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COMPLETION OF WORK

ADVERTISEMENT OF COMPLETION

McCord Construction, Inc. hereby gives Legal Notice of Completion of Contract with City of Huntsville, Project Name: South Parkway & Hobbs Island Rd, located in the City of Huntsville, Alabama. All Claims should be filed at City of Huntsville, Public Service Building, 320 Fountain Cir, Huntsville, Alabama during this period of advertisement, i.e. October 25, November 1, November 8, and November 25, 2023.

Advertisement of Completion

LTS Construction, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contracts known as Periodic Bid for Emergency Pipe Bursting (WO#6 Clinton, Pratt, etc) and (WO#7 Madison Blvd/Indian Creek FM) COH Contract/Bid# 71-21-SP42 located in the City of Huntsville, Alabama. This notice will appear for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning on October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 2023. All claims should be filed at the City of Huntsville Engineering Department, 320 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

J.C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of Purchase Orders with the City of Huntsville IFB #97-2022-55 #71-18-SP24, for Green Street P.O. #20233820, Segers Road P.O. #20233819 and Joe Davis Stadium Striping P.O. #20234644 and has made request for final settlement of said Purchase Orders. This notice shall run for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning November 08, 2023, and ending November 25, 2023. All claims should be filed at 320 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801 during this time.

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, Dunlap Contracting has completed the contract for Hampton Cove Middle Renovation and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All claims for labor, materials, or otherwise should be sent to WSM, 1606 Paul W Bryant Dr, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

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FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, Dunlap Contracting has completed the contract for Weatherly Elementary Interior Renovation and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All claims for labor, materials, or otherwise should be sent to NVP, 301 Jefferson St Huntsville, AL 35801.

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TECHNICAL ADVISOR

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NOTICE TO HECTOR HERNANDEZ MARIANO OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS AND/OR PROPERTY

Notice is given to Hector Hernandez Mariano that our records indicate that you appear to be the owner of the funds or property listed below:

\$16,140.46

If you have an interest in these funds or property and wish to prevent the funds or property from being reported to the Alabama State Treasurer's Office as unclaimed as required by the Alabama Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, please contact:

Ronald Smith
 7525-D Memorial Parkway
 Huntsville, AL 35802
 256-520-1029
ronaldsmithhotmail@gmail.com

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 1st floor of the Municipal Building, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama. The Commission will take action on the following items:

1320 Wellman Avenue - Savannah and Jud Smith, applicants. Replace damaged shed.

415 Clinton Avenue - Jon Canterbury for Central Church of Christ, applicant. Replace rear siding.

315 White Street - Kathryn and Lewis Price, applicants. Construct detached garage.

721 Holmes Avenue - Gabriel Day, applicant. Construct privacy fencing.

908 Clinton Avenue - Darrell Burtram, applicant. Construct detached garage.

1119 Pratt Avenue - Chris Barksdale for Lauren Layton, applicant. Construct addition and detached garage, remove and replace vinyl siding, add shutters and raised flower bed, replace fencing and front door, add gutters and demolish outbuilding.

Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meetings

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the 1st Floor Urban Development Conference Room at 320 Fountain Cir. SW. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meets on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the 1st Floor Council Chambers of Huntsville City Hall, 308 Fountain Cir. SW. To review items on the agenda for these meetings, visit: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/>. For more information on the MPO, visit: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/>

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PREQUALIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received by The University of Alabama at Birmingham Facilities Planning Design and Construction at the Facilities Administration Building Conference Center, 801 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35294, **Thursday, December 7, 2023 until 2:00 pm Central Time for UAB Project No. 230256 Sterne Library Elevators 2 & 3 Refurbishment** located at 917 13th Street Birmingham, Alabama 35294 at which time they will be opened and read.

Prime Contractors that are properly licensed for this type of work are required to prequalify in order to bid. For more information about the project and how to prequalify, please go to the **UAB Facilities Bid Calendar** at www.uab.edu/facilities/pdnc/bids, refer to the bid date above, and click on the specific project number.

