

The regular meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 16, 2017, at the Northport City Hall, located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. The invocation was offered by President Logan. President Logan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: Councilman Boozer, President Logan, Pro Tem Sullivan, Councilman Davis, and Councilman Hogg. Also present was Mayor Aaron and City Administrator Bruce Higginbotham.

Mayor Aaron, and Utilities Director, John Powell Webb presented Water Superintendent, Mr. Doug Wilder, on behalf of the Water Treatment Plant with the 2017 Award of Excellence; and Wastewater Superintendent, Mr. James McKinney, on behalf of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with the 2017 Award of Excellence.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **approve the agenda for the October 16, 2017, Council meeting with the deletion of item 7a1, 2nd Reading, Ordinance Rezoning 13 acres located between Carolwood Lakeview Dr. and Sleepy Valley Road.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Resolution 17-94 declaring certain items and equipment as surplus and authorizing their disposal and/or donation to a Non-Profit organization.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **adopt Resolution 17-95 authorizing the Northport Police Department to participate in the Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute all paperwork pertaining to said grant.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Boozer to **adopt Resolution 17-96 declaring certain items as surplus and authorizing their disposal.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Boozer, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the Consent Agenda for the October 16, 2017 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, October 2, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Attorney General Summit, Oct. 17th, Montgomery, AL \$0 - PD
4. Travel/Training 1 employee, Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability, Jan. 25-26th, 2018, New Orleans, LA \$800.00 - Legal
5. PO Requisition, MRAP Shipping, J.T. & Company, Inc. \$5,900.00 - PD
6. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Pump Selection, Operation & Maintenance for Wastewater Systems, Oct. 27th, Birmingham, AL \$0 - Utilities
7. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Violent Extremism Training, Nov. 9th, Birmingham, AL \$0 - PD
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, The Leader as an Individual and Motivation and Empowerment, Nov. 2-3rd, Florence, AL \$0 - PD
9. PO Requisition, In-House Consulting Services, Varnon Engineering, \$3,047.50 - Engineering
10. PO Requisition, Ladder Truck 22 Contract Payment, US Bancorp, \$117,467.87 - Fire
11. PO Requisition, City Hall A/C Repair, Johnson Controls, \$6,970.00 - PW
12. Travel/Training, 2 employees, Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge Competition, Oct 25-26th, Louisville, KY \$100.00 – Fire

13. PO Requisition, Sewer Repair near National Guard Armory, Double Diamond Construction, \$16,783.00 - Utilities

Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Boozer, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Reports of Special Committees of Council:

Councilman Boozer thanked everyone who attended the Tuscaloosa County School Board meeting tonight pertaining to the new middle school. He expressed his appreciation for their support.

Departmental Business:

Motion by Councilman Hogg, **Second** by Pro Tem Sullivan to **approve the ABC License for JS Bartending, LLC dba Kentuck Festival Art Show 2017.** Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, No. **Motion Carried.**

City Attorney Ron Davis explained that at a recent Council meeting Mr. Jody Jobson requested information concerning the Tuscaloosa County Forensics Lab Task Force. Mr. Davis explained that in 2011 the Forensics Lab closed due to underfunding from the state, and in 2014 this Task Force was developed to determine if the local entities would fund the Forensics Lab. He said it was a short-lived task force and the appointees from the City and County didn't think it was proper for the local entities to fund the Forensics Lab. He said by Resolution 14-44 the City of Northport appointed the City Administrator to the Task Force and said if it is reestablished, the City Administrator will be the representative for Northport to serve on this board.

City Attorney Ron Davis explained that he is requesting an Executive Session to discuss retail development, potential sale of city property, and potential litigation involving the City. Mr. Davis asked for a ten-minute break after the regular meeting before the Executive Session so that the Council can talk with the media. Mr. Davis said the Executive Session should last approximately thirty to forty-five minutes and there is a possibility that a vote will be taken after the Executive Session is concluded, then the Council will reconvene back into Executive Session.

