

**CITY OF HOOVER  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 3, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Hoover met in regular session on this date at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the Hoover Municipal Complex, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. Council President Gene Smith called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll with the following:

**Members Present:** Gene Smith, Council President  
John Greene, Council Pro-Tem  
Casey Middlebrooks, Council Member  
Derrick Murphy, Council Member  
Curt Posey, Council Member  
Mike Shaw, Council Member

**Members Absent:** John Lyda, Council Member

**Other Officials Present:** Mayor Frank V. Brocato  
Phillip Corley, City Attorney  
Rod Evans, Assistant City Attorney  
April Danielson, Assistant City Attorney  
Jehad Al-Dakka, Executive Officer, Police Department  
Amanda Borden, Library Director  
Jason Cope, Technology Director  
Tommy Daniel, Public Works Director  
Frank Lopez, Revenue and Taxation Director  
Melinda Lopez, PhD, Chief Financial & Information Officer  
Rod Long, City Engineer  
Robert Macke, Zoning Inspector  
Mac Martin, City Planner  
Ben Powell, Purchasing Director  
Allan Rice, City Administrator  
Tim Westhoven, Chief Operations Officer  
Jim Wyatt, Building Inspections Director  
Mindy Wyatt, Applications Systems Specialist  
Craig Moss, Director, Parks and Recreation  
Clay Bentley, Fire Chief  
Brent Parrot, Court Operations Coordinator  
Linda Moore, 911 Director

Melanie Posey, Public Information Officer  
Greg Knighton, Economic Development Director  
Phil McGraw, Civil Engineer  
Robert Yeager, City Treasurer  
Wendy Dickerson, City Clerk

Mrs. Wendy Dickerson, City Clerk, led the invocation.

Mr. Curt Posey, Council Member led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 2, 2019, work session was presented for approval.

**MOTION:** Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 2, 2019 (Work Session) and approve them as presented was made by Mr. Posey and second by Mr. Greene. Mr. Smith called for a voice vote and the motion carried, approving the minutes of the May 2, 2019, work session.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, GUEST RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Smith recognized State Representative David Wheeler and former Council Member Joe Reeves as being present at the meeting.

Mr. Robert Macke noted that one property was removed from the public nuisance so there are two cases tonight instead of three. Those cases are for the public nuisance cases for properties located at 1858 Burning Tree Circle and 2426 Gawain Drive.

Dr. Lopez gave an update on the current status of the Information Technology plan for the City of Hoover. Dr. Lopez said back in the fiscal year 2017 and 2018, this Council invested a little over \$2 million dollars to upgrade the IT infrastructure and this was critical for the network and effective delivery of service to the various departments and citizens. By the end of June 2019, they expect to have the backbone of this plan in place with the first servers live between City Hall and the Public Safety Center. The first service this will apply to will be the Police Department net motion servers that they use to run their mobile data terminals in their police cars. Over the next year or two, the City will be adding all of their servers to this framework. Dr. Lopez said this has taken a lot of hard work and she wanted to give credit to City staff, Jason Cope, Greg Boykin, and Tim Harper with Logista, with the implementation of this project. Dr. Lopez said there are many more servers to upgrade which will be done over the next one to two years as a lot of it requires working with vendors. Dr. Lopez said at the time of this appropriation, this \$2 million dollars actually funded eight of ten phases in the plan. The last two

phases addressed extending the network to a third site and that site was the Hoover Met Complex which is in addition to the other two sites which are the Public Safety Center and City Hall. Dr. Lopez said this conceptualization of adding the Hoover Met Complex to the network stems from even more than five years ago. This has been part of the overall IT strategy for quite some time. Since it would take time to implement the first eight phases, at the time the funding was tabled for phases nine and ten until a later date. Additional IT planning efforts occurred in 2017 also revolved around the hiring of the Bronson White for IT consulting and to comprehensively access the IT function. Dr. Lopez introduced Mr. White to the Council.

Mr. White said his company came in and audited all of Hoover's IT assets including hardware and software. Mr. White talked about the complexity of Hoover's IT. Mr. White said his company conducted an assessment including all the IT positions and who is in them. Mr. White explained the assessments on the slideshow presented. Mr. White said they did an analysis on how Hoover went about conducting the business of managing IT. Mr. White explained the following findings: Hoover is well managed and has confident people but there were other issues found that can make Hoover more efficient. One thing they are working on is a governance model for the city. Mr. White said that Hoover has a legacy of a centralized IT organization. Mr. White said they established a Steering Committee that is engaged in the operational management of IT and this is a great way for management because auditors want them to have a voice in how IT is executed. Mr. White mentioned some things that came from their analysis they conducted such as the use of the Steering Committee to create policies and then maintain them over time and to have a business resumption plan of which there will be multiple components. Mr. White's recommendation to Hoover is to slowly go about centralizing infrastructure.

