

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013

The Honorable Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, met in regular session on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, there being present:

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| President: | Russell |
| Councilpersons: | Olshefski, Showers, Kling |
| Councilpersons Absent: | Culver |
| Mayor: | Battle |
| City Administrator: | Hamilton |
| City Attorney: | Joffrion |
| City Clerk-Treasurer: | Hagood |

President Russell called the meeting to order. Rev. Frank Broyles, Interfaith Mission Service, led the invocation; Eagle Scout Gunnar Hulebak of Boy Scout Troop 343 led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council on October 10, 2013, were approved as submitted.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Resolutions and Special Recognitions. He recognized Mayor Battle.

Mayor Battle asked Robert Lockwood to come to the podium, noting that Mr. Lockwood was representing several persons in the legal field. He stated that there were hundreds of thousands of persons who could not afford lawyers and did not

have legal representation or legal help, and that because of this, there were attorneys who helped people on a pro bono basis. He stated that at this time he had a resolution commending such persons for the actions they did in this regard. He continued that this resolution was naming October 20-27 as Pro Bono Week in Huntsville.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Lockwood to explain this program.

Mr. Lockwood stated that he was a practicing attorney in the city and was President of the Board of Directors of the Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program. He stated that as lawyers, they were ethically called upon to render service to all aspects of the community, and particularly to render pro bono service. He stated that "pro bono service" was free legal work to those persons in need. He stated that he personally felt a call to this and that there were 350 other lawyers in the city who felt the call to help the "least of these." He stated that as a result, they rendered free legal services to those persons who were living at or just above the poverty line, and that as a result of this, it was a benefit not only to those individuals but also to the community and to the overall well-being of Madison County. He stated that they were proud to render this service and they very much appreciated the proclamation from the City.

Mayor Battle thanked Mr. Lockwood for his service, as well as the service of the other 350 persons he had mentioned. He stated that Mr. Lockwood was a very successful lawyer in the

city and it was certainly nice of him to go out and contribute his talents.

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution recognizing Carol Madry Bell for her numerous years of volunteer service to the Big Spring Partners Board and the development, redevelopment, and betterment of Downtown Huntsville, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-815)

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

Councilman Kling stated that he would like to cover some of the great achievements of Ms. Bell and read from the resolution. He stated that she had done a lot over the years for the development of Downtown Huntsville and that he felt she needed to be recognized for some of these wonderful achievements. He stated that she served on various boards in the city and that she had focused specifically on the improvement of Downtown Huntsville, noting that she was a founding Board member of Big Spring Partners, from 2000 to 2003, and a consultant from 2004 to 2005. He stated that she had also been active in forming Downtown Huntsville, Inc., in 2013, including the formation of the new Board of Directors and raising more than \$1 million. He stated that she was also a member of the CEO search committee for Downtown Huntsville,

Inc., and was a consultant in developing the creative plan for the Arts Council, including the new Arts and Entertainment initiatives that persons were seeing in the downtown area, as well as the entire Huntsville metro area. He enumerated many other activities that she was involved in and stated that they wanted to use the resolution as a small way for the Mayor and the Council to express their appreciation and admiration for her great achievements.

Councilman Kling asked Mayor Battle and President Russell to join him in presenting the resolution to Ms. Bell, noting that the three of them had had the privilege of working with her on the Big Spring Partners Board of Directors.

Councilman Kling presented the resolution to Ms. Bell and stated that it was an honor to be able to recognize her for all the great things she had done for the community.

Ms. Bell expressed appreciation for the recognition, stating that she was glad to be part of such a great, visionary city.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution recognizing Eagle Scout Gunnar Hulebak for being recommended by Jeff Seale, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 373, for the Boy Scouts of America Medal of Merit for outstanding leadership and exceptional implementation of teachings and experiences learned in the Boy Scouts, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-816)

President Russell moved for approval of the foregoing

resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell recognized Councilman Olshefski.

Councilman Olshefski stated that there was a hero in the Chambers at this time and that this happened to be a young man who was an Eagle Scout. He stated that he felt this story was certainly worthy for the public to be aware of, noting that it was really a big deal. He stated that in the Boy Scout world, the highest medal one could get was the Medal of Merit, noting that this was in recognition of saving someone's life.

Councilman Olshefski asked Gunnar Hulebak to come forward.

Councilman Olshefski read from the resolution, noting that Eagle Scout Hulebak had been submitted for the Boy Scouts of America Medal of Merit for his outstanding performance at a time when a jogger had been crossing the street in front of the vehicle he was driving and had been hit by another vehicle and thrown into the gutter, striking his head and face on the curb. He stated that Gunnar, after stopping his vehicle and activating the hazard lights, had run to the victim and administered first-aid, with the assistance of a fellow high school student. He stated that he began to treat the victim for shock, and upon recognizing that the victim was disoriented, bleeding profusely, and suffering from a severely broken leg, he had stabilized the victim's body and provided comfort and reassurance. He stated that the victim had lost many teeth and that because of the amount of bleeding there

was, Gunnar had determined it was best to elevate the victim's head in order to allow him to breathe without choking. He stated that at the same time, Gunnar had checked to assure that 911 had been called and rescue vehicles were en route.

Councilman Olshefski stated that Gunnar had then directed other bystanders to support the victim and provide continued care and comfort, and he, seeing that a traffic jam was developing, had directed traffic away from the accident in order to clear a path for emergency vehicles. He stated that the ambulance had arrived within eight minutes of the accident and was shortly followed by local policemen and firemen. He stated that the victim was immediately attended by paramedics and transported to a local hospital for emergency care and surgery.

Councilman Olshefski stated that Gunnar's use of skills acquired in the Boy Scouts of America reflected highly on him and the leadership of Troop 343. He stated that his proficiency in providing rapid assistance to a severely injured person and directing other bystanders to assist in securing the accident scene for easy access to emergency vehicles demonstrated lessons well learned.

Councilman Olshefski presented a copy of the resolution to Eagle Scout Hulebak, recognizing his bravery, courage, heroism, and service to his fellow man in the performance of this bold deed. He stated to him that the lessons learned in the Boy Scouts had served him well and would continue to do so

throughout his life. He wished him the very best in all his future endeavors and a continued life of leadership and service.

Eagle Scout Hulebak expressed appreciation for the recognition, stating that it was such a great honor for him to have been able to achieve this award. He stated that he would not be where he was at this time if not for Troop 343, noting that scouting was a huge part of his life and had shaped him into who he was at this time. He stated that the scoutmasters were the ones who should be rewarded, noting that they had taught him everything he needed to learn and everything he needed to do at the time the accident happened. He asked everyone to give them a round of applause, stating that they were awesome. He stated that he wanted everyone to know that scouting was very important and young persons really needed scouting in their lives, noting that it taught them all the skills they needed to know in life and all the skills to be successful in life. He stated that if persons had this opportunity, Troop 343 was a great troop.

President Russell stated that item 15.cc on the agenda had been deleted.

President Russell recognized students from the Graduate Social Welfare Policy class at Alabama A&M in the audience and welcomed them to the meeting. He asked if one of the students would like to go to the microphone and tell the Council why they were present and what they were working on in their

program.

Brittany Jordan appeared before the Council, stating that she was present with her colleagues from the Alabama A&M Social Work Program, that this was a policy class and they were just observing the Council, to see how business was conducted in the City.

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. 13-652, amending the approved Transect Plan, Open Space Plan, Development Plan, and Phasing Plan for Providence Planned Development, LUI Rating 56, to include a relayout of the approved Providence Planned Development, which hearing was set at the September 12, 2013, Regular Council Meeting.

President Russell asked Ms. Lisa Leddo of the Planning Department for an explanation of the above ordinance.

Ms. Leddo stated that this ordinance would change the layout of the planned development, to reallocate property in various transects, resulting in an overall increase in the amount of property allocated to Transect 4 and an overall decrease in the amount of property allocated to Transect 1. She indicated the area she was speaking of on a displayed map, noting that Transect 1, the purple color, was the permanent open space and Transect 4, the yellow color, was the higher density residential development area. She indicated what she

stated was the particular area where the lot line had been adjusted to allow for the topography of the lots and the house plans the developer would like to use. She continued that this would be reallocating property from Transect 1 to Transect 4. She indicated a small area on the map, noting that this was Transect 1 and would be reallocated to Transect 4, in order to provide some additional off-street parking. She continued that, however, it would remain common area.

Ms. Leddo stated that even with these changes, the development was still above the minimum open space requirement for the planned development. She stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the ordinance.

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

There was no response.

President Russell stated that the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Kling moved for approval of Ordinance No. 13-652, amending the approved Transect Plan, Open Space Plan, Development Plan, and Phasing Plan for Providence Planned Development, LUI Rating 56, to include a relayout of the approved Providence Planned Development, which ordinance was introduced at the September 12, 2013, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-652)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked Ms. Leddo to explain in layman's terms what was being done through this resolution.

Ms. Leddo stated that they were moving lot lines.

President Russell asked if they were moving lot lines, making lots smaller or bigger, depending on the topography of the neighborhood.

Ms. Leddo stated that this was making them slightly larger.

President Russell called for the vote on the above ordinance, and it was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

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

Mr. Reginald Hill, 626 Blake Bottom Road, appeared before the Council, stating that he normally came before the Council with something very well prepared but that at this time he just wanted to touch on a few points and speak from his heart concerning what they were facing in the city. He asked if they were truly bettering the quality of life for all citizens and really focusing on being one Huntsville. He stated that the City had always been known for making great decisions as far as integration and NASA consistency, being able to have a surplus in the economy and keeping jobs during a national recession, things such as this.

Mr. Hill stated that they were in a time when even the

most innovative school system in the nation produced the most failing schools in its respective state. He asked when it was safe to bring along the community, which included the elected officials, to begin putting input into the decisions and solutions to these issues. He stated that the School Board had proposed closing these failing schools and giving them a new name, kind of brushing this under the rug, and that they labeled this with cliches such as enrollment issues, financial circumstances, property values, lack of parental involvement, things of this nature. He stated that the school superintendent had also said that schools were paid for from taxpayers' money, whereas the consultants in a particular constituency had not even been consulted on the issues that were at hand with the educational system.

