

The regular Called Meeting of the Northport City Council convened at 5:30 p.m. on May 4th, 2020, at Northport City Hall, in the Council Chambers located at 3500 McFarland Blvd. Upon roll call, the following were found to be present: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Councilman Davis and Pro Tem Hogg. Also present, were Mayor Aaron and Interim City Administrator Hardy McCollum.

The meeting was conducted pursuant to Governor Ivey's March 18th proclamation adhering to all safe social distancing practices. Temperatures were taken at the door and seats were placed at least 6 feet apart.

Motion Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton to approve the agenda for May 4, 2020, with the deletion of item 12a1. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to adopt **Ordinance 2039 granting the request amending Section 1003.6.B pertaining to the filling of the flood plain.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Pro Tem to adopt **Ordinance 2040 amending Chapter 2, Division 7 of the Northport Municipal Code by adding Subdivision V relating to the establishment of a Traffic Safety Program.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Hinton, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Logan: Opened the floor for a Public Hearing for the next two agenda items:

Concerning Consideration of Amendment to the Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement with MANSA-NPT, LLC. and Approving the Amended Certificate of Indebtedness and Authorizing the City of Northport to file a validation action to validate the obligations set forth in the Certificate of Indebtedness.

Councilman Logan: Closed the floor for a Public Hearing for these agenda items.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem to suspend the rules in order to immediately consider authorizing the amendment to the Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement with MANSA-NPT, LLC. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to approve **Resolution 20-28 authorizing an amendment to the Redevelopment Reimbursement Agreement with MANSA-NPT, LLC.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** Pro Tem Hogg to suspend the rules in order to immediately consider authorizing the City to file a validation action to validate the obligations set forth in the Certificate of Indebtedness. Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Pro Tem Hogg to approve **Resolution 20-29 approving the amended Certificate of Indebtedness and authorizing the City to file a validation action to validate the obligations set forth in the Certificate of Indebtedness.** Roll call was as follows: President Logan, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Councilman Davis offered for 1st Reading, Ordinance Declaring Sales Tax Holiday (Back to School).

Motion by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to suspend the rules in order to allow immediate consideration to approve the ordinance adding Chapter 75 to the Northport Municipal Code.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Davis, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to approve Ordinance 2041 adding Chapter 75 to the Northport Municipal Code.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Hinton, **Second** by Councilman Roberts **to adopt Resolution 20-27, approving Change Order No. 2 for the Union Chapel Road Alignment Construction Project which will result in additional funding of \$149,511.00.** 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.**

Motion by Pro Tem Hogg, **Second** by Councilman Davis **to adopt Resolution 20-30 authorizing the filing of grant application for FY 2021 TAP Funds.** Roll call was as follows: Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Councilman Hinton, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **adopting Resolution 20-31 awarding the bid for a new roof for the Public Safety Building to Deason Roofing and to authorize the City Administrator to approve all purchase requisitions using prices from said bid file.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; President Logan, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 4, 2020 Council Meeting.**

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes, April 20, 2020, Regular Meeting
2. Bill Listing
3. PO Requisition, January-March 2020, Cost to House Prisoners, Tuscaloosa County Commission, \$43,037.49-PD
4. PO Requisition, Overage from October 2019 cost to house prisoners, Tuscaloosa County Commission, \$4,950.00-PD
5. PO Requisition, 4 vehicles for PD, Donohoo Chevrolet, \$170,046.56-PD
6. PO Requisition, boots for staff at Public Works, Ervin's, \$6,470.00- PW
7. PO Requisition, services rendered on MLK, Jr. Blvd Improvements Project, Invoice #26, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., \$3,276.50-Engineering
8. Travel/Training, 1 employee, ARWA AL/FL Joint Technical Training Conference, May 19-20, 2020, Panama City, FL, \$542.30-Utilities
9. PO Requisition, Herbicide Application to the Levee, EDKO, \$7,185.42-PW
10. PO Requisition, 2020 Ford F550 Bucket Truck, Altec Industries, Requisition # 305345, \$153,712.00-PW

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

City Administrator's Business:

Mr. Doug Varmon, Interim City Engineer, gave an update on the status of the paving projects taking place in the City. He gave an overview of the assessment taking place of the roads that are in most need of the paving.

Mr. Max Snyder, Development Coordinator, spoke on Choice Hotel project that was presented at the prior Council Meeting on April 20th. The amount of the incentive was \$500,000.00; that would be delivered as an annual rebate as half of the City's lodging tax above \$50,000.00 generated at the project site. The term would be ten years but not to exceed that \$500,000.00 ceiling and that is project specific. The project is to create 22 fulltime equivalent jobs and the owner has agreed to host a job fair in Northport, giving preference to Northport residents. The proposed agreement would be nontransferable. That would be apply to the LLC and the owners of the LLC.

Mr. John Rhea stated that if the Council wants to move forward it needs to be advertised, the public needs to be informed, and there needs to be time for a public hearing. The Council needs to authorize for Mr. Rhea to prepare the necessary development agreement and documents like the City has done in the past. After preparation, Mr. Rhea will bring those back and they will be advertised in the Tuscaloosa News for a public hearing. Then the project and the proposed development and proposed incentive package would be in front of Council for a proper vote. Mr. Rhea's opinion was for Council not to vote. It was simply for him to authorize for him to prepare proper documentation to come back for a vote.

Mayor & Council Member's Business:

Mayor Aaron, Mayor Aaron suggested the City donate another \$5,000.00 to the West Alabama Food Bank. The first donation was greatly appreciated.

Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Davis, **from the Mayor's office to donate \$5,000 to the West Alabama Food Bank. Roll call was as follows.** President Logan, Yes; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Motion by Councilman Davis, **Second** by Councilman Hinton **from the Mayor's office to donate \$250,000.00 to the PARA Foundation for the all-inclusive playground located at Sokol Park. This budgetary allocation will be spread out over several years.** Roll call was as follows: Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; Pro Tem Hogg, Yes; and President Logan, Abstained. **Motion Carries.**

Councilman Roberts, District 1, Absent

President Logan, District 2, President Logan thanked Public Works for all the hard work they have been putting in and all the hard work they always do for our City. He said that our staff has done a really good job at delivering a service to our citizens.

Councilman Hinton, District 3 , No Business

Councilman Davis, District 4 , Thanked Mr. McFarland for coming to speak to Council.

Pro Tem Hogg, District 5, No Business.

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Motion by President Logan, **Second** by Councilman Davis to adjourn the meeting Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and economic development. The meeting should last no longer than forty-five (45) 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; Councilman Davis, Yes; Councilman Roberts, Yes; Councilman Hinton, Yes; and Pro Tem Hogg, Yes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

The Council reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Jay Logan, President

ATTEST:



W. Hardy McCollum, Interim City Administrator