Dr. Lopez talked more about the third site at the Met Complex. Dr. Lopez said as discussed previously on phases 9 and 10, the estimated cost was \$950,000 but recently MCI Metro/Verizon was looking to do a franchise agreement and they have negotiated with them in putting shadow conduit on the paths that they are doing at the incremental additional cost which will be a great savings. Dr. Lopez said they have an estimate on the conduit alone and by taking advantage of what they have offered to do in the franchise agreement; it will be approximately a 75% savings on that cost. Dr. Lopez said she and Mr. Cope looked at all the areas in Hoover to see what would be a priority to basically put on a GIS map the location of the facilities including the three main sites, the Public Safety Center, the City Hall, and the Hoover Met. Priority one was mainly between the Public Safety Center and City Hall which has already been funded. The second priority is focusing on an area of Hwy 150 and Stadium Trace to allow them to get a path to the third potential site at the Hoover Met Complex. Calculating the cost of what it would be utilizing MCI Metro/Verizon with shadow conduit, the estimated cost is \$368,000. Dr. Lopez said there are over 75 servers including servers that are being provided for 24-7 operations. Dr. Lopez said this priority will allow them to provide better IT service to various parts of the City. Dr. Lopez said in the event something happened to City Hall and the Public Safety Center and they were not able to be occupied in the event of a tornado or some other event, the Met Complex is a physical location that is big enough that the City could relocate there and continue to provide services. Dr. Lopez said the City also has this investment in capital outlay to reduce operational cost. Right now there are two internet connections at the Met Complex and also an

ATT ASC circuit in which Dr. Lopez feels the City can get rid of one of those internet connections as well as the ATT ASC circuit which would save the city over \$20,000 annually. Dr. Lopez introduced again Bronson White, Tim Harper, and Greg Boykin.

Mr. Shaw said that they have talked about the fiber optics for several years and he believes in disaster recovery. Mr. Shaw thinks that extending fiber out to the Finley is a Ferrari and not a pickup and if you get a good deal on a Ferrari it is still a Ferrari. Mr. Shaw said to kind of scale back a little bit and take a look at the talk of redundancy between the two locations, the Public Safety Center and City Hall. Mr. Shaw asked Dr. Lopez to explain exactly what is being funded.

Dr. Lopez said basically there is an existing connection that is a third party connection but with the funding request for priority 1 the City will be able to put in its own fiber between these two facilities and this will replace the other connection.

Mr. Shaw asked was it feasible to put two paths between these two locations and he also wanted to know if this was even considered.

Dr. Lopez said yes this was looked at but some of the reasons that they didn't go this route were because it did not answer the whole business continuity concept.

Mr. Shaw said he disagreed and it did answer the business continuity concept because of multipath redundancy. Mr. Shaw referenced that every storm path that comes through this area goes up I459 from Tuscaloosa and it is very common to see that and any federal regulated industry would get nailed on that and if we are serious about needing that third location then he does not see why the City is not looking at other ways of doing this. Mr. Shaw asked was any other location looked at besides Finley.

Dr. Lopez said there is not really another major site but to keep in mind that the whole aspect of this is benefiting the City's Engineering Department with the traffic signal cameras so it is not costing anymore and can be used for multiple reasons.

Mr. Shaw said this is close to a \$400,000 plan and we are telling people with pools that we can't fix their pools and there is a road needed out in Trace Crossings and there are all these other things and he feels there is a lot cheaper way to do this project. Mr. Shaw said he has not seen the effort to come up with any other alternative ideas but only why the City should go with this idea. Mr. Shaw said if he came home with a Ferrari and said he got a good deal he would have a lot of explaining to do and he does not want to have to explain to the citizens of Hoover.

Mr. Greene said public safety is at the top of his list and when it was mentioned that if something happened at City Hall did we have another place like the Finley Center or the Hoover Met that really struck home with him and he would love to have something because there could be an earthquake or anything happen. Mr. Greene said he trust all the staff and said this was brought to them and a lot of work was done on it and a consultant was also brought in. Mr.

Greene said he doesn't see any negative besides possibly looking to save some money somewhere.