Mr. Hill stated that he wanted to bring to the forefront an example that had been given by a member of the alumni association which spoke of this same issue going on in Detroit, Michigan, where the name of a school had been changed to the same name "Mae Jemison." He stated that this was a case where 1200 kids had been downsized to approximately 400, that they had done the same thing they were proposing to do in Huntsville and had had the same name. He stated that, however, this school was in worse condition than it had been when this action had been taken.

Mr. Hill stated that they had to examine if they were really going to fix any issues in the school system by simply

changing the name of a school.

Mr. Hill stated that he wanted the City officials and the school board persons to realize that these students would be housed in a building in a location where there had been gang-related activities and violence consistently growing. He asked if they had thought about the safety of the community in that aspect. He continued that evidently they had, because they would be using the renovated Johnson facility partially as a police academy, so that they would be directly next to the new school.

Mr. Hill stated that if they wanted to be One Huntsville, this matter needed to be addressed by all the officials, because all persons were a part of the community.

Mr. Hill stated that it was blatantly ironic that the KKK had been founded in Pulaski, Tennessee, and that now they were going to take all the predominantly black schools in the city and put them in one building on Pulaski Pike. He stated that this might not mean anything to the Council or the Administration, but that it was very influential to him, as a person who moved on the spirit and who moved on things that were more than just what was put on paper.

Mr. Hill stated that he felt they were making decisions as leaders and not considering all the persons who were involved, nor the things that might come on in future years. He asked the Council to urge the School Board to be more transparent. He stated that this could also apply to the Council and the

Administration, noting that he had attempted to meet with the Superintendent and Mayor on several occasions, as well as members of the Council, to no avail. He stated that these were things that he believed needed to be addressed.

Mr. Ron Deermer, appeared before the Council, stating that he had a concern about property at 2101 Kildare Street, noting that property adjacent to this was where he had a few issues. He stated that he would like to thank President Russell and Mayor Battle, noting that he believed Huntsville was a great place to live and that a lot of this was due to their work and that he appreciated it. He stated that he had appeared before the Council previously and they had assisted him in solving a problem and that he hoped they would do the same with this problem.

Mr. Deermer stated that there was a package in front of each of the Council members and stated that the property that he had a problem with was located next to the 2101 Kildare property. He stated that as the Council members could see on the first page of the package, there was a fence going up, noting that he was all for a fence but it would depend on how it was implemented and where it was placed. He stated that this fence was under an agreement with the City of Huntsville on a deal that had been signed on July 25, 2013, which he noted had been completely unknown to him.

(Submission by Mr. Deermer)

Mr. Deermer stated that he basically had four issues, with

one being not having been notified, as a property owner, when this matter had been discussed. He stated that another one was that with the agreement with the City, there was an area that was 23 feet from the front property line of both 2005 Kildare and his property. He stated that this was 23 feet from the City road. He stated that what the City had done under the agreement he had mentioned was they had allowed this other individual to put a fence right out on the street. He continued that another point of interest was the hazards on the road and the use of the road.

Mr. Deermer stated that on the third page of the package, the Council members would see the same pictures they saw on the first page, but noted that he felt a good hazard analysis and risk assessment would limit the risk and limit this from becoming an issue. He stated that all had the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness under the Constitution.

Mr. Deermer stated that he also had a video and if any of the Council persons would like to see the video, he had it on DVD and that he had made enough copies so that he could give a copy to each of the Council members if they would so like. He stated that he had forgotten to pass it out with the package and apologized for this.

Mr. Deermer stated that the Council members could see that the individual involved in the agreement they had signed was in the middle of the road on one of the pages and stated that there was another young man who was going down the street and

that this other person was out there basically aggravating the situation. He stated, concerning the video, that he would not play it with all the young persons present because of all the profanity that was coming out of a woman's mouth, which was harassing the individual in the middle of the street. He stated that the person they had signed the agreement with was the person who was actually standing out there. He stated that all this was on the DVD.

Mr. Deermer stated that the next photograph depicted a person going down the street in a wheelchair and stated that he believed the Federal Disabilities Act was most likely violated, and that, also, the Council members could see how close the fence was, noting that 23 feet from that point was where the property line actually was, that the rest of it was City property. He stated that he believed this was a misuse of a resource of the City.

Mr. Deermer stated that he had addressed his issues in the package, including the fact that he had not been notified about this. He continued that he had found out about it from a City worker when they had wanted to move the water meters and asked for his permission. He stated that he had been on his way to give a certification course to some government workers in Maryland when he had received this phone call. He stated that the agreement that had been signed had been faxed to him and that he had been stunned when he had actually read it.

Mr. Deermer stated that on the next page of the exhibit

were actually the water meters. He reiterated that this was all City property. He continued that he had six water meters at this location and that now this other gentleman, because of the City's agreement, claimed one and a half of these meters and that he had basically told his tenants, as well as some City workers, that he was going to construct a fence around that and put a gate on it and give a key to the meter readers and that he and his tenants were out.

Mr. Deermer stated that he also had some other pictures in the package. He stated that he would like to recommend that they tear out some of the posts. He stated that on the photograph, the yellow ones were the posts that needed to be removed, the red ones were the fence.

Mr. Deermer stated that he believed the Agreement of July 25, 2013, should be placed on hold until a hazard analysis and risk analysis would be accomplished. He continued that since this property was going to be turned over for private use, he believed the funding should be paid by Mr. Wright, the owner of the property. He stated that he believed this should be staffed with the City and also staffed with the home owners that would be directly affected, such as himself.

President Russell asked Mr. Shane Davis, Director of Urban Development, to address the current status of this matter.

Mr. Davis stated that he had spoken to the property owner on the prior Monday. He stated that he would give the Council some background on this property, stating that there was an

abnormally wide right-of-way for the size street Kildare was, being a two-lane. He stated that the original plans for Kildare in the Master Plan with the City several years prior was for Kildare to be a four-lane, divided, or a three-lane road going north. He stated that at the time they had entered into a contract and brought it to the Council, they had not wanted to vacate the right-of-way, just to protect it for future needs of the City. He stated that what they had done was to allow a use variance, which he noted they had done in the past in other parts of the city.

Mr. Davis stated that as far as the fence itself, they were in contact with the property owner to change the intent of the fence. He stated that the fence that was under construction which they had put a stop-work order on was not the fence that was implied to them with the use. He stated that Mr. Wright was complying with this and was submitting architectural renderings of a fence that would be more in style with what the use was to be.

President Russell asked Mr. Davis if he would meet with Mr. Deermer outside the Council Chambers to discuss this matter.

Mr. Davis replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Showers inquired as to the distance between the pavement and the line of the fence and asked how much distance there was supposed to be on a street such as that, to have a fence that close to the street.

Mr. Davis stated that this was one of the things they were discussing with Mr. Wright, not only the distance from the edge of the pavement but also the height. He stated that that would vary depending on the final height of the fence. He stated that they were looking at more of a four- to five-foot picket style, painted white, to go with the historic home. He stated that once they had that, that would determine how close to the edge of the pavement it could be. He stated that the fence that was being installed at this time was very much too close to the edge of the pavement.

Councilman Showers inquired as to whether when one property abutted another property, there was some policy allowing the other individual to be notified this would be happening. He continued that if a utility structure were in the ground already, and that particular project allowed that to obstruct something that was already there, if there was anything in the policy that directed the person that was doing that to communicate to the property owner that that would be happening. He asked if that was supposed to come to the Planning Committee or the Zoning Committee.

Mr. Joffrion asked if he would be permitted to answer that question. He stated that this was an entirely unusual situation all the way around. He stated that the water meters were installed within the easements, or the rights-of-way, owned by the City of Huntsville, so this ordinarily would never be an issue, that a fence would not be constructed or installed

to block a water meter. He stated that, as Mr. Davis had pointed out, because of the extraordinarily wide right-of-way on the road, where that much right-of-way was not currently needed, the City had executed an agreement to allow the property owner to use the right-of-way, noting that the City could revoke this at any time. He stated that Mr. Wright did not own the property, that the City had just granted him the right to use it.

Mr. Joffrion stated that because of all these issues that had arisen, they were going to go back and meet with the property owner and resolve all of them. He reiterated that this was not something that would occur within the normal course of business within the city of Huntsville for other property owners.

Mr. Vernon T. McCants, 3706 Kenwood Drive, appeared before the Council, expressing appreciation to President Russell, Mayor Battle, and his District 1 representative, Councilman Showers, for providing him this opportunity to address them in this format. He stated that he would like to make a preliminary request, as a member of an organization located at 3706 Kenwood Drive. He stated that this preliminary request pertained to subdivision regulations for the City of Huntsville, both Article 3.2, Section (5), Major Subdivision, and Article 6.3, Section (4), Minor Subdivision. He stated that both articles referred to requiring a public hearing and notification of a public hearing to all adjoining property

owners. He stated that this request was not only being initiated to ensure the growth of said organization but also in order to protect the newly authorized programs for Lakewood Elementary and the resources and programs geared toward the residents of the Lakewood community.

Mr. McCants stated that it was his desire that the Council acknowledge the need for the above articles to be fully followed, to the letter. He stated that he looked forward to their assistance concerning these matters.

Councilman Showers asked that the Department of Zoning meet with Mr. McKantz, based on what he had said to the Council about this situation. He asked if the Zoning Director was present at this time.

Ms. Marie Bostick came forward.

Councilman Showers asked Ms. Bostick if she would meet with Mr. McKantz outside the Council Chambers concerning this issue.

Ms. Bostick stated that she would be happy to, noting that she had met with him earlier in the day but that she would certainly meet with him again at this time.

Ms. Michelle Watkins, 3310 East Helena Drive, appeared before the Council, asking where North Huntsville lay in the campaign slogan of "One City One Vision." She stated that industry would not relocate there due to substandard schools and that housing development and economic development had stayed away from North Huntsville. She stated that this was a

City issue. She stated that the citizens understood they played a vital role in North Huntsville development and improving schools and asked what role Mayor Battle, as the mayor of all the people, was playing.

Ms. Watkins stated that while the name change of Johnson High School was an important issue, other important issues, such as programs, positive community involvement, and positive industry and City government were equally as important. She stated that a name change would do nothing if the stigma remained the same and resources continued to be focused on other areas. She stated that there was and would continue to be community involvement but that the community did not believe the current path was the correct one. She continued that combining two minority failing high schools would not help North Huntsville.

