He stated that they were seeing where they could create 50- to 100-acre spots for such companies, so that rather than moving a business to Colorado Springs or Texas, they could do their research and development and then put it into production in Huntsville.

Mayor Battle stated that he would like to remind the Council that they were working very closely with their partners in Limestone County. He continued that this TIF was not the City's property, that it was their property in partnership with Limestone County, because Limestone County was where this was located, and they had worked in conjunction with them to make this happen. He stated that it had happened for the good of the entire area.

Mayor Battle stated that he wanted to thank the partners they had been working with over the past three years for their partnership, noting that it had been a great partnership, that they had worked with them very, very closely. He stated that

this was the start of the City's side of it, and they still had to do their side of it. He stated that they would be hand in hand as they moved through this process, that both governments were very comfortable with it.

President Russell stated that normally they partnered with the Huntsville City Schools and the Madison County Commission on TIFs, and that he had to notify those two entities as to what they were doing on TIFs. He asked who they would be partnering with on this TIF, if it would be the Huntsville City School System and the Limestone County Government.

Mr. Davis stated that it would also be the Limestone County Schools.

Mr. Davis stated that if the Council approved the resolution on the floor, they would go ahead and formulate the project plan, and then that process could commence.

President Russell stated to Mayor Battle that he had not been in contact with the Limestone County School System, and that he hoped Mayor Battle had been talking to them.

Mayor Battle stated that the Chairman of the County Commission had been talking to them concerning this, that the Limestone County School Board was aware of it.

Mr. Davis stated that they had had that conversation with Dr. Sisk of the School Board.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 15-559, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the President or President Pro Tem to make written or other submissions required and give notices or notifications required by Ala. Code §§ 11-99-1 et seq., with respect to consideration of tentatively named "TIF D6," on behalf of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-560)

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

President Russell stated that this resolution was authorizing the President or the President Pro Tem of the Council to notify these governments, as he had mentioned previously.

President Russell asked if there was any discussion on this resolution.

There was no response.

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

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement between the City of Huntsville and John William Procter, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-561)

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

President Russell recognized Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis stated that this real estate transaction was to allow them to purchase the right-of-way for the portion in green on Greenbrier Parkway where construction had commenced, which he had displayed on a previous map. He stated that this would allow them to purchase right-of-way for that and also to create a railroad spur into the economic development corridor that they had been discussing.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion or questions concerning the above resolution.

There was no response.

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

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to a Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement between the City of Huntsville and John William Procter, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-562)

Councilman Showers 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 original real estate agreement

that had been crafted by outside legal Council had a closing date which was actually on the following day, July 24, 2015. He continued that the City did not want that date, and that this amendment would allow them to close in August. He stated that they wanted to have this time gap in order to complete the deeds and other documents. He stated that all this resolution would do would be to amend the City's deadline to close with the landowner.

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

There was no response.

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

Councilman Showers read and introduced a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and Chapman Sisson Architects for Architectural Design Services for the Johnson High School Campus Master Plan, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-563)

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

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

Mr. Easter stated that this was a contract to start some preliminary work to decide what would be the best use of the

Johnson High School campus. He stated that this was a time and material contract, with a cap of \$50,000. He stated that what they expected to get out of this was some programming and some schematics so they could take a look at uses for this property.

Mayor Battle stated to Councilman Showers that he had been part of the conversation concerning the fact that they needed to bring the neighborhood into this. He continued that what they would like to do would be to use this money to get a good picture of what their needs were going to be with public safety, and then they would know what would be left over, and they could then start talking about what the other prospects and possibilities were with the property. He stated that originally they had thought they had the National Guard signed onto this, but that had not worked out. He stated that at this time they just needed to see what they were going to have left, what the remainder would be, and what they needed to do in bringing in the community to look at this matter, and see that the community was satisfied with their plan.

Councilman Showers stated that he believed that was the most important element of this, involvement by the community in this particular project.

Mayor Battle stated to Councilman Showers that they would be asking for his assistance to help bring together the community, if that would be all right with him.

Councilman Showers stated that he was in agreement with this.

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

There was no response.

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

Councilwoman Robinson read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Department of Transportation for SR 53 (US 231/Memorial Parkway) from north of CR 77 (Whitesburg Drive) to south of Golf Road (Mainline), Project No. NHF-0053(530), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-564)

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

President Russell recognized Ms. Kathy Martin, Director of Engineering.

Ms. Martin stated that this was a resolution between the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Department of Transportation to approve the construction drawings for the South Parkway overpasses, and that it also allowed ALDOT to use the City right-of-way to commence construction on this project. She stated that this was specific to the mainline and the bridges at Byrd Spring and Lily Flagg. She stated that there were no City funds involved in this agreement.

President Russell asked if there was any further

discussion of this resolution.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that she believed the question that had been asked was about the scheduling. She stated that they had discussed this at the Business Association meeting, but that it might be good to talk about it in this meeting as well. She stated that this would make the bid process go forward, and the bids would be let in September. She asked when construction could begin.

Ms. Martin stated that construction was anticipated for January of the following year, and that they were currently anticipating a 2-1/2 to 3-year construction duration.

Councilwoman Robinson asked if there would then be conclusion sometime in 2018.

Ms. Martin stated that it should be mid-2018.

Councilwoman Robinson stated that something else she felt it was important to emphasize was that they were approving bids at this meeting for the mainline and service roads and the bridges together, whereas in the past these had been bid and built separately, and that this had extended the construction process. She stated that some persons had horrible memories of the Weatherly overpass and how long it had taken to construct it. She continued that this was because it was bid and built separately. She reiterated that at this time they were doing these together, so that it should compress the construction process to the 2 1/2-year timeline.

