

The regular called meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on March 2, 2020, 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: President Logan, Councilman Roberts, Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis, and Pro Tem Hogg. Also present was Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum and Mayor Donna Aaron.

Presentation given to Mayor and Council and citizens on Community Branding by Mr. Max Snyder.

Presentation given to Mayor and Council and citizens on Façade Improvement by Mr. Max Snyder.

Presentation given to Mayor and Council and citizens on Citizen Advisory Group by Mr. Max Snyder.

Presentation given to Mayor and Council and citizens on possible water park project by Pro Tem Hogg.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **approve the agenda for March 2, 2020**. Roll call vote was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Councilman Logan: Opened the floor for a Public Hearing for this agenda item, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 2101 24<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Councilman Logan: Closed the floor for a Public Hearing for this agenda item, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 2101 24<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Ordinance 2029 ordering the demolition of an unsafe structure located at 2101 24<sup>th</sup> Street including a 60 day moratorium**. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Ordinance 2030 amending Section 1107 Pertaining to Annexation, recommending that all land be annexed as RS-1 unless a different zoning is requested by the petitioner**. Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Roberts, **Second** by Councilman Davis to **adopt Ordinance 2031 amending Table 4-1 of the Zoning Ordinance, at a minimum, mini-warehouse only be allowed by Conditional Use in a C-6 and permitted in M-1 zones giving City Council and PZC extra oversight when dealing with mini storage in highly visible areas of the City**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **adopt Ordinance 2032 granting Conditional Use approval to place fill material within the floodway fringe located at the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **approve Ordinance 2033 rezoning 2 acres from AG to C-2 located at the corner of Mitt Lary Road and Pine Hill Road**. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to **approve Ordinance 2034 granting Conditional Use approval of approximately 2 acres located at the corner of Mitt Lary Road and Pinehill Road to allow for indoor recreation in C-2 zone.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to **adopt Ordinance 2035 amending the Northport Municipal Code by adding Article VI to Chapter 2 relating to the proper disposal of City Property.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Councilman Roberts offered for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Ordinance Ordering Demolition of an Unsafe Structure located at 4501 Lakeshore Drive.**

**Councilman Davis offered for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code relating to the Façade Improvement Program.**

**Motion** by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **approve Resolution 20-15 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Cassidy Company, Inc., pertaining to the 1700 Pump Station Improvements and to execute any necessary documents and approve requisitions pertaining to said agreement.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

**Motion** by Councilman Hinton , **Second** by Councilman Roberts to **approve Resolution 20-16 authorizing a Community Branding and Logo Development Project for the City of Northport.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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**Motion by Councilman Davis, Second by Councilman Roberts to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 2, 2020 Council Meeting.**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes, February 17, 2020, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, New Admin Vehicle for PW, Donohoo Chevrolet, \$45,261.70-PW
4. PO Requisition, Turn-out Gear, NAFECO, \$5,742.00- FD
5. PO Requisition, AC Repair at Station #Station 3 and Station 4 , Fletcher Supply Company Inc., \$9,196.60 -FD
6. Travel/Training, 1 employee, 2020 AAMCA Summer Conference, June 30- July 2, 2020, Point Clear, AL, \$709.96-Admin
7. PO Requisition, Quarterly Testing at WWTP, Pace Analytical Services, \$8,000.00-Utilities
8. Travel/Training, 2 employees, ARWA Lab Testing Procedures with Hands on Testing, February 27, 2020, Livingston, AL, \$0- Utilities
9. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Wastewater Operator Certification Course, Utility Engineering Consultants, LLC, Multiple Class Dates, Moody, AL, \$975.00- Utilities
10. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Fusion Center Human Trafficking Analyst's Training Event, February 25-27, 2020, Montgomery, AL, \$0- PD
11. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Police Social Media Academy, May 4-5, 2020, Fairhope, AL, \$830.94-PD
12. Travel/Training, 2 employees, 2020 AL/MS Water Joint Annual Conference, AWEA, April 5-8, 2020, Mobile, AL, \$2,128.12-Utilities
13. PO Requisition, Martin Luther King Jr. Improvement Project, Invoice #25, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$24,805.00- Engineering
14. PO Requisition, Union Chapel Road Realignment Project, Pay Application # 3, Dominion Construction Company, \$94,031.91- Admin
15. Travel/Training, 1 employee, Paralegal I & II Online Training, \$2,500.00- Legal
16. PO Requisition, Meters, Empire Pipe, \$11,400.00- Utilities
17. PO Requisition, Renewal for Barracuda Firewall, Malware Protection and Employee Total Email Protection, Bion Security, \$117,541.06-IT
18. PO Requisition, Garbage Carts, Otto Environmental Systems, \$14,996.00- PW

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

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. Frank Chandler**, 4902 Emerald Bay Drive, stated the possible water park for Northport needs to be put on the back burner. He expressed his concern for things that “just come up”, things that are unexpected. He gave an example of the Coronavirus that is making its way to the United States. Mr. Chandler went on to say that by the time this park is built that the Coronavirus would likely be in our area and that nothing could spread this virus more than having it spread in a water park. He stated it would be on the heads of the council if there were deaths due to this situation.