Ms. Watkins stated that she supported One City One Vision, but it was becoming apparent there was not a voice from Northwest Huntsville that represented the will of the residents in the area in reference to schools. She stated that Johnson's district had elected Mayor Battle as their mayor to ensure quality and that their voices would be heard and recognized throughout the city. She stated that a city that had applied to be a compassionate city should show compassion to residents who were purposely being left out of the planning for their community. She stated that they had a School Board that had left them out, that they had a School Board that did not speak

to them, did not include them, and did not have transparency. She stated that this was a problem in the city.

Ms. Tashaunda Weeks appeared before the Council, stating that she would like to read a note she had written, noting that she was the Executive Director of First Stop. She stated that the letter was basically in regard to the camp closure that was going on, noting that this was known as "Tent City."

Ms. Weeks stated that First Stop operated a day shelter to service the needs of the underserved, unsheltered homeless. She stated that they provided each client shelter from the elements, access to a mailing address and telephone number, access to shower and laundry facilities, weekday meals, and then the most important component, case management. She stated that the First Stop case managers all had a social service degree and that they provided outreach service to those individuals in the camps, along with the weekly outreach teams, as well as working with each individual by assessing their needs and providing them with assistance to get these needs met. She stated that some of the needs might include identification, mental and medical care, and assistance with the Social Security process, employment assistance, and housing. She stated that the goal of the case managers was to get a client's needs met to lead to a permanent supportive housing placement.

Ms. Weeks stated that in reference to the recent notification of the closure of the Derrick Street camp, known

as "Tent City," there were several things that should be addressed regarding this development. She stated that in that particular camp, there were only approximately 20 persons located in that camp, with only four individuals with a veteran's status. She stated that their veterans had been linked with the Veterans Administration and were currently on a waiting list for housing placement.

Ms. Weeks stated that upon notification of the camp closure, a meeting had been held in September at First Stop to inform the clients as to how First Stop would assist with their relocation. She stated that each individual had then been posed the question, "What are your plans?" She stated that the purpose of this was to get the clients to be more responsible, accountable, and involved in the direction in which they wanted their lives to go. She stated that the clients had been told they did not have a set location for them to move and they had asked these clients to notify them of a possible location so they could obtain verification from Sgt. Roberts that the location was okay. She stated that those individuals who were able to stay in an overnight shelter were advised and encouraged to stay there and those with an income were advised to follow up with First Stop so they could assist them in finding and obtaining housing.

Ms. Weeks stated that First Stop's focus was to rehabilitate these individuals back into society with a level of self-sufficiency that would allow them the ability to

maintain a residence. She stated that they were working toward more of a long-term solution, as opposed to something short term.

Ms. Weeks stated that First Stop had seen a total of 189 clients during the time period of July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013. She stated that of that number, only 12 percent were veterans.

Ms. Weeks stated that, also, during this time period, First Stop had housed a total of 30 clients through various programs. She stated that First Stop worked very well with various organizations, congregations, and individuals within the community and welcomed any suggestions on how they could come up with a long-time solution for the homeless in the community. She stated that they were serving the needs of the homeless and would continue to do so. She asked that if there were any questions concerning First Stop, that persons please contact them directly.

Ms. Lineise Arnold, 2112 Buckingham Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that as the Executive Director of the North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless and a Board member of the Alabama Alliance to End Homelessness, she would first like to thank Mayor Battle and the Council members for their support over the past years.

Ms. Arnold stated that the mission of the North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless was to educate the public regarding homelessness and to coordinate and facilitate efforts of

agencies, communities, and concerned citizens for seniors' continual care and to effect positive solutions to homelessness in Madison, Morgan, and Limestone counties of North Alabama. She stated that the continuum of care required trained professional homeless service providers and advocates who had over a decade of professional service experience working with the homeless community. She stated that their goal was to eradicate homelessness by developing long-term solutions in order to assist their clients with transition from homelessness back to self-sufficiency. She stated that they believed their clients' needs were greater than a tent, a blanket, a meal, and a porta-potty. She stated that their agency members were trained to develop service plans to address issues that were barriers to permanent housing placements.

Ms. Arnold stated that their emergency shelter partners were the Salvation Army, the Breaking Free Rescue Mission, and the Downtown Rescue Mission. She stated that it was their desire that the clients utilize these shelters while actively seeking employment and working with case managers of the member agencies to seek better housing options. She stated that, however, the reality was that not all their clients would be able to reside at the shelters, due to barriers. She stated that as a continuum of care, in partnership with the shelters, they were working to eliminate such barriers.

Ms. Arnold stated that the Huntsville-Madison County Mental Health Center, in partnership with the Huntsville

Housing Authority, provided housing, as well as support services, to homeless clients fighting mental illness, through the Shelter Plus Care program. She stated that they also provided mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment to the homeless community. She stated that the Department of Veterans Affairs provided approximately 105 vouchers to homeless veterans in the community, and that through the collaboration of a team of care partners, these vouchers had been increased from 35 to 105 since 2009.

Ms. Arnold stated that First Stop, Inc., provided homeless outreach services to individuals residing in their partners' shelters, as well as homeless camps. She stated that they also provided housing placements to individuals and families through the HUD-funded housing programs. She stated that the LIFT Housing Program provided housing placements and case management services to homeless families with children enrolled in the local school system. She stated that they provided transitional housing to single parents with children of opposite gender over the age of 12 that would not normally meet the litmus criteria of other shelters. She continued that the Riah Rose Home for Children provided transitional housing for homeless, pregnant teenage girls, as well as placements for homeless student mothers.

Mr. Casey Brown, 199 Mimi Lane, appeared before the Council, stating that he was President of the J.L. Johnson Alumni Association. He stated that recently they had had

350 persons who had done a protest march to keep their community's identity. He continued that they also had 1500 signatures on a petition that was being ignored at this time. He continued that the prior week they had attended a School Board meeting where the School Board had violated its own naming policy to go ahead and vote in the Mae Jemison name. He stated that seats at this meeting were already taken before the public was allowed to come in, and that if persons did not have a seat, they could not stand, that they had to go behind the closed doors.

Mr. Brown asked if this was One Huntsville, why no one in Northwest Huntsville had their vote respected or their word respected. He asked where the persons were who supported the "Mae Jemison" name, other than the School Board itself. He stated that his group had people marching all over and signing petitions, voicing their concerns, and being actively ignored.

Mr. Brown stated to Mayor Battle that he was curious as to where he stood in all this, noting that he was aware that he had said that he did not deal with the School Board, that the School Board just did its thing. He stated that, however, Mayor Battle held the highest office in the City and asked how he felt about this matter.

Mayor Battle stated that he would like to respond to this, noting that he felt it was an issue that was really hitting the community. He stated that when he had first come into office five years prior, there had been a disparate school system,

that there were targeted schools, schools that were on alert, that were scoring very low, and they had other schools which were scoring very high. He stated that this was a serious problem, that it was a serious problem with the city. He stated that they had attacked that problem when Dr. Wardynski had come in, that they had attacked it with one-to-one technology, they had attacked it with the STAR System, which he noted assessed students four times a year. He stated that they could tell at the end of a year if a year's worth of instruction gave a year's worth of advancement. He continued that they also had the one-to-one technology, where for many of the students who were in underprivileged homes, this would be the first time they had had a computer in their home, and that by having this computer, they were learning technology, they were learning how to come forward.

Mayor Battle stated that at Laura Hall's town hall meeting a few months prior, they had had each principal to come forward and talk about the advancements of these schools, with the one-to-one technology, and with their plan to improve these schools. He stated that there had been improvements of 25 percent in reading, 25 percent in math, noting that this was the most important thing. He stated that if they could keep these kinds of improvements, they were in great shape. He stated that the principals had also given their game plans, how they could continue having 25 percent improvements, noting that this was important.

Mayor Battle stated that everything else out there besides test scores and learning in the schools, what was learned in the classrooms, was clutter, emphasizing that there had to be learning in the schools. He stated that if they were going to step forward and make sure they had learning in the schools, he would applaud them, that he would applaud them for being in the schools, for mentoring, for reading coaching, for doing all the things that had to be done in the schools to make them survive and make them good schools.

Mayor Battle stated that this was his emphasis and his focus on the education system and was what he was going to push for. He continued that the city had to have good schools, that they had to have schools that were equal, schools in the South that were equal to the schools in the North and schools in the East that were equal to schools in the West. He stated that this was their focus as a city.

Ms. Jackie Reed, Jack Coleman Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that she was calling all the School Board members "Chicken," that they were a bunch of chickens.

Ms. Reed stated that she was not through with her campaign for "No Chickens in the City," that she was still standing firm on this.

Ms. Reed stated that when the School Board had done what it had done at their meeting the prior week and would not let anybody talk or stand up, et cetera, she had called every one of them a bunch of chickens and that that was what she thought

of them. She stated that she did not believe this matter was over, noting that she did not believe in changing the names of schools for the betterment of education, and that, also, she did not believe in changing the names of streets. She stated that they could not change everything in the city overnight, that they just could not do it, and that she hoped they stopped this quickly.

Ms. Reed stated that she would like to thank the State and the City for the white lines on the streets, noting that they were great and she could see how to drive around town and that she was certain everyone else could also. She stated that she appreciated it, that she felt it was a good thing they were doing.

Ms. Reed inquired as to what had happened concerning the Walmart situation. She asked if they could not do anything to attempt to make Walmart happy and get them away from that location. She stated that she would like to think they would do that.

Ms. Reed stated that she was aware they were working on a parking garage and condos across the street from the Federal Building in downtown Huntsville and stated that she hoped this was not a quiet, closed deal. She asked that the property be appraised and that they let the public know what was going on with this matter.

Ms. Reed asked Mr. Rex Reynolds to come to the microphone, noting that she had a lot of good things to say about him.

Mr. Reynolds came to the microphone.

Ms. Reed stated to Mr. Reynolds that she was really going to miss him. She stated that her man, Chuck Bailes, had worked with Mr. Reynolds' father and that he had said that Mr. Reynolds' father was the finest man he had ever met and if Mr. Rex Reynolds was half of what his father was, he was a fine man. She continued that he was everything his father was and then some, that he was intelligent, good-looking, honest, et cetera, and that he had handled his job in a triple-plus manner. She stated that her daughter had been in attendance at several meetings where Mr. Reynolds had been speaking for the City and had done an outstanding job. She stated that she wanted to wish him and his family the best of everything and thanked him for everything he had done for the City.

