

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Travis Dotson called to order the special called meeting of the Huntsville City Council at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Assistant to the Mayor Janice Smith called roll and declared a quorum. Councilors Guy Roden, Roger Eoff, Leslie Evans, Kevin Meythaler and Stephen Ford were present. Council Scott Thomas came in later. Also present was Office Assistant Rebecca Nelle. Absent was Councilor Chrystal Lacey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Roden, seconded by Councilor Eoff, to approve the agenda.

SPECIAL BUSINES

Mayor Dotson introduced AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE CLASSIFICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL CODES OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS. Motion was made by Council Eoff, seconded by Councilor Evans, to place the Ordinance on its first reading Motion carried (5-0). Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance in full. Councilor Thomas arrived at this point. Motion was made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Roden, to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading by title only. Motion carried (6-0). Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance by title only. Motion was made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Roden, to further suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading. Motion carried (6-0). Attorney Fritts read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor Dotson called for discussion. Hearing none, motion was made by Councilor Eoff, seconded by Councilor Ford, to adopt the Ordinance. Roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion was made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Eoff, to adopt the emergency clause. Motion carried (6-0). The Ordinance was declared adopted and numbered 2024-6.

Mayor Dotson introduced A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY ALLOWING FOR BECKY NELLE OR JANICE SMITH TO CO-SIGN CHECKS. Motion was made by Councilor Roden, seconded by Councilor Ford, to adopt the Resolution. The Resolution was declared adopted and numbered 9-2024.

Mayor Dotson said a Public Hearing has been set for Thursday, October 10, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The purpose is to identify and prioritize the community needs of the City of Huntsville, determining whether an application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEDP) funds should be developed and, if so, for what community need. Also, comments on proposed project activities will be discussed. Notices have been placed in five locations as required by law.

Mayor Dotson said the City will need \$10,000 to match the \$90,000 grant if awarded. He emphasized that no appropriations are being made at this time. He asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he introduced the Resolutions needed for the process, as follows:

Motion was made by Councilor Roden, seconded by Councilor Evans, to adopt A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A NON-PROFIT AGENCY AS RSBG GRANT ADMINISTRATOR. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0) and it was numbered 2024-10.

Motion was made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Eoff, to adopt A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANTIDISPLACEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH

AEDC (ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION) GRANT PROGRAMS. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0) and it was numbered 2024-11.

Motion was made by Councilor Eoff, seconded by Councilor Thomas, to adopt a RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THE APPLICANT'S JURISDICTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0) and it was numbered 2024-12.

Motion was made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Eoff, to adopt A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0) and it was numbered 2024-13.

Motion was made by Councilor Eoff, seconded by Councilor Ford, to adopt A RESOLUTION FOR A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR CDBG PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, AR. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0) and it was numbered 2024-14.

Motion was made by Councilor Roden, seconded by Councilor Eoff, to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HUNTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. There was no discussion. Motion carried (6-0) and it was numbered 2024-15.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilor Evans, seconded by Councilor Eoff, to adjourn.

Mayor Travis Dotson

City Clerk Joetta Smith