Public Comment:

Mr. Ray Glen, 6700 Barnes Settlement Road, came before Council to express his appreciation for their stance taken with the Tuscaloosa County School Board about the new middle school. He added that this speaks volumes about their commitment to the City of Northport and thanked them for what they do.

Ms. Cassandra Williamson, 4615 Oak Meadow Drive, came before Council to discuss her pro-growth vision and diversity in Northport. Ms. Williamson urged the City Council to preserve the identity of the city in future growth. She said that diversity and inclusion is very important and encouraged the Council to welcome it. Ms. Williamson asked for permission to get proposals for ideas pertaining to Historic Preservation. President Logan asked Ms. Williamson to give her contact information to Planning Director, Mr. Scott Stephens, as well as Northport Historical Society member, Mr. Chuck Gerda so that she could find out how to best serve Northport in this capacity.

Mr. Stephen Schwab, 2520 5th Street came before Council to discuss recycling bins in Northport. Mr. Schwab explained that recycling bins could benefit the citizens in Northport and urged the Council to consider providing them. He urged the Council to move forward with an urban renewal program for the downtown area. He said there are several vacant lots in this area and urged the Council to move in the right direction to

revitalize the area. President Logan explained that Public Works Director Brooke Starnes is in the process of providing a recycling program in Northport. President Logan encouraged Mr. Schwab to talk with him, as well as Councilman Hogg to discuss urban renewal.

Mayor and Council Member's Business:

Councilman Boozer, District 1, said he would like to revisit the issue of the potential sale of the Hasson Community Center to Mr. Woodrow Washington. He said that he would like the Council to decide soon, whether to sale the Hasson Center or keep it and lease it to Mr. Woodrow Washington.

President Logan, District 2, agreed with Councilman Boozer about discussing the potential sale of the Hasson Center and suggested discussing it in the Executive Session. President Logan expressed his appreciation to the Mayor, Council, and staff for attending the school board meeting and said it represents unity. President Logan gave an update on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Improvements Project. He said there are some contractual agreements that have recently been approved and anticipate having a Public Involvement Meeting soon.

President Pro Tem Sullivan, District 3, congratulated both the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant on the receiving the awards, and thanked Mr. Doug Wilder, and Mr. James McKinney and their staff for doing an excellent job. He also announced that on Friday, December 1st at 7:00 pm. the City of Northport will host the fourth annual 'Twas the Night Before Christmas 5K, and encouraged everyone to participate. He said that all proceeds will benefit the local DHR.

Councilman Davis, congratulated Mr. Doug Wilder, and Mr. James McKinney and their staff on the awards and expressed his appreciation for their hard work. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Kentuck Festival this weekend.

Councilman Hogg, District 5, congratulated Mr. Doug Wilder, and Mr. James McKinney and their staff on the awards and expressed his appreciation for their hard work. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Kentuck Festival on Saturday, and Sunday. Councilman Hogg also thanked Mayor Aaron, and Councilman Boozer for speaking at the Tuscaloosa County School Board meeting. Councilman Hogg agreed with Councilman Boozer pertaining to the Hasson Center lease and/or purchase, and said a decision does need to be made soon.

Mayor Aaron, encouraged everyone to attend the Kentuck Festival this weekend and said she is looking forward to attending. She also thanked everyone for attending the school board meeting. Mayor Aaron said she feels that Northport has made their position clear to the board as to how their decision will impact the City.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adjourn into Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss retail development, possible sale of City property, and potential litigation. The session should last approximately one hour and thirty minutes and the Council may take action after the Executive Session is concluded.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Council reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene into the regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

President Logan explained that recently the Council authorized RFP's for the potential sale of the City Hall property and added that three (3) proposals were submitted and reviewed by the Retail Development Committee.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adopt Resolution 17-97 accepting the RFP submitted by Beeker Properties Group with a six (6) month due diligence period which the City of Northport or Beeker Properties can opt out of if so desired.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adjourn into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The session should last approximately forty-five minutes and the Council may take action after the Executive Session is concluded.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Council reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hogg to **adjourn the meeting.** Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hogg, Yes; Pro Tem Sullivan, Yes; Councilman Boozer, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:

Bruce Higginbotham, City Administrator