Pastor T.C. Johnson, 1800 Sparkman Drive, appeared before the Council, stating that it would be a surprise that he had come to the meeting in order to thank the Mayor and the Council for selecting Lewis Morris as the Chief of Police. He stated that he had had reservations about this because he had felt they should get someone from outside. He continued that, however, the job Chief Morris had done thus far had been changing the atmosphere, especially for the North part of the city. He stated that persons might not have noticed this but that persons in his area had noticed it, that not one black citizen had been killed in the hands and custody of the police since Chief Morris had been in office. He continued that if

one would check the records, one would see that this was a change. He continued that he attributed this to Chief Morris's sensitivity toward what the Police Department should be a picture of for the city, noting that it was one of the most powerful institutions in the city that had the opportunity to ruin citizens' lives just by attitude and behavior.

Pastor Johnson stated that, also, during Chief Morris's time in office, he had changed the complexion of the department, noting that they had black leadership in the command staff. He continued that it was very important for the city to have this versatility in culture. He stated that there were some persons who had not liked that and did not necessarily approve of it, but that Chief Morris was not about that, he was about the right thing.

Pastor Johnson stated that the rumor was that Chief Morris was about to be forced out of office, being asked to step down. He stated to Mayor Battle that the reason he had not been in attendance at Council meetings recently was because his phone had not been ringing off the hook all the time concerning police officers who called African American females bad names and the "N" word, noting that he had had only a few calls concerning that.

Pastor Johnson stated that he could talk directly to Chief Morris. He stated that persons might not be aware that two K-9's had been released on citizens in the north part of the city, noting that in the past he would have had to dig

through this and attempt to figure out what had happened but that on this occasion, Chief Morris had taken the action he deemed necessary, although he himself might not have agreed with that action. He stated that in the past he had had to do all kinds of investigative work on his own and come down and yell at the Council, but that with this chief he had not had to do this.

Pastor Johnson stated that he wanted Mayor Battle to know that Chief Morris was working in a hostile environment, that one of his lieutenants had called him a "fat boy" and said that he needed to be removed, plus some deaf person needed to be removed, because they wanted to replace the Chief with someone in the old gangster regime. He stated that he needed Mayor Battle to think about this. He continued that this chief had changed the perception, at least, in the North, noting that this might not mean a lot, but that it would gain them help going forward and solving some of the cases they had been unable to solve because historically persons had been afraid to talk to the police about some of the things they knew.

Pastor Johnson stated that they needed the Chief, if he would, to stay in place because the direction in which the Police Department was going at this juncture was good for Mayor Battle and good for the city, noting that he had read an article that stated that Mayor Battle might want to be governor. He stated that he did not want to be the mayor of a city where K-9 dogs were released on citizens and nothing had

happened to correct it.

Pastor Johnson reiterated that the Chief should stay in place because, as far as the North was concerned, things were going in the right direction. He stated that he was going to ask for some statistics to see some other things.

(Submission by Pastor Johnson)

Pastor Johnson stated that, for one time, he was saying thank you to the Mayor and the City Council for their selection of a man who had been in the system and knew the system and was turning the big ship around.

Mayor Battle stated that persons heard rumors all the time around the city and they should not put anything into this.

Mayor Battle stated that there was also a good thing to be said about Huntsville, noting that, as a comparison, the city's crime level was way below that of Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile. He stated that the Police Department was doing a great job and he certainly appreciated it.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Huntsville Utilities Items. He stated that Councilman Olshefski would be recusing himself from the vote on these items.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of materials for new construction items for FY2014 (BWO 351-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-817)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of materials for renewal and replacement projects for FY2014 (BWO 352-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-818)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of transportation items for FY2014 (BWO 373-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-819)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of communications equipment for FY2014 (BWO 374-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-820)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of computer equipment items for FY2014 (BWO 375-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-821)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of transformers and labor for FY2014 (BWO 377-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-822)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of budget work order for expenses related to operating and maintaining the computer systems for FY2014

(BWO 861200-07-2014) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-823)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval for emergency storm recovery work from storm damage incurred from the March 2, 2012, tornado (Project #EMG-E2012.35000324) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-824)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of emergency storm recovery work from storm damage incurred from the April 11, 2013, storm (Project# EMG-E2013.35000345) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-825)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of emergency storm recovery work from storm damage incurred from the July 11, 2013, lightning storm (Project #EMG-E2013.35000364) (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-826)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendatory Agreement with TVA, amending the Deposit Assurance Program (DAP) Agreement to provide for DAP updates (Utilities: Electric), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-827)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of materials for new construction items for FY2014 (BWO 251-2014) (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-828)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above

resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of materials for renewal and replacement projects for FY2014 (BWO 252-2014) (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-829)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of transportation items for FY2014 (BWO 273-2014) (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-830)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of metering equipment for FY2014 (BWO 276-2014) (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-831)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of new regulators for FY2014 (BWO 278-2014) (Utilities: Gas), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-832)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of materials for new construction items for FY2014 (BWO 151-2014) (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-833)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of materials for renewal and replacement projects for FY2014 (BWO 152-2014) (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-834)

President Russell moved for approval of the above

resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of transportation items for FY2014 (BWO 173-2014) (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-835)

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

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing approval of purchase of metering equipment for FY2014 (BWO 176-2014) (Utilities: Water), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-836)

President Russell moved for approval of the above

resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell called for the vote on the above resolution, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Kling, Showers, Russell

ABSTAIN: Olshefski

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the resolution had passed.

President Russell asked Mr. Bill Yell of Huntsville Utilities if he would, for the public's information, briefly comment on the Utilities items the Council had just approved.

Mr. Yell stated that they had 21 items for the Council's approval at this time, noting that the bulk of the items were annual Capital Budget items for the Electric, Gas, and Water departments, and that this included projects and the materials and labors to do the work they had to do to keep the systems running. He stated that three of the items were close-outs from previous storm events. He continued that these took a while to be closed out because there were a lot of issues that took place with a storm event. He stated that another one was an item from TVA to adjust one of the programs in which they were involved.

Mr. Yell stated that the Capital projects included things such as the construction of new substations, noting that they were going to get a new substation connection with TVA in the northern part of the system. He stated that this was something

they had been working on since the tornado event in order to help them with more reliability. He stated that there was also some money included for the engineering work, to begin work on the new water treatment plant they had been planning. He stated that they had to get all the engineering work, to get some of this in place so they could obtain the withdrawal permit from TVA.

Mr. Yell stated that one of the large items they had was a cast iron replacement program they were speeding up, on the natural gas side. He stated that the Department of Transportation was putting pressure on natural gas utilities to try to get out as much of their cast iron pipe as they could because of reliability issues.

Mr. Yell stated that this was a brief summary of the items, that it was approximately \$35 million worth of projects that were included.

President Russell read and introduced Resolution No. 13-837, authorizing approval of purchase of metering equipment for FY2014 (BWO 376-2014) (Utilities: Electric).

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

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

Mr. Yell stated that this concerned the purchase of meters they needed for their system, and that included in this were some SmartMeters. He continued that they still had to purchase

the standard meters they used on homes every day, the old-style mechanical meters, and that that was also included in this. He stated that they had some money in this for a project, noting that the project was not really SmartMetering per se, but that they were going to use some of the technology. He stated that they had a program, working with TVA, where they were doing voltage reduction to try to help TVA in their high-load times. He stated that what TVA wanted them to do was to make sure that on the ends of their lines they had identified 200 separate circuits that they needed to monitor. He stated that TVA wanted to make sure that when voltage was lowered, Huntsville Utilities did not cause problems for the customers on the tail end of a circuit. He continued that the only way to do this was to use electronic metering, to be able to record that voltage. He stated that what Utilities wanted to do was to install some of what were called "SmartMeters," or automated meters, noting that TVA was requiring that they have real-time data, that that was the only way it could be done.

Mr. Yell stated that this would also allow them to install some of the communications backbone they were going to need when they eventually went to automated metering infrastructure. He continued that these meters were going to be read just like a standard meter.

Mr. Yell stated that in the past, they could do voltage checks using a mechanical device with a piece of paper in there that recorded it. He continued that this technology was gone,

that it was old technology. He stated that at this time they had to have the real-time data in order for TVA to agree they were able to do this and not affect their customers. He stated that this would help TVA because it would mean they would not have to put on higher cost generation systems in high-use times if the other utilities in the system could lower their voltage.

Mr. Yell stated that he believed there were approximately 15 systems that were going to run this test for TVA, to assure that it would work.

Mr. Yell stated that the company Utilities was using was Sensus, and stated that they had installed approximately 4.5 million SmartMeters in the Southeast, that they were the SmartMeter provider for the Southern Company. He continued that he was aware that Alabama Power had completely rolled out a SmartMeter program.

Mr. Yell stated that the only way Utilities could do this was to use these type meters. He reiterated that it was not the rollout of SmartMeters, that at this time this was the only device they could use to get this type data.

Councilman Kling stated that he would comment on this just because of the issue of SmartMeters in the city, noting that he had heard from several persons and that he believed a few of them were in the audience. He stated that he would like for the public to have an opportunity to comment on this matter. He suggested that Huntsville Utilities set up a special public hearing, at perhaps the beginning of the following week, or at

least prior to the next meeting of the Council, concerning this matter.

Mr. Yell asked Councilman Kling what specific questions there were concerning this. He reiterated that this was not SmartMeter rollout, that it was using a device to record voltage.

Councilman Kling stated that in the past, they had had matters where something kind of got its foot in the door and then they were in, and the next thing one knew, they had taken over.

Mr. Yell stated that in every speech Utilities gave, they were discussing SmartMetering with their customers, people that came in, that they were not hiding any information. He continued that this was something they had to do, that their customers were going to hurt in the future if they did not have SmartMetering in place because TVA was eventually going to make them go to time-of-use rates. He continued that if they did not have it, the customers would be paying much higher bills.

Mr. Yell stated that they were glad to talk to anybody about this topic, noting that they had actually sent multiple letters to groups explaining where they were on this.