Mr. Posey said the majority of the weather comes from the Finley Center area this way towards the City Hall area then towards the Public Safety Center last and he feels if this is one of the chief things then they need to look East and not further West. Mr. Posey said the tornado that was here last spun up near Morgan Road headed toward the Finley Center and that would have been the first path affected then probably the City Hall last so he thinks a major storm would probably hit that area first.

Dr. Lopez said if she could predict where the tornadoes were going she probably wouldn't be standing here and the key is they are trying to develop a system to make the City be ready if something did happen wherever it may be it can't be predicted.

Mr. Posey said as far as the funding has the \$2.05 million that was funded been all expended.

Dr. Lopez said there are still a few things left to purchase which is some equipment and some of the fiber costs.

Mr. Posey said yes there is a lot of money in the Finley Center and it appears that putting more things out there is definitely something that will have to be looked at. Mr. Posey asked from the interest accrued from the bond, is there any way to pull any other funds than from this so there can be money set aside to fund future projects for the Finley Center.

Dr. Lopez said keep in mind that if they were to fund the savings of \$415,000 some of it is related to balances related to the Hoover Met project and some of it is resulting from some road projects. Dr. Lopez said it is not all money related to projects at the Finley Center.

Mr. Posey asked is it possible to go from the Public Safety Center through Riverchase to reach the Met instead of going down Hwy 150.

Dr. Lopez said there are no conduits going there right now and it would cost a lot more money.

Dr. Middlebrooks asked about priority three mentioning Valleydale Road and if the fiber is being laid too early.

Dr. Lopez said it is in line with when Verizon will do their phasing and this is one of the later phases.

Mr. Murphy feels that having the Finley Center is a significant valued asset. Mr. Murphy asked if any of the stakeholders of the first phase have indicated as to how well this first phase has benefited them if the work has begun.

Dr. Lopez said the work has not started yet on the first phase.

Mr. Murphy said he looks at ways when the City spends money on assets and how that comes back and when moving forward with controls in place you need some form of a way to do some analysis on how beneficial they have been and on moving forward when new technology items come before the Council there is a past outlook.

Mr. Cope talked about the current service as opposed to what phase 1 will bring will be the exact situation the City is currently on and with the new fiber, the City will have the option to expand.

Mr. Smith asked how long it will be before Valleydale is available for its phase.

Dr. Lopez said Valleydale is one of the last phases but there could be parts of it that are in an earlier phase.

Mr. Smith said in the past there have been similar situations to take place between City Hall and the Public Safety Center and the redundancy worked effectively.

Dr. Lopez said this will be tested in the future but it has to be put in place first.

Mr. Smith asked if the City stored any of its servers out of state.

Dr. Lopez said right now the City does have HTE and they utilize the cloud for that and the cloud is also used for the fire software but most others are onsite.

Mr. Smith asked if the Library or Park and Rec are included in any of the phases.

Dr. Lopez said the Library, Park and Rec, the Senior Center, and Police operations are all part of the North campus project and everything will be connected by fiber and to the network as well.

Mr. Smith asked about the cost savings from the project.

Mr. Cope said the 75% cost reduction was done based off of cost estimates they received from doing all the conduit at today's cost value versus Verizon's and it would have been four times as much as what the current number would be for that conduit added in so this is where the 75% reduction came from.

Mr. Smith asked if the fiber is run to the Met will they be voting on just to get the fiber to the property and the equipment come later or is any of this money for funding equipment in the facility.

Dr. Lopez said that none of this request is related to the equipment. Dr. Lopez said they do have some equipment already and will be able to tie this in together but there will be some additional equipment.

Mr. Smith asked if the radio and satellite towers will be connected to fiber or if they are currently connected to fiber.

Dr. Lopez said she thinks at least two of them are connected out of seven.

Mr. Smith asked about ALDOT and Hoover and how they maintain their cameras.

Dr. Lopez said the City has their own cameras that they maintain.

Mr. Long said that the cameras of the interstate seen on the internet are maintained by ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation). Mr. Long further explained that Hoover has no cameras operative at this point that they would have access to.

Mr. Smith asked about Exhibit A and which was the correct amount and if the City had the funds available to do Option A.

Dr. Lopez said she is representing the IT function and the financial function and she would never bring something to the table that the City could not afford so the funding is in place.

Mr. Rice answered about the timeline for partnership opportunities for the schools. Mr. Rice said the Police Department has been engaged for many weeks in a conversation with the schools about a way to make a substantive improvement and this would facilitate that since they are running into technological problems making that process work. Mr. Rice said this process will enhance safety of the population inside the schools and the population of SROs (School Resource Officers) and First Responders to those schools.