Applicants for Prequalification are strongly encouraged to submit applications at the earliest date possible following the first date of advertisement. UAB will review applications as submitted and notify applicants within two (2) working days of after **5:00 PM Central Time on Friday, December 1, 2023**. Submit applications in a pdf format to Rod Bizzell at rbizzell@uab.edu. Applications received after the date of the Pre-bid Conference may not be considered.

A **Prebid Conference** for all interested Contractors will be held at the **job site** at the above address at **10:00 AM Central Time, Thursday, November 16, 2023**.

Bid Documents will be available from the UAB Facilities Bid Calendar prior to the Prebid Conference.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by the virtue of an execution issued out of the **CIRCUIT** Court of MADISON County on a Judgment rendered against **JAMES E. DOBBINS** Defendant(s) and in favor **REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** Plaintiff(s). I, Sheriff of Madison County, Alabama, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at **Madison County Courthouse** located at **100 Northside Square** in the City of Huntsville, Alabama on the **20th** day of **NOVEMBER, 2023**, within the legal hours of sale, at 12:00 noon, whatever interest the above named defendant(s) may possess in and to the following described property to wit:

LOT 10, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SURVEY OF CHASE ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 40, PROBATE RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA.

To appear in the Speakin Out News (3) times:

OCTOBER 25
 NOVEMBER 1
 NOVEMBER 8

Kevin H. Turner
 Sheriff of Madison County

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by the virtue of an execution issued out of the **CIRCUIT** Court of MADISON County on a Judgment rendered against **ROBERT CALLIS** Defendant(s) and in favor **REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** Plaintiff(s). I, Sheriff of Madison County, Alabama, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at **Madison County Courthouse** located at **100 Northside Square** in the City of Huntsville, Alabama on the **20th** day of **NOVEMBER, 2023**, within the legal hours of sale, at 12:00 noon, whatever interest the above named defendant(s) may possess in and to the following described property to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF ALABAMA, TO-WIT:

LOT 52, WOODMILL TRACE PHASE TWO, A RESUBDIVISION OF TRACT ONE OF A RESUBDIVISION OF WOODMILL TRACE PHASE ONE, A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 12 SCHRIMSHER ESTATES, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 51, AS RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004112400527490 AND 20050915000826540, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA.

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Kevin H. Turner
 Sheriff of Madison County

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR

Huntsville Utilities Electric Department
 IFB 24-007

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities, at the office of Miranda Duke, Purchasing Agent, 112 Spragins Street, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801, until 1:00 PM CDT November 27, 2023, at which time the bids will be publicly opened.

The bids are being solicited to provide for Walker Lane Substation site prep in Huntsville, Alabama.

Prospective bidders are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held on November 13, 2023, at 10:00 AM CDT in the Huntsville Utilities Main Office Building, 112 Spragins St., Huntsville, AL 35801.

The plans, specifications and Statement of Work are on file for examination in the offices of Miranda Duke, Purchasing Agent, 112 Spragins St, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801. A copy of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained via request by e-mail. Bids will be accepted only from qualified General Contractors licensed by the State of Alabama. Only bids of such Contractors who are licensed prior to the date of the bid opening will be considered.

Scope of Work is to include labor, equipment, transportation, supervision and incidental materials as required. Other line items as described in the Specifications and Contract Documents are an integral part of this Contract.

A cashier's check or a bid bond payable to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities for an amount not less than 5% of the contractor's bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00, will be required to accompany each contractor's bid.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Miranda Duke – Purchasing Agent
 City of Huntsville, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR

Huntsville Utilities
 IFB 24-008

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities, at the office of Miranda Duke, Senior Buyer, 112 Spragins Street, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801, until 1:00 PM CDT, December 19, 2023, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened.

The packets are being solicited for the IFB 24-008 South Parkway Water Treatment Plant Sludge Thickener Project for Huntsville Utilities in Huntsville, Alabama.