Mr. Yell reiterated that this particular program on the floor at this time was not that technology, that they would just be using an electronic device that would send them real-time data so that they could monitor what their voltage levels were and determine that they were not hurting these

customers by having low voltage. He stated that also included in this item were the meters they needed to use on a daily basis to replace any meter that was damaged or had failed. He continued that it included the SmartMeters they were going to use in this project and also included normal meters they used on a daily basis.

Councilman Kling asked if there was any way they could separate the normal meters from the SmartMeters and the Council could pass that part of the resolution.

Mr. Yell stated that this was part of the resolution that Utilities had to bring to the Council as a Capital Budget item.

Councilman Kling stated that the Council would be having a meeting in two weeks and they could certainly take action on this item at that time. He stated that, as far as the public was concerned, that up front, they should know what this was, before coming in with it at this time.

Mr. Yell stated that at the location the Utilities would be installing one of these, they would be communicating with that individual customer to let them know they were putting it on and they were going to be using it. He stated that they had approximately 200 they were going to have to install. He reiterated that this was to make sure the customer would not be hurt by voltage reduction efforts.

Councilman Kling moved to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 13-837 until the next Regular Council Meeting, on November 7, 2013, pending Huntsville Utilities having some

sort of a public hearing prior to such time.

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell called for the vote on the motion postponing consideration of this resolution until the next Regular Meeting of the Council, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Showers stated that he wanted to reconsider the approval of item 8.p on the agenda, Resolution No. 13-831, in order to include not only the water metering equipment but also the gas metering equipment to be held.

Councilman Showers stated that he did not really need Mr. Yell to go back over his explanation of the SmartMetering, noting that he agreed with Councilman Kling. He continued that he just wanted to make sure that the general public would have some advance knowledge and notice of what was to come in the future with the new metering devices.

Councilman Showers moved that the Council reconsider approval of Resolution No. 13-831.

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell asked Mr. Yell for an explanation of this resolution.

Mr. Yell stated that neither the natural gas metering, which was item p, Resolution No. 13-831, nor the water metering item, which was item 8.u, Resolution No. 13-836, had SmartMetering in them, that these were standard mechanical meters they used every day on their system. He reiterated

that, as far as the other issue, they were using that technology to do voltage metering. He continued that the two just mentioned were just standard everyday meters that they used on their system. He noted that one could see the amounts, that in Resolution No. 13-836, it was \$425 for water meters.

President Russell asked Mr. Yell to limit his discussion to the item on the floor, item 8.p, Resolution No. 13-831.

Mr. Yell stated that this was natural gas meters, and that it was everything from what was hanging off the house to an industrial meter for natural gas. He reiterated that these were not SmartMeter items.

Councilman Showers asked Mr. Yell if they were eventually going to go to SmartMetering for water.

Mr. Yell replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Showers asked Mr. Yell if he was stating to the Council at this time that gas would not change from the procedure they had in place at this time.

Mr. Yell stated that it would not in this budget item. He continued that eventually they would have to go to that. He stated that these items did not pertain to SmartMetering, that these were standard mechanical meters.

Councilman Showers asked if they were to be assured that SmartMetering would not be a part of this particular gas item.

Mr. Yell stated that that was correct.

Councilman Showers withdrew his motion to reconsider Resolution No. 13-831.

Councilman Kling withdrew his second.

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

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution to reappoint Dr. Gregory Smith to the Educational Building Authority of the City of Huntsville-A&M University, for a term to expire November 12, 2019, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-838)

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

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution to reappoint Collins Alexander to the Educational Building Authority of the City of Huntsville-Oakwood University, for a term to expire November 12, 2019, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-839)

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

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution to reappoint James H. Richardson to the Educational Building Authority of the City of Huntsville-Randolph School, for a term to expire November 12, 2019, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-840)

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

and was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

Councilman Showers read and introduced a resolution to appoint Levoy Smartt to the Educational Building Authority of the City of Huntsville-APT, for a term to expire November 13, 2019, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-841)

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

Councilman Kling read and introduced a resolution to reappoint William Sammons to the Huntsville Ice Skating Complex Board of Control, for a term to expire November 20, 2016, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-842)

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

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

Councilman Showers nominated James C. "Tony" Smith for reappointment to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, Place No. 1, for a term to expire November 28, 2016.

President Russell nominated Scott Harriman for reappointment to the Huntsville Tennis Center Board of Control, for a term to expire November 28, 2016.

President Russell nominated Robert Burton for reappointment to the Educational Building Authority of the City of Huntsville-Madison Academy, for a term to expire November 12, 2019.

Councilman Kling nominated Mike Maples for reappointment to the University of Alabama in Huntsville Public Building Educational Building Authority, for a term to expire November 13, 2019.

President Russell asked if there were any further nominations.

There was no reply.

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

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

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-843)

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

Councilman Kling recognized Mr. Randy Taylor, Finance Director, for a Finance Report.

Mr. Taylor stated that he wanted to provide a brief update on the debt borrowing process, noting that he had previously reported on this twice and he just wanted to let the Council know where they were on this process. He stated that the first

and most important thing was that on the prior Friday, Moody's Investors Service had issued their rating of the City's upcoming debt issue, noting that they had again issued a AAA rating. He stated that this was the fourth or fifth time the City had received this rating from one of the rating agencies. He stated that they expected to receive the other rating they typically asked for, being Standard & Poor's, early in the following week and that the Council would certainly be advised on that. He stated that this showed continued confidence in the City's finances, noting that this would be, of course, the Huntsville community and its economic strength and how the City managed its finances. He stated that Mayor Battle and the Council members should get the credit for those policies.

Mr. Taylor stated that with regard to the debt plans specifically, they believed they would be in the marketplace trying to sell their debt within two weeks, noting that underwriters would be doing this on the City's behalf. He continued that this could occur prior to the November 7 Council meeting, although the timing was not clear at this time. He stated that they had on the agenda for this meeting a resolution for the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the underwriters, so that when the prices were received and the City thought that would be a deal that would be in their best interest, the Mayor could approve it. He continued that the Council would, of course, have to ratify it

and approve it formally at the next Council meeting. He stated that the underwriters needed this type approval by the Mayor and that the Council had typically done this every time they had had a negotiated debt sale.

Mr. Taylor stated, concerning the underwriting team, that they would be using the same people they had had in place for several years, noting that now this was four firms because two had been consolidated. He stated that they planned to go forward with them and that they would keep the Council apprised of more details as they became aware of them.

Mr. Taylor stated that he would be glad to answer any questions if there were any.

President Russell asked if there were any questions for Mr. Taylor.

There was no response.

President Russell congratulated Mr. Taylor and his Finance team for the AAA rating, noting that this was quite impressive.

Mayor Battle stated that he would like to congratulate not only Mr. Taylor but all the department heads for all they had done to help the City keep a AAA rating. He stated he believed Huntsville was one of 26 municipalities across the United States that had kept this rating. He continued that it was not a small part the Council played in this because the Council every day made decisions on how they would spend their money to make sure their revenues equaled their expenditures, and also that they did not put out unfunded liabilities which

would last five, ten, fifteen, or twenty years. He stated that many, many communities had gotten in trouble by passing different legislation that had had dire consequences many years in the future. He stated that this Council had always looked into the future and asked what would be the bottom line of effect as they made their spending policies. He thanked the Council, stating that they were the ones who had put them in the position to get the AAA ratings. He stated to the department heads that they were the ones who had to make the budget work on a day-in and day-out basis and thanked them for this. He stated that this was the team that had made this happen.

Mayor Battle stated that he would like to introduce an item pertaining to credit cards and being able to use credit cards in City purchases and how they would do the processing of the credit cards. He stated that this would be introduced at this meeting, to be voted on at the November 7 Council meeting.

Mayor Battle asked Mr. Rex Reynolds to come to the podium.

Mayor Battle stated that this would be Mr. Reynolds' last Council meeting. He continued that Mr. Reynolds had been a mentor to him, that they had walked into the Mayor's office at the same time five years prior, with both of them being pretty new at it. He continued that from that time, it had been a great partnership, that Mr. Reynolds had been a great partner and had been a part of what made the City work, one of the foundations of what made the City work. He stated that

Mr. Reynolds had been doing this for 34 years and had certainly been an asset to the City. He continued that he had started as a line cop and had never lost the "cop" part of it, but that his talent was really in administration, that he was one of the best administrators he had ever seen.

Mayor Battle stated that Mr. Reynolds was leaving big shoes and that Mr. John Hamilton was stepping right in and filling those big shoes.

Mayor Battle stated that the City was very, very fortunate to have persons such as Mr. Reynolds who would come in and work for the City for 34 years and make it what it was at this time.

Mayor Battle thanked Mr. Reynolds for his many years of service to the City.

Mayor Battle stated that there would be a reception honoring Mr. Reynolds on October 31 in the Roundhouse, between 1:00 and 4:00, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Reynolds stated that one could be only as good as the persons around him and stated that he was a better person for having served with each of them since 2008, in this capacity, and with all the great department heads, noting that they were an amazing group, and also having served with everyone throughout the City's work force, that they were awesome people. He stated that he had been very fortunate and privileged to do this.

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

Councilman Showers stated that a few years prior he and Mr. Reynolds had been together in Class 19 in the Huntsville-Madison County Leadership program and that Mr. Reynolds had made all the persons who attended that class with him very proud.

Councilman Showers stated that he was saddened at this time for what he was going to have to say. He stated that the prior Thursday night, he had been with the Council in a meeting, but that there had been a meeting across town at the Board of Education where people were treated in ways that were appalling. He stated that those persons who had watched a replay of the School Board meeting saw how public citizens, taxpaying citizens, were treated by the Board of Education, noting that there was an arrogant display shown to those persons who had come to the meeting to be heard and to support the School District. He stated that this was denied, and these persons were talked down to, as if they were just animals. He stated that this was just sad.

Councilman Showers stated that he had watched the replay and just could not believe this was happening in Huntsville, that a group could treat citizens the way they had been treated on the prior Thursday evening.

Councilman Showers stated that he wanted to commend the Johnson High School Alumni Association members who were present in the audience out of concern for the legacy of Johnson High School. He stated that Mayor Battle had made some good

statements about quality education, noting that everyone wanted all the schools to be quality, with equal curriculums, but they also wanted to be treated equally.