Ms. Martin stated that that was correct, that as part of

the 50-50 agreement they had with ALDOT, it was requested that these projects be combined in order to expedite this. She continued that as a result of this, they would see two agenda items, one being for the way ALDOT had it structured in their system at this time, which was for the mainline and the bridges, and the other would be for the service roads. She continued that they would be bid together and constructed together.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 15-564, 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 Alabama Department of Transportation for SR 53 (US 231/Memorial Parkway) from north of CR 77 (Whitesburg Drive) to south of Golf Road, Project No. NHF-0053(531), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-565)

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

President Russell recognized Ms. Martin.

Ms. Martin stated that this was ALDOT's effort to combine the projects, and to be let at one time. She stated that it

was for the same thing, giving approval for construction plans. She stated that this was for the service road, the slip ramps, and the Martin Road improvements.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 15-565, 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 Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Canon, Inc., for Engineering Design Services for John Hunt Park Roadway Improvements, Project No. 65-15-SP51, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-566)

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

President Russell asked Ms. Martin for an explanation of the above resolution.

Ms. Martin stated that this was an engineering services contract with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Canon, to begin design for approximately two miles of internal roadway improvements and approximately 200 acres of grading improvements in John Hunt Park, north of Airport Road and south of Joe Davis Stadium, in accordance with the Master Plan for John Hunt Park. She stated that this was a lump sum contract in the amount of

\$271,516.

President Russell asked if there were any questions for Ms. Martin.

President Russell recognized Councilman Kling.

Councilman Kling asked if there was any ball park estimate as far as when the design of the roadways would be complete. He asked if this would be all at one time or if it would be in increments, or how it would be worked out.

Ms. Martin stated the intent was to construct it as funding would allow. She stated that they would have the plans ready, but it would be as funding would allow.

Mayor Battle stated that this was very much an incremental build, that they had so much money put in every year for the Capital Plan. He stated that he believed it was approximately \$1 million per year they were putting into this project. He stated that he believed everyone was aware when they had gotten started with this project that it would be a long-term build. He stated that, as Mr. Hamilton, the City Administrator, would say, "How you eat an elephant is a bite at a time." He stated that this was starting with a bite at a time, and it would give them a plan on which bites to take first.

Councilman Kling stated that he felt this visibility would be good for the public, so that they could see they were going with this project.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 15-566, 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 Tennessee Captioning, LLC, for closed captioning services, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-567)

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

President Russell stated that the Council had been asked by several citizens to provide closed captioning services for the Council meeting broadcasts.

Mayor Battle stated that this was also part of the ADA requirements, to provide closed captioning. He stated that the cost was very minimal, 5 to 10 thousand dollars. He stated that a person would be paid hourly on this, that such person would sit and listen to the meeting and type it out. He continued that this was why persons would see typos every once in a while, because the person would be sitting and listening to the meeting and typing it out. He stated that persons would be able to read this, that it was very much for the hearing impaired. He stated that this was part of the ADA package the City needed to put in place.

President Russell asked if there was any further

discussion of this resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution NO. 15-567, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Test Security Agreement by and between the City of Huntsville and Stanard & Associates, Inc., for The National Police Officer Selection Test (POST), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-568)

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

President Russell asked Mr. Byron Thomas, Director of Human Resources, for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mr. Thomas stated that this was an agreement to assure that any testing material that would be ordered for the police officer position would be kept confidential and secure and would not be distributed without authorization from Stanard & Associates.

Councilman Showers inquired as to what procedure was being used at this time as related to the exams that were given to the officers.

Mr. Thomas stated that all the testing materials and supplied were sent to Human Resources and they made sure they were kept locked and confidential until they got ready to use

them.

Councilman Showers asked if this resolution were to be passed at this time, what would be the difference in how the tests would be presented and what was being done at this time.

Mr. Thomas stated that there would be nothing different with regard to that, that they would maintain the security. He stated that they would be moving from a video-based testing to a written examination for police officer positions going forward.

Councilman Showers asked who had made the decision that the written exam would be better than the video exam.

Mr. Thomas stated that Human Resources had had a discussion with the Chief of Police, Chief Lewis Morris, and they had discussed some ways they could improve upon the recruitment process of police officers. He continued that one of the things they had looked at was moving to a written test. He stated that the test was endorsed by the Association of Police Chiefs and was used in a lot of agencies throughout Alabama. He stated that the Police Department had felt like going to the written test would be better for the applicants. He stated that they had been using the video test for a couple of years, and they had noticed that it appeared there was a higher fail rate with regard to that, so they had thought that moving to the written test would be something they needed to do.

President Russell asked if there was any further

discussion of this resolution.

President Russell recognized Councilman Culver.

Councilman Culver stated that if he remembered correctly, the written test was the type of test that was given several years prior. He asked if that was correct, noting that he did not mean necessarily the same test, but that it was similar.

Mr. Thomas stated that they had used a written test prior to going to the video test.

Councilman Showers asked who would create the test.

Mr. Thomas stated that the test was created by Stanard & Associates. He continued that the City had used them for other entities, as far as police positions, as well as fire positions. He stated that they were a very reputable company, and they had valid tests.

President Russell asked if there was any further discussion concerning this resolution.

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 15-568, 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 a resolution consenting to the vacation of a right-of-way for the proposed Watson Grand Preserve, Little Cove Road, and Watson Grand Way, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 15-569)

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

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a right-of-way for the proposed Watson Grand Preserve, Little Cove Road and Watson Grand Way, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 15-570)

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

Ms. Cates submitted the following deeds for approval:

(DEEDS)

Whereupon, President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing deeds, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers, and was unanimously approved.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Non-Roster Communications from the Public. He asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council at this time.

There was no response.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was voted to adjourn.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK-TREASURER