Mr. Smith asked why has the Council not been briefed before on this and why has this been brought at the last minute.

Mr. Rice said there have been many months of conversation and a lot of information has been provided but they are now on a timeline and Verizon is waiting to see if the city is going to do this project or not.

Mr. Smith again indicated why this has not been brought to the Council months ago for discussion.

Mr. Shaw asked when this item was first discussed.

Mr. Rice said budget hearings.

Dr. Lopez said it was discussed the last few years.

Mr. Rice said it was discussed the last few years of budget.

Mr. Shaw said so what he was hearing was that the Technology Committee had not met and that is why the Council had not been briefed. Mr. Shaw said, so if the Technology Committee didn't want to have a meeting which is not the case then why didn't the Council have this presentation two months ago when this first came up. Mr. Shaw said when this was brought up in budget hearings, he mentioned that they being the Council need to be briefed on this subject at that time and if it is being represented that he did not hold a Technology Committee meeting bottom line is the Council could have had this briefing two months ago and they wouldn't be down to the wire. Mr. Shaw said what we have here is another last minute situation and the Council is being asked to spend this much money last minute and everything is plotted out in front of them as if it is needed for public safety and need to do this right now and now the school system is being brought into it and if any representation is made that this is a Technology Committee issue that is not accurate.

Mr. Rice commented there is no intent to offend Mr. Shaw in any way as Chairman of that committee and they were trying to work the dialogue with the Chairman of the Technology Committee because they thought that was the appropriate and respectful thing to do as they were trying to work through what they believed was the proper process.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Rice if he felt that he was being put off by the chair of technology why didn't he come to the Council chair.

Mr. Rice said he does not think they were being put off but the dialogue was not maturing to the point where it was ready to go to committee. Mr. Rice said he has been associated with the City for 27 years and we do provide Ferrari level service and if he pulled in his driveway tonight in a Ferrari and said that he only paid pickup truck prices, he would be the hero and not be in any trouble and he feels everything that has been heard tonight is a consensus opinion by the staff and consultants that have been chosen and engaged and they firmly believe that this is in the City's best interest.

Mr. Posey said there are a lot of numbers and a lot of things and he needs to hear this again and wondered if this could be put on the agenda for the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and in between that time go over this again and have the committee meeting and have more discussion on this subject.

Mr. Smith said should this not move forward; it would have to be a called meeting.

Mr. Posey said he is completely lost right now. Mr. Greene said he is not lost. Mr. Rice said they want the members of the Council to be comfortable and will contact Verizon again if needed.

Mr. Smith asked will an additional contract have to come before the Council.



Dr. Lopez said she is unaware of any additional contract but is emailing to ask that question.

Dr. Middlebrooks asked if the shadow conduit had already been approved through the franchise agreement months ago.

Dr. Lopez said yes for phase one.

Mr. Smith asked City Attorney Phillip Corley should the expenditure in excess of \$850,000 be expended through a contract or through a purchase order.

Mr. Corley said they will be happy to look at that and he understands there is a provision in the franchise agreement for the running of the shadow conduit. Mr. Corley said this may be a policy question instead of a legal question under the bid law and other constraints that the City has.

Dr. Lopez said only part of the \$850,000 is related to the conduit, the fiber would have to be bid and the handholds will be purchased off of the bid so only part of it is related to Verizon, the conduit. Dr. Lopez said the City Attorney's office has already reviewed this because it is considered a sole source and that part, the conduit, does comply with the bid law. Dr. Lopez furthered explained the different scenarios presented to the Council. Dr. Lopez said Scenario A includes what they think will cover the conduit, the handholds, and the fiber. Option C includes everything for only Priority 2.

Mr. Posey asked so the other two amounts are without the fiber.

Dr. Lopez said Exhibit A includes all for Phase 2, Priority 2 and Priority 3 and Exhibit C is only Priority 2 and Exhibit B is all in for Priority 2 and only the conduit for Priority 3 so that the City could go ahead and take advantage of the cost savings.

Mr. Greene asked was tonight's vote only for the \$368,000.

Dr. Lopez said they have given the Council three scenarios and the request is for the Council to approve both but at a minimum approve Phase 2.