Councilman Showers stated that the city could not be the city it was supposed to be with a double standard. He continued that it was apparently all right for Grissom High School to be relocated without having to change its name, without having to drop its legacy. He stated that, in fact, a Board member had stated emphatically that Grissom would never change its name, but, yet, when it came to the North, they had taxpaying citizens, they had men, women, boys and girls, and parents who wanted the same quality out of Johnson High School that they had across the city at any other high school, but they were being treated differently. He continued that they had been asked to receive a recommendation from a committee that had not been representative, that was hand-picked by the Superintendent.

Councilman Showers stated that all elected officials served at the pleasure of the citizens, that the citizens allowed them to serve to represent their voice, their concerns, their positions. He stated that he had had town meetings all over the city to let the citizens that he represented in the city know what was going on, but, yet, in this case, that had not happened.

Councilman Showers stated that they were not being consistent, noting that, however, he was happy for Grissom. He

stated that his daughter taught in the south part of the city and that one of his grandsons had graduated from Grissom, noting that he was very proud of the academics he had gotten there. He continued that he had another grandson that was attending Grissom as a freshman at this time, because his mother taught at Weatherly. He stated that he supported Grissom, he supported Butler, he supported Lee, and certainly he supported Johnson High School. He stated that the citizens he represented were all wanting to have the same ability to keep the legacy of Johnson High School, as with any other school in the city. He continued that at this time, this was not happening. He stated that this committee was going to continue to bring attention to the Superintendent, the School Board, and to the city. He stated that his district was dissatisfied with the way they had been treated.

Councilman Showers stated that he was just saying at this time that it was not over, that if they had to go to Washington to the Department of Justice to recall an action that was already done, they would do so. He stated that some persons were saying to them that they could not do that but he advised them to watch them.

Councilman Showers stated that they should not have to go back to the '50s and the '60s, to march, that this was supposed to be Huntsville and they should not have to do that in this town, but they were having to do it because their voices were not being heard.

Councilman Showers stated that he had had a town meeting recently, and that he had sent out letters to all the citizens who were impacted by the proposed renaming of Johnson High School and that some of them had come to the town meeting to voice their concerns. He stated that this was a city policy that the Council members went by, noting that they did not do anything in a non-transparent way, that they let citizens participate in democracy. He thanked the persons who had shown up on the prior Tuesday evening at the Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church and thanked the pastor of this church for allowing him to hold this meeting at that location. He stated that he wanted to also thank the citizens who had come out in support of the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, noting that he had been awarded the highest award a President can award to a civilian citizen, the "Award of Freedom." He stated that Rev. Lowery was 92 years old and still going strong.

Councilman Showers stated that he had recently attended Operation Stand Down at the True Life Church of God in Christ. He stated that this was all about honoring the veterans, men and women who gave their lives that persons might enjoy the quality of life they now enjoyed.

Councilman Showers stated that on the prior day, he and Councilman Olshefski and Councilman Kling had attended the Exchange Club banquet honoring firemen, noting that the firemen had been honored with an award and that they had attended in support of them. He stated that he wanted to thank the

Exchange Club for this recognition, but that more than that, he wanted to thank the firemen who gave their lives to make sure that when citizens lay down at night, they were in good hands.

Councilman Showers stated that on the upcoming weekend, there would be the annual Magic City Classic in Birmingham. He stated that the team had not won a lot of games this year, but that this game was different, regardless of the record of Alabama State or the record of Alabama A&M. He stated that it was going to be a great game and a great weekend.

Councilman Olshefski asked Mr. Randy Taylor to come to the microphone.

Councilman Olshefski stated to Mr. Taylor that he had read an article on al.com earlier in the day about which Alabama cities ran deficits in 2012. He stated that as he was reading it, he was saying he could not believe it, because he felt Mr. Taylor would have advised him of this or he would be figuring it out. He asked Mr. Taylor if he could give him a rundown on this story, stating that he was assuming a lot of it was false.

Mr. Taylor stated that he would be glad to respond to this but asked the Mayor if he would like to comment on it.

Mayor Battle stated that Mr. Taylor had done a very good job in his letter to the editor and that if he wanted to explain it, he would be glad for him to do so.

Mr. Taylor stated that it was somewhat difficult to explain in a brief setting such as this. He stated that the

purpose of the article, which the article described, was to compare local governments to much of the discussion about the Federal Government, mainly the government shutdown, et cetera.

Mr. Taylor stated that the story had indicated that several cities, seven in this case, in Alabama, had run deficits. He stated that a "deficit" meant that they spent more than they collected. He stated that this was the Government finance term for this and that was what they understood, especially when they were talking about the Federal Government. He stated that there were other ways to measure government financial activities and that the City's financial report, unfortunately, because it confused the public, had different kinds of reports that told different stories. He stated that if they wanted to talk about the City's experience in the context of how this compared to the Federal deficit, there was a certain set of reports that one should use to do that: How much did they collect; how much did they spend; was it positive or negative; did they spend more revenue than they collected.

Mr. Taylor stated that sometimes persons used another report in their financial statements to make a different kind of assessment. He stated that their opinion at this time was that the story used data from the City's financial reports that did not compare to the comparison they were trying to make, that it did not equate to what Federal deficit meant and how that should be compared at the local level. He continued that

it was an apples and oranges comparison. He stated that, in fact, the City, using the more traditional statements, which he noted that most people understood in this kind of discussion, actually had a \$47 million surplus, not a \$30 million deficit, or a \$30 million negative number. He continued that it was not correct to call it a "deficit."

Mr. Taylor stated that he was aware this sounded confusing, and that it was. He stated that in the more traditional sense, when one spoke of the Federal deficit and how those numbers were arrived at it, there would be a particular report in the City's financial statements that one could make the same kind of assessment, and that in that case the City actually had a surplus. He stated that, however, that very large surplus was misleading because they had borrowed money that year to build roads and schools and they would spend that over the next several years. He stated that in terms of the operation of the City, the City had a surplus in the prior year of half a million dollars.

Mr. Taylor stated that, unlike the Federal Government, the City did not ever borrow money to finance its regular operations, that they paid their salaries, they paid the operating cost of the City, out of tax revenues and other revenues of the city. He stated that not one dollar of City debt was associated with the operating activities of the City. He stated that this was an important distinction and it had not been made clear in the subject article. He stated that they

hoped this would become more clear in the days ahead.

Councilman Olshefski stated that there was another matter he just wanted to get on the record. He stated that he had made a long run of 18 months to provide one of the restaurants in the city the ability to have music in its location. He stated that during this entire process, they had done a lot of great things, but that he still struggled a little bit over this in trying to help a small businessman. He stated that as he had gotten more into detail on this, he had learned that for a small business such as this, they still had to spend \$500 a year for a license, they still had to send out certified letters to everyone who lived within a certain area, at whatever cost this would be, stating that this would most likely be three or four hundred dollars. He continued that now they would have expended eight or nine hundred dollars just for the opportunity to have music that they could not play outside the doors or they would be against the City ordinance. He stated that he just did not believe they were helping the small businessmen. He continued that he would like to look at the list of residents, noting that 10 or 12 of the notices that had been sent out to the residents had been returned, so that that was another waste of money. He stated that the list just did not seem to be as accurate as it should have been. He stated that he wanted to work on this matter with Mr. Hamilton, as they had previously discussed.

Councilman Kling asked Mr. Shane Davis to come to the

microphone.

Councilman Kling stated to Mr. Davis that, as he was aware, over the prior several weeks, he had had concerns expressed to him about the proposed Walmart and the impact it would have on the Midtown neighborhoods located immediately behind it. He stated that one of the concerns persons had had to do with the cuts in the acceleration and deceleration lanes that were part of the proposal. He asked if there were a Walmart constructed and these went in, if Walmart would be paying for them.

Mr. Davis replied in the affirmative, stating that both public and private improvements concerning the development would be paid by the developer. He stated that he believed most of them were aware of the study that had come back from Dr. Anderson which had confirmed the study submitted by Skipper Consulting, by Walmart. He continued that there were no contradictions in the studies, and that it was recommended they should accept the study.

Mr. Davis stated that Walmart had pulled a permit on the previous day.

Councilman Kling stated that if the project did get under way, there were a couple of things he would like to ask of Mr. Davis. He asked that he, working with Natural Resources, be very vigilant as far as construction not starting earlier than it was supposed to or continuing late at night, that what they had on the books would be followed. He stated that, also,

he felt lighting was a very significant issue because of directional lighting impacting the neighborhood. He stated that this was not a good thing, noting that he believed Natural Resources had guidelines to deal with this.

Mr. Davis stated that, considering everything that had happened with this development, it would be a closely monitored construction site.

Councilman Kling stated that he was hoping that in the future, Walmart might see that the overhead cost of having that building open 24 hours a day would be a little prohibitive, that perhaps it would be more cost effective if they were operating on more normal hours.

Mr. Davis stated that as far as hours of operation, it would open as a 24-hour center, but that Walmart had said that, as with all centers, this depended on the activity, and that they would adjust hours. He stated that it was all about the profit margin.

Councilman Kling stated that he still did not see how a big truck, an 18-wheeler, could make a right-hand turn on Drake Avenue, turning south onto L&N. He continued that he felt this was an issue that might need to be looked at, as far as the truck ordinance. He stated that he was aware there were other businesses in the area. He stated that perhaps the trucks could be limited by the hours, so that they did not have trucks disturbing the neighborhood in the middle of the night. He stated that perhaps the limitation could be that from

9 o'clock at night until 7 o'clock in the morning trucks would not be allowed in that area, on that road.

Mr. Davis stated that it was not a possibility to have no truck traffic on L&N, due to the existing businesses along L&N that were getting truck deliveries, noting that if this were restricted, it would apply to all businesses. He stated that they were going to monitor the route and that Walmart had said they would modify this if it was found to be a problem.

Councilman Kling stated that perhaps hours could be addressed, noting that he was not sure there would be deliveries that would be taking place in the middle of the night for any of the businesses.

Mr. Davis stated that he felt they should just monitor it, noting that he did not believe anyone was anticipating midnight deliveries, including Walmart. He stated that he would keep a check on this once it opened and report back to the Council.