**Mr. Bobby Herndon**, 5925 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Northport, AL, commended Pro Tem Hogg on the research he conducted regarding his presentation of the water park. He expressed his acceptance and approval of this possible water park as long as everyone has done their homework and that it is 100% ‘doable.’ He pleaded with the council to take full consideration of this possible water park.

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**Ms. Tamaría Madison**, 4412 Northwood Lake Drive West, complimented Pro Tem on the solid presentation. Ms. Madison questioned why Northport cannot have its own library. She feels that the increase in sales tax should go towards a library or even a sports complex. She is not in favor of a water park. She wants to add something of the value for the children of the community. She also questioned how people were appointed to the Citizens Advisory Group. She wanted to know if the group was racially diverse or is it just friends of the council that will just go along with what they want to do.

**Ms. April Zark**, 5535 Chestertown, stated she was the one who led the Facebook group for which helped bring the crowd to the Council meeting that evening. Ms. Zark is in complete approval of the water park. She feels Northport needs to have a vision for the future. This project will grow into something bigger; this water park is just the beginning.

**Ms. Paula Butler**, 10125 Jones Road, addressed the Mayor and Council with her concerns of the paving on Jones Road and Tom Taylor Road. She would like it fixed, nothing fancy. She touched base with Councilman Davis and he said he would have her an update on March 18, 205-239-5005

**Ms. Christine Puglisse**, 4445 20<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed Mayor and Council with her support of the potential water park. Ms. Puglisse stated she and her husband are currently moving their small family to the Northport community and they are excited about being in a community that is more family oriented.

**Mr. Colby Olesky**, 3805 Biscayne Hills Drive, stated he is all in favor of the water park as long as Northport has its priorities in order. Mr. Olesky also thanked Pro Tem Hogg for his detailed presentation; the presentation answered many questions that citizens had regarding the potential water park. Focus needs to be brought to areas like the old Boys Club. He stated that the Boys Club stays busy with games, so the City does not need to neglect that need. He firmly believes that recreation for youth is important to keep children and teens on the right path. He also expressed his feelings on the importance of keeping up the roads in the City. Mr. Olesky stated that there would probably be less backlash if the City kept up with its promises such as maintaining the roads before moving onto grandiose ideas.

**Mr. Jamie Lake**, 11104 Patton Circle, addressed the Mayor and Council to do a closing statement for his campaign for the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education. He encouraged everyone to go vote, regardless of who you support.

**Ms. Crystal Buck**, 8765 Oak Fern Drive, 433 Main Avenue(Business Address), invited everyone out to the Northport Spring Jubilee, celebrating our community and its heritage. This is an all-day event 8:00 am-4:00 pm on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. David Wyndham**, 13585 Pinehill Drive, address the Council regarding questions about the indoor batting facility on Pinehill Drive. He questioned the entrance of this facility whether it would be off Mitt Lary or Pinehill Drive. He had concerns about the traffic flow on Pinehill Drive.

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**Mayor & Council Member's Business:**

**Mayor Aaron, None**

**Councilman Roberts, District 1, None**

**President Logan, District 2,** President Logan stated the courts at the Boys Club would be moved including a pocket park and maybe even a splash pad. The location would be announced soon. Moving on Bridge Avenue with the Marriott Hotel will begin soon.

**Councilman Hinton, District 3 , None**

**Councilman Davis, District 4 , None**

**Pro Tem Hogg, District 5,** thanked the citizens for coming and sharing their thoughts on the possible water park project. He also asked Council to be open minded and give complete consideration to the idea presented. He instructed any citizens that had questions regarding the water park project to filter those through the City Administrator's office.

**Motion** by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg **to adjourn the meeting Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss potential retail development. The meeting should last no longer than sixty (60) minutes , and it is anticipated the Council will not take action after session is concluded. Staff does not have to remain.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Council reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

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

**There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**

  
Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



Warren H. McCollum, Interim City Administrator