Mr. Robin Schultz said redundancy in his line of work is crucial and in the IT field redundancy is very important. Mr. Schultz said the City is moving into the Met but are not outsourcing anything and why is the City not co-locating this particular center to a place that already has the fiber infrastructure. Mr. Schultz said everyone in the Council is an expert in their field but only one Council, Mr. Shaw is an expert in IT and Mr. Shaw has voiced his opinion on this subject. Mr. Schultz feels that the Council has an obligation to defer to the expert on this matter. Mr. Schultz feels the Council is doing what they have done in the past over and over again on saying "we got to have it today."

Mr. Rice said the proposal is not to locate any data center and Mr. Schultz referred to putting a center somewhere where there was already infrastructure. Mr. Rice said the proposal is to connect to the Met what the City already has into the City's network. Mr. Rice said it has been mentioned a few times and he is unsure of which administration is being referred to but he cannot think of too many rushed projects that have been brought to this Council and if the analogy is the SEC and the Finley Center or the Hoover Met Complex that was in the last quadrennium. Mr. Rice wanted to make sure they are dealing with facts. Mr. Rice said he is going to politely refute the notion that this administration has the habit of rushing in here at the eleventh hour and taking action on major issues. Mr. Rice said he feels this is not happening since November 7, 2016.

Dr. Middlebrooks said it is obvious that there is not going to be an unanimous vote on this matter and many are having concerns on the all in option but according to staff, Option C which only deals with Priority 2 can be approved and allow the staff to come back with the all in option. Dr. Middlebrooks suggested adjusting the agenda so that this item can be voted on. A motion to adjust the agenda to move Item 15 **Resolution No. 6010-19** on the agenda up to current time was then made by Dr. Middlebrooks and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Smith called for the question with a roll call vote, as follows:

Mr. Greene – yes	
Dr. Middlebrooks – yes	Mr. Murphy – yes
Mr. Posey – yes	Mr. Shaw – yes
Mr. Smith – yes	Motion carried.

Mr. Smith then called for a motion to approve Resolution 6010-19 amending the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Dr. Middlebrooks moved for Option C for Resolution 6010-19 to be approved. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene.

Dr. Lopez discussed the other items on the budget amendment. Dr. Lopez said the \$15,000 is additional equipment for the fire pumper.

Chief Bentley said they changed a hazmat portion of an engine last year and also got funding for an additional engine. Chief Bentley said during that process, there was a slight price increase before the purchase order to purchase the second engine and the last engine was received three months ago. Chief Bentley said there is a foam system on that engine and they wanted to upgrade the foam system on that engine.

Dr. Lopez said item 2 is related to the part time position in the City Administrator's office for 24 hours a week. Item 3 is related to the part time position in the City Clerk's office. Item 4 is taking two Park Patrol officer positions and combining those into one full time position Park Patrol officer. Item 5 is related to what has been discussed previously. Mr. Smith asked why the ending fund balance is bracketed. Dr. Lopez said this is just the change in fund balance.

Mr. Posey asked about Item C and what costs is the City looking at on upkeep of fiber.

Dr. Lopez said if something happened or it got cut then they anticipate being able to call a vendor to repair this.

Dr. Middlebrooks asked about Item 3, the part-time position for City Clerk's office, and the need for that.

Mr. Rice said Mrs. Dickerson presented a request to him from the Council regarding a change in the process for the minutes and she said she will need some additional clerical hours to achieve that request. Mr. Rice said this will be a 29 hour per week maximum position to make sure they can provide this service.

Mr. Smith said that Mrs. Handley and Mrs. Lindsey both spent many late hours in the night trying to stay caught up with the minutes and he thinks this is an injustice of the Council to put that kind of labor intensive product on the staff especially when you have such important information documented and not just at this meeting but other committee meetings as well. Mr. Smith asked about what the Administrative Assistant position and Administrative Services Specialist to City Administrator position consist of.

Mr. Rice said that position was created as a temporary position and one of the City's recent retiree was placed in that position and she helped with the transition in the Clerk's office and in between those duties while waiting on different staff to come on board and be eligible to be trained, she has also assisted in the Engineering Department. Mr. Rice said he sees a need for her to stay on board in a part time capacity and assist across the City. Mr. Rice said she has 33 years of experience in a number of different departments and he hopes this is trend setting. Mr. Rice is asking this position be attached to his office for time sheet reporting purposes.

Mr. Shaw commented on the spending and not having an option not to do it and feels there are other options and he feels the City is looking for reasons to spend money.