Councilman Kling stated that he still shared the concerns of the neighborhood, noting that he had looked at the plans and it certainly appeared that they were putting too large of a structure on too small a piece of property. He continued that he was still very, very concerned about the impact on the neighborhood.

Mr. Davis stated that he would keep the Council posted concerning this matter.

Councilman Kling wished Mr. Reynolds the very best for the future.

President Russell stated that at the Von Braun Center the following weekend, there would be the High School Regional Volleyball Tournament, on Friday and all day Saturday. He stated that there were many local teams participating in this, from Class 1A through 6A. He stated that persons should see these students in the restaurants and hotels the upcoming weekend and asked persons to welcome them.

President Russell stated that also at the Von Braun Center, there would be UAH hockey the following weekend, on Friday night and Saturday night. He urged persons to attend these events.

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

Councilman Kling moved for approval of Ordinance No. 13-791, Substitute A, amending Ordinance No. 89-79, Classification and Salary Plan, which Ordinance No. 13-791 was introduced at the October 10, 2013, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-791, SUBSTITUTE A)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Showers.

President Russell asked Mr. Byron Thomas, Director of Human Resources, to explain the above ordinance and to assure that the Council understood Substitute A.

Mr. Thomas stated that this was an ordinance to amend the City's Classification Plan, based upon some audits that had been conducted by Human Resources in the various departments.

He stated that they had had to make a modification to one of the positions, based upon some additional information, and that he had done a correction on that.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 13-791, Substitute A, and it was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

Councilman Showers moved for approval of Ordinance No. 13-792, Substitute A, amending Budget Ordinance No. 13-630, modifying the authorized strength of various departments, which Ordinance No. 13-792 was introduced at the October 10, 2013, Regular Council Meeting, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-792, SUBSTITUTE A)

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Kling.

President Russell stated that this ordinance also had a Substitute A and asked Mr. Thomas to explain this.

Mr. Thomas stated that this was the same as on the previous ordinance, that they had had to make the same correction on the budget amendment, as well.

President Russell called for the vote on Ordinance No. 13-792, Substitute A, and it was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

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

Mayor Battle read and introduced Ordinance No. 13-844, amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-158, authorizing the City of Huntsville to accept payments by credit

card.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 13-845, amending Section 16-15 of the Code of Ordinances, by establishing a pretrial diversion program.

President Russell read and introduced Ordinance No. 13-846, amending Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville, Arts and Entertainment Districts.

President Russell asked Ms. Marie Bostick, Manager of Planning Administration, to explain the changes that were being recommended for the Arts and Entertainment Districts.

Ms. Bostick stated that, as the Council might recall, in the original ordinance they had stated they would come back after a 90-day period to review basically how this had been going and whether any changes were warranted. She stated that they had done this, that they had actually done a few surveys, which she would furnish to the Council at their next meeting.

Ms. Bostick stated that they were proposing three changes to the boundary, bringing three additional parcels into the boundary. She continued that they were also recommending additional hours and additional days. She stated that currently this was Thursday and Friday evenings only, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m., and that this would make the hours Thursday from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon until 11 p.m.

President Russell asked if there were any questions for

Ms. Bostick.

There was no reply.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was New Business Items for Consideration or Action. He reiterated that item 15.cc had been deleted from the agenda.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke Regions Bank Letter of Credit No. L053466 for Bellewood Park Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-847)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 367000581608 for Little Mountain Phase II Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-848)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 362000515942 for Magnolia Village at Lake Forest Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-849)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke BancorpSouth Bank Letter of Credit No. 362000702382 for Stonegate Phase 2 Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-850)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to invoke CB&S Bank Letter of Credit No. 555579 for Anslee Farms Subdivision, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-851)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the five-year extension of a Sublease Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Crown Castle GT Company, L.L.C., concerning the communications tower at the Metro Sportsplex, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-852)

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

and was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Reed Contracting Services, Inc., for Rodgers Drive Drainage Improvements, Project No. 65-13-DM17, by Change Order No. 1, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-853)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Garver, L.L.C., for Engineering Construction Administration Services for 2013 Water Pollution Control Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Project No. 65-13-SP42, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-854)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the Northeast Alabama Traffic Safety Office in the amount of \$75,000 for traffic enforcement, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-855)

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

and was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Venti Properties, L.L.C., for office space at 107 Jefferson Street, Suites 1, 1A and 2, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-856)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Venti Properties, L.L.C., for office space at 107 Jefferson Street, Suite 9, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-857)

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

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance declaring certain equipment as surplus and to be sold at auction, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-858)

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

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance to amend Budget Ordinance No. 12-768, by changing appropriated

funding within various departments and funds, as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-859)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-860)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase Contract with the City's underwriters in connection with the sale of the General Obligation Warrants, Series 2013-C and Series 2013-D, in an amount not to exceed \$110 million, subject to ratification and approval by the City Council prior to issuance of the warrants, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-861)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for electronic payment processing services, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-862)

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

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

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-863)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the collection of taxes, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-864)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Sally K. Davis, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-865)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution

authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 1 to the agreement with Crisis Services of North Alabama, Inc., for services to the homeless (domestic violence) population, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-866)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-867)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with J. Smith Lanier Company of Huntsville to provide General Liability Insurance on 500 Church Street Parking Lot, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-868)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution

authorizing the Mayor to enter into a License Agreement between the City of Huntsville and the Museum Board of the City of Huntsville, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-869)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Consulting Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Schrimsher Company, Inc., as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-870)

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

President Russell read and introduced a resolution to award CASA with FY2013 CDBG funds for home weatherization and the installation of grab bars for low-income seniors and disabled individuals and families, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-871)

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

President Russell read and introduced Resolution No. 13-872, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and Brenda M. Martin.

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

Councilman Kling stated that he had very high regards for this employee but had a concern about one thing and if they could modify the agreement in this regard, he could support it. He stated that under the bullets was the item: "Representing the Mayor at civic associations, social, business, schools, and other professional group meetings not requiring his official presence, and reporting weekly recommendations reached at those meetings." He stated that he saw these as being part of the responsibilities that Kenny Anderson had in his capacity. He stated that if they could drop this bullet out of the agreement, he could support it.

Mayor Battle stated that that would be fine with the Administration, noting that the whole intent was to have her work on the TV channel because they had 24 hours of programming to be done, noting that this would bring more transparency and let persons know more about what they did as a city.

Councilman Kling asked how this should be handled.

Mr. Joffrion stated that Councilman Kling could make his motion and if there was a second and it was approved, then the Clerk-Treasurer could manually strike this from the agreement.

Councilman Kling moved to strike the last bullet, commencing with the words "Representing the Mayor at civic associations."

Said motion was duly seconded by Councilman Olshefski.

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

Councilman Showers stated that he did not feel this would be the best use of this individual, noting that she had been an asset to the City, in terms of times that the Administration could not be in places, and representing them, and even the Council, in areas where there weren't persons to do this. He stated that he would certainly hate to lose this benefit by striking that part of the agreement. He stated that he believed it was a plus for the City to have as many employees as possible who had the ability to welcome, to greet, to attend on behalf of others, to do just the things that were in the description that she should do. He stated that if she was coming back, he would like to see her continue to have the ability to do this when there was a need. He stated that when she had been in the previous position, she had performed this function only if there was a need, that she was not taking anybody's position, and that she would not be taking anybody's position in this case, that she would be serving at the pleasure of representatives who would not be able to make the rounds in the social arena, noting that this covered a lot of things.

Councilman Kling stated that he was attempting to focus more on the position. He stated that Ms. Martin had done that in her capacity when she was the Director of Multi Cultural Affairs, and that since she had given up that position and

Mr. Anderson now held this position, he believed that would be part of his responsibilities. He stated that he was aware Ms. Martin would be in a part-time position and that it would focus more on the programming for the Government Access Channel of the City. He stated that he saw the position being more of that nature, since it was a part-time position.

Mayor Battle reiterated that the Administration was fine with the amendment, stating that the intent was to have Ms. Martin do programming and work as a programming agent for the City, to assure that persons could understand what the functions were that they did as a city, and to do this on the TV channel they had for the public.

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

There was no response.

President Russell called for the vote on Councilman Kling's motion to amend, and the following vote resulted:

AYES: Olshefski, Kling, Russell

NAYS: Showers

ABSENT: Culver

President Russell stated that the amendment had passed.

President Russell stated that they were now back to the main motion. He stated that he had been opposed to this from the beginning and remained against it, so he would be a "No" vote on this. He stated that he believed it was an additional

cost at the administrative level that the City did not need at this time. He stated that it would be up to the Council as to whether they wanted to vote on this resolution at this time or delay the vote on it.

Councilman Showers moved to postpone consideration of Resolution No. 13-872, as amended, until the next Regular Meeting of the Council, on November 7, 2013, which motion was duly seconded by President Russell, and was unanimously approved by the Council members present.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Modification No. 2 to the Special Employee Agreement between the City of Huntsville and John S. Hamilton, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-873)

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

President Russell asked Mayor Battle for an explanation of the above resolution.

Mayor Battle stated that the City had a special contract with John Hamilton, which went through the first of the year, but that because Mr. Reynolds would be leaving on November 1, they wanted to end that contract. He continued that the next item on the agenda was the appointment of John Hamilton to the position of City Administrator, effective November 1, 2013. He stated that this just prevented there being an overlap of a contract and City employment.

Councilman Showers stated that he had had a couple of e-mails to Mr. Reynolds that had been returned and inquired as to what date Mr. Reynolds would be on the City payroll.

Mayor Battle replied that it would be November 1.

Councilman Showers questioned why he was getting these returns on his e-mails.

Mayor Battle stated that Mr. Reynolds was taking leave time, noting that he had some days available for this under City policy. He stated that he had begun transferring all his e-mail back so that persons would know to contact Mr. Hamilton.

Councilman Showers stated that this should have been communicated to the Council, that this was the first time he had heard this. He stated that he had a problem and was concerned that Mr. Reynolds was on the payroll until November 1 but was not responding to his e-mails. He stated that if he had known this, there would have been no reason for him to ask this question, noting that it should have been communicated to the Council.

Mayor Battle stated that the Council would be provided with all the other e-mail addresses, also. He stated that he believed they had everything for Mr. Hamilton and himself.