The plans, specifications and Scope of Work are on file for examination in the offices of Miranda Duke, Senior Buying Agent, 112 Spragins St, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801. All questions should be submitted to Miranda Duke at Miranda.Duke@hsvutil.org. No paper plans will be issued. As part of the prequalification process, prospective bidders are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held on November 28, 2023, at 1:00 PM CDT in the Huntsville Utilities South Parkway Water Treatment Plant, 14001 Memorial Parkway SW, Huntsville, Alabama 35803.

Bids will be accepted only from qualified General Contractors licensed by the State of Alabama. Only bids of such Contractors who are licensed by the State of Alabama prior to the date of the bid opening will be considered. The Project is generally described as follows: Construction and complete start-up of a sludge thickener and pump station, along with other sitework as detailed in the specifications and scope of work. Other line items (if applicable) as described in the Specifications and Contract Documents are an integral part of this Contract. The work shall be performed according to the plans and specifications.

A cashier's check or a bid bond payable to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities for an amount not less than 5% of the contractor's bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00, will be required to accompany each contractor's bid. Performance and Payment bonds are required for this project. This is a State Revolving Fund reimbursable project from Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Miranda Duke – Purchasing Department
 City of Huntsville, d/b/a/ Huntsville Utilities

ORDINANCE NO. 23-902

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville new administrative building located at 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, Alabama shall serve as the seat of municipal government for Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, the functions to be performed within the facility serve all citizens of Huntsville, wherever they may reside throughout all five districts of the City and the decisions, laws, and policies emanating from the municipal leaders and departments housed within the facility must be representative of all peoples from a multitude of perspectives who choose to live, work, and play within the Huntsville community; and

WHEREAS, the building houses all records of all those citizens who have lived in Huntsville throughout its history and shall continue to document and represent all peoples within the City regardless of their culture, race, religion, ethnicity, or political perspective; and

WHEREAS, the community's seat of government should be named in a manner that is representative of all its citizens and in no way directly or by implication could exclude any groups of people or individuals, thereby acknowledging their collective contributions in funding its construction, maintenance, and operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the City of Huntsville's new municipal facility located at 305 Fountain Circle in Huntsville shall be permanently named "Huntsville City Hall". This ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ John Meredith
 President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ Tommy Battle
 Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 23-903

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation within the State of Alabama, as follows:

1. That, in the judgment and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, and pursuant to its powers under Alabama Code §11-47-21, the certain parcel of land described in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, (the "Property") is surplus to the needs of the City of Huntsville.

2. That, in the judgment and opinion of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, the Property is not needed by any department or division of the City of Huntsville for public or municipal purposes.

3. That the City desires to enter into a lease agreement with BJLAC, LLC, for use of the Property as a dumpster storage compartment. The lease will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding the incidental benefit accruing to a private entity, as the same will increase sales and tax revenue, promote commerce, and serve as a catalyst for entertainment and development in the downtown area.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into that certain Lease Agreement, by and between CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, an Alabama municipal corporation ("Landlord"), and BJLAC, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company ("Tenant"), which said agreement is substantially in words and figures as that certain document attached hereto and identified as "Lease Agreement between City of Huntsville, as Landlord, and BJLAC, LLC, as Tenant," consisting of eleven (11) pages (including exhibits) and the date of November 2, 2023, (the "Lease Agreement") appearing on the first page thereof, together with the signature of the City Clerk, and an executed copy of said document, after being signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, shall be permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the Lease Agreement, on behalf of the City of Huntsville, and any and all such documents relevant, required, and/or relating to effect, carry out, or complete the lease of the Property contemplated therein.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ John Meredith
 President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ Tommy Battle
 Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 23-904