Mr. Smith called for the question with a roll call vote, as follows:

Mr. Greene –yes

Dr. Middlebrooks – yes

Mr. Posey – yes

Mr. Smith – no

Mr. Murphy – yes

Mr. Shaw – no

Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Smith asked that Resolution 6012-19 be moved from consent agenda.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6008-19**

A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Any And All Documents Necessary To Implement An Amendment To The Employee 457(b) Retirement Plan Designated As The City of Hoover Deferred Compensation Plan

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6009-19**

A Resolution Accepting Public Improvements Accepting Public Improvements Within Public Right-Of-Way

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6011-19**

A Resolution Approving The Amendment To The Tax Abatement For The IberiaBank Project

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6014-19**

A Resolution Accepting A Change Order For The Hoover City Hall Renovation Project

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6016-19**

A Resolution Approving An Alcohol License For ALDI, INC D/B/A ALDI 27; Troy Marshall and Terry Pfortmiller, Executives

**Payment of Bills**

City Attorney Phillip Corley read all items.

Mr. Posey made the motion to approve all consent items with a second by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote on all consent items and the motion carried adopting all the consent items.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6012-19**

A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With Elavon For An Addendum To The Terms Of Service For Government/Institutional Companies

Mr. Corley read the resolution.

Dr. Lopez said this is an additional credit card agreement that is already in existence for the Rec center for their normal credit card billing so anything they are going to bill related to memberships, it is being put into place the ability for them to do this with a credit card.

Mr. Smith asked what the rate was.

Dr. Lopez said it depends on the credit card used and multiple things determine what the rate would be.

A motion to approve Resolution Number 6012-19 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith called for any comments of the audience or Council. There being none the motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 6013-19**

A Resolution Declaring A Weed And Other Vegetation Nuisance And Directing The Abatement Of Said Nuisance Pursuant To Alabama Law

Mr. Corley read the resolution. Mr. Corley said this reflects properties at 1858 Burning Tree Circle and 2426 Gawain Drive.

A motion to approve Resolution Number 6013-19 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith called for any comments of the audience or Council. There being none the motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 6004-19**

A Resolution For The Abatement Of Public Nuisance Due To Weeds And/Or Grass

Mr. Smith opened the floor for a public hearing.

Mr. Robert Macke said there are four properties that the Council will be voting to abate. Mr. Macke said this is the second hearing on these properties at 2384 Chapel Road, 3256 Mockingbird Lane, 425 Shades Avenue, and 2240 Tyler Road.

Mr. Corley read the resolution.

A motion to approve Resolution Number 6004-19 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith called for any comments of the audience or Council. There being none the motion carried.

### **Set Public Hearing for Monday, June 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**

#### **First Read- Ordinance Number 19-2437- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7-22 Of The Fire Prevention And Protection Code**

Mr. Corley read the ordinance. Mr. Corley said this modification is intended to replace certain provisions of the 2015 International Fire Code adopted with certain amendments by the City of Hoover on December 15, 2014; amendments are set forth in this proposed ordinance.

Chief Bentley said this is a house keeping issue and it is something the Fire Marshall has looked at over the past several years. Chief Bentley said if there is a shopping center with a sprinkler; that sprinkler would have to have some type of water flow device that alerts the occupant if water is moving. The new code allows for a horn to be installed, but the horn only has to be installed in one occupancy and they are asking that this be changed where all occupancies have a horn. Chief Bentley said it alerts all the occupants in that facility. Chief Bentley said when there are fire alarms that activate; you typically have audio and visual warnings. When the alarm is silenced under the current code, it turns the strobe and the alarm system that is sounding off like it is in test mode or silent mode. Chief Bentley said what they would like to see is the alarm be continued so that the occupant knows that the fire alarm is active. Chief Bentley talked about the minimum required fire plug. In the years past, they have asked for buildings to be sprinkled. It was in the code to encourage people to sprinkle buildings and when sprinkler systems were installed, you could have the required fire flow to be reduced. The fire code currently says it can be reduced to 1000 gpm (gallons per minute). Chief Bentley said they are asking that the percentage never drops below 1500 gpm no matter how much of the building is sprinkled.

### **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Mayor Brocato said it was a very good SEC tournament and a record was set the day before it closed. It was an outstanding event. The winning coach of Vanderbilt said that he was

from Nashville and he does not want to see the SEC go to Nashville and that Hoover is the best place for it. Mayor Brocato said this is said every year. Mayor Brocato said the City does a great job and offers great service.

Mr. Posey said this is the last meeting before the performances are held at the Gallerias the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> starting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be one performance after this evening, one on Friday, and two on Saturday and conclude with one on Sunday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Gene Smith  
Council President

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Frank V. Brocato  
Mayor

**ATTESTED BY:**

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Wendy Dickerson  
City Clerk