President Russell called for the vote on Resolution No. 13-873, and it was unanimously adopted by the Council members present.

President Russell read and introduced a resolution authorizing the appointment of John S. Hamilton to the position

of City Administrator, effective November 1, 2013, as follows:

(RESOLUTION NO. 13-874)

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

Mayor Battle stated that the Council had just ended Mr. Hamilton's contract and that at this time they were asking to put him on the payroll.

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

President Russell welcomed Mr. Hamilton to the City.

President Russell stated that the next item on the agenda was Legal Department Items/Transactions.

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of a 5-foot Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 45, Huntsville Hills 4th Addition, Plat Book 21, Page 47 (Donegal Drive: McCool), as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-875)

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

President Russell read and introduced an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of a 5-foot Utility and Drainage Easement, Lot 46, Huntsville Hills 4th Addition, Plat Book 21, Page 47 (Donegal Drive: Thomas), as follows:

(ORDINANCE NO. 13-876)

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

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

Ms. Jackie Reed again appeared before the Council, welcoming Mr. Hamilton to the City, noting that she was on his team.

Ms. Reed stated that the City had now spent \$7,000 on the Walmart matter and it had not worked. She stated that when she had tried to get the City to do their own traffic study, they had advised her that it would cost too much. She stated that they needed to forget Walmart, to let it go, that it was over.

Ms. Reed asked if the City would be borrowing \$110 million and questioned how much of it would be going to the School Board, or if they would be borrowing all of it for the City.

Mayor Battle stated that he believed the number was \$80 million for the schools. He continued that there would be \$200 million worth of school improvements, with school rebuilding, and that this was part of that money. He stated that the School Board was also getting money from the BRAC relocation money and they also had some money left over from the first borrowing they had, so that it all equaled up to the \$200 million.

Mayor Battle stated that the other portion of the money

was for the City's Capital expenses.

Ms. Reed asked if the public would know what these Capital expenses were.

Mayor Battle stated that they were in the Capital Plan that could be seen on line if one went to "City of Huntsville" and then went to "Budgets." He continued that one could then look in the Capital Plan and see exactly what these were.

Ms. Reed stated that she was not on line.

President Russell stated to Ms. Reed that they would get her a hard copy.

Ms. Reed stated that if the Council was intending to build an overpass on Church Street, they should take that out of the Capital Plan. She stated that they were going to build something from one part of the park to the other, for the ducks to wobble under all the time. She stated that that was a Loretta Spencer deal, that they were still following her suggestions. She stated that they should get over it and move into something new and think for themselves.

Ms. Reed thanked Councilman Kling for the chicken meeting she had attended, noting that it was his town meeting and that it had turned out real good and she appreciated his having let her say a few words.

Ms. Reed stated that her sewer bill was \$17 this month. She asked if the bills had been increased that much. She asked the public to watch their sewer bills because she had been told they had hired a new contractor. She stated that they had to

keep an eye on Huntsville Utilities, noting that all the items the Council had passed earlier in the meeting made her wonder.

Mr. Reginald Hill again appeared before the Council, stating that from being a toddler to becoming an adult, the human being learned from what he saw, copied what he saw, and repeated what he heard. He stated that if society, for instance, did not create jobs or have activities for young people to do, they would see an increase in crime rates, an increase in robberies and violence, because they would not have anything to occupy their minds. He stated that, also, in the school system, if they did not create a curriculum or atmosphere that was more appealing than things young people received from getting on the internet or watching TV or listening to music, they could not expect them to excel on the levels they would want them to. He stated that, also, if there were leaders who were listeners but not the best listeners, they could not expect there to be a true effort of transparency between the elected officials and the constituents. He stated that if they continued to enforce something that was ideological upon the citizens, they could not expect the citizens to stand without any repercussions or retaliation, that they must expect that the citizens were feeling that their concerns did not matter.

Mr. Hill proposed that the Mayor, the City Councilmen, Mr. John Hamilton, Mr. Kenny Anderson, and members of this alumni association, and any others who were willing, to get

together to create a board that would deal with community relations. He stated that they needed to assess. He continued that Mayor Battle had stated that the school system was using the STAR Assessment to assure that the youth were progressing. He asked what they were doing to test post-studies, what they were doing that would really help students as they went into college.

Mr. Hill stated that there was an increase in drop-out rates year after year in the school system, even though the STAR Assessments had been implemented for the prior three years. He stated that a majority of the problems were because there were many homes where the father or the mother was not there, and that because of these situations, they brought these things from the community and took them to the school. He stated that, however, they could invest in programs, that they needed to use their resources to teach these parents how to deal with these situations so that they would not become excuses to handicap persons from being regular citizens who could abide with each other instead of trying to make waves, so that all that one saw would be fighting rather than coming up with solutions.

Mr. Hill stated that he also believed it was imperative that they prepare the youth to lead, noting that at this time few youth were in attendance at meetings such as this, and not in attendance for faith-based activities, as well as not even being sure what they wanted to do with their next level of

life. He asked what they would expect to happen when the persons that were serving at this time could no longer serve, who they would expect to take charge. He stated that if they would have to depend on the youth that were in the world today, they were in a bad predicament for the future.

Pastor T.C. Johnson again appeared before the Council, stating that he would like to go back to a subject. He stated to Mayor Battle that his rumors were normally, as the record would show, not rumors at all. He stated that he did a lot of work so that he would not come down and look crazy.

Pastor Johnson stated that they should take him seriously, that this was upsetting to the Police Department at this time, that they had someone in a high position in the department jockeying for the Chief's job while he was still in office. He stated that this was a hostile environment to work in and that it should not happen, because he believed that Mayor Battle had appointed Chief Morris because he trusted him. He continued that Chief Morris needed to know that Mayor Battle, if no one else, backed him. He stated that if Chief Morris should want to leave, that would be one thing, but that he should never be forced out. He asked the Administration and the Council to please take this seriously.

Pastor Johnson stated that the second thing he wanted to address was that they should be cautious. He stated that a lot of mean things had come up during the shut-down, about the deficit, and blaming it all on one person. He continued that,

of course, in his community, they knew that was not true. He stated that Huntsville had to be very careful because when they started paying the debt, Federal dollars would dry up. He asked what would happen if Redstone Arsenal closed, what would happen if contracts went away from the city.

Pastor Johnson stated that some of the persons were being mean-spirited. He stated that the debts had to be paid but that they had to work together to do this. He stated that he did not feel the city could afford to be one of the agitators screaming, "Let's pay our debts at all costs." He stated that Huntsville was a welfare city, if Federal dollars were welfare. He asked if Federal dollars were not in the city, where Huntsville would be.

Pastor Johnson stated that the attitude and behavior of persons should be very cautious. He stated that surely the debt should be paid, but stated that Huntsville had to get into a solution problem and not a name-calling problem. He stated that everyone knew that this had to be done but it should be handled carefully, that they would shoot themselves in the foot if they were not careful with how they as a city approached that particular situation.

Pastor Johnson stated that he was pleased to welcome another soldier, Mr. Hamilton, to the leadership of the City, noting that he was glad to have him and that he believed they would be able to sit down and argue together and get missions accomplished, as he and Councilman Olshefski did when

Councilman Olshefski would talk to him.

Mr. Casey Brown again appeared before the Council, stating that he did not believe Mayor Battle had quite understood the question he had posed to him earlier. He stated that persons in North Huntsville were not being heard, that they had had decisions made for them in that area. He stated that Ms. McCaulley and Superintendent Wardynski had known that they intended on closing Johnson in January, but no one had found out about this until September. He asked if Butler was even aware they were going to be closed until the prior School Board meeting.

Mr. Brown stated that the Johnson family did not want that name to come off the school. He stated that James Oliver Johnson was a brigadier general, that he was an educator, and that the National Guard had named an award after him, and that he was in Maple Hill Cemetery. He stated that Rev. Johnson had come to the School Board meeting only to leave in tears because he had not been allowed to speak. He stated that the Board was aware he was there because when they did finally call names for persons to speak, his name had not been called, even though it was on the list.

Mr. Brown stated that he was talking about persons being shut out in the City, their views not being honored, their ability to shape their own community stamped out. He stated that at a School Board meeting, Superintendent Wardynski had said, "New schools get new names." He stated that he had

opened the floor for that discussion and that he had walked right up and asked, "Where is the naming committee for that new school on South Parkway?" He stated that Grissom had flipped out, that the next day they had conducted surveys and that they had stated that if one was not in that district, one could not participate in the survey. He continued that they had surveyed the students. He stated that the woman who had been sitting in the Council meeting earlier, Jennie Robinson, was very rude to everyone, making unnecessary comments, so disrespectful.

Mr. Brown asked the Council if they believed the North side had gotten the same respect, to have a survey, and stated that the answer was no. He stated that Laurie McCaulley had met with a select few that agreed with her, and that she had appointed someone as VP of the PTA, and that same person she had appointed to the naming committee. She continued that that same person had appeared with her in an al.com interview weeks before, wanting the name to be "Mae Jemison." He stated that this was not even pretending to be objective. He stated that the few were outweighing the many in North Huntsville. He stated that the School Board and whatever the mystery committee was outweighed everyone in North Huntsville.

Mr. Brown stated that he had asked the School Board for the minutes in which they requested the name to be changed, because they had said a citizens group had requested it, and that no one could give him the minutes. He stated that this meeting had been done in a back room, like he had stated

before. He continued that in a PTA meeting, they had admitted it was done on Facebook. He questioned that they would change the identity of their community on a Facebook chat.

Mr. Brown asked Mayor Battle if he could please see about getting some transparency in this, pretending there was a little bit of fairness in this. He stated that it seemed that Grissom was getting listened to but Johnson was not.

President Russell stated that he would make appointments and assignments of Council members to represent the President and Council on various board at this time.

President Russell appointed Councilman Showers and himself, as Chair, to the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Government.

President Russell appointed Councilman Showers to the Community Action Agency of Huntsville/Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc.

President Russell stated that he would serve on the Advisory Commission on Accessibility.

President Russell appointed Councilman Kling and Councilman Culver to the City of Huntsville Insurance Committee.

President Russell appointed Councilman Kling as Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Councilman Culver as the Vice Chairperson.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK-TREASURER