WHEREAS, The Robert E. Hargrave Revocable Trust and The Robert E. Hargrave Family Trust by Tammy Manning and Jeffrey Randolph, as its Trustees, and Tammy Manning, being the owners, as the term is defined by Section 11-42-20, Code of Alabama 1975, of all the property or territory hereinafter particularly described (which property or territory is hereinafter referred to as "the Property"), filed with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a signed and written petition requesting that the Property be annexed to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which petition is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, said petition contained the signatures of the owners of the Property, and filed together with said petition was a map showing the relationship of the Property to the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which map is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the present city limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has determined that it is necessary and proper and in the public interest that the Property be brought within the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and has further determined that all legal requirements for annexing the Property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama hereby finds that it is necessary and proper and in the public interest that the Property be brought within the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and assents to the annexation of the Property to the City of Huntsville, Alabama;

2. That the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby extended and rearranged so as to embrace and include the Property, which is particularly described as follows:

All that part of Section 15, Township 05 South, Range 03 West of the Huntsville Meridian, Limestone County, Alabama more particularly described as beginning at a point located at the Southeast Corner of said Section 15; thence North 88 Degrees 18 Minutes 11 Seconds West 1,006.37 feet to a point; said point is further described as the Point of True Beginning; thence from the Point of True Beginning, North 88 Degrees 33 Minutes 12 Seconds West, 218.21 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 34 Minutes 36 Seconds West, 113.21 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 30 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 295.85 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 35 Minutes 34 Seconds West, 528.86 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 24 Minutes 22 Seconds East, 249.84 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 32 Minutes 23 Seconds West, 236.97 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 24 Minutes 22 Seconds East, 250.03 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 32 Minutes 33 Seconds West, 697.04 feet to a point; thence North 88 Degrees 32 Minutes 23 Seconds West, 348.56 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 23 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 374.86 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 17 Minutes 25 Seconds East, 205.81 feet to a point; thence South 89 Degrees 13 Minutes 34 Seconds East, 196.14 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 25 Minutes 39 Seconds East, 444.27 feet to a point; thence North 89 Degrees 04 Minutes 18 Seconds West, 113.83 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 42 Minutes 53 Seconds East, 305.51 feet to a point; thence North 89 Degrees 23 Minutes 10 Seconds West, 61.69 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 42 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 344.52 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 41 Minutes 27 Seconds East, 638.8 feet to a point; thence North 07 Degrees 45 Minutes 38 Seconds East, 502.58 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 07 Minutes 10 Seconds East, 454.70 feet to a point; thence South 07 Degrees 35 Minutes 08 Seconds West, 286.25 feet to a point; thence South 06 Degrees 21 Minutes 36 Seconds West, 141.51 feet to a point; thence South 00 Degrees 58 Minutes 14 Seconds West, 144.25 feet to a point; thence South 13 Degrees 01 Minute 38 Seconds East, 109.96 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 30 Minutes 30 Seconds West, 773.17 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 34 Minutes 39 Seconds East, 1,061.52 feet to a point; thence North 01 Degree 19 Minutes 31 Seconds East, 1339.83 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 34 Minutes 28 Seconds East, 113.10 feet to a point; thence South 88 Degrees 34 Minutes 28 Seconds East, 218.21 feet to a point; thence South 01 Degree 22 Minutes 34 Seconds West, 2,664.60 feet back to the Point of True Beginning and containing 94.82 Acres, more or less.

3. That this ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and become effective upon its publication as required by law.

4. That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are hereby authorized, requested, and directed for and on behalf of the governing body of the City to file a description of the property or territory herein annexed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Limestone County, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-904 (Cont.)

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ John Meredith
President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 2nd day of November, 2023.

/s/ Tommy Battle
Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to receive input for the 2024 Action Plan Program Year (7/1/24 to 6/30/25). The meeting will be held via Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2838174190>; Meeting ID: 283 817 4190.

The City of Huntsville does not discriminate based on disability for the admission or access to its programs or activities. If you have any questions, or will need special accommodations, please call Scott Erwin-Community Development Department prior to the Public Hearing at 256-427-5400.

AVISO AL PÚBLICO CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE EI

Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Huntsville llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el lunes 13 de noviembre de 2023 a las 6:00 p.m. para recibir comentarios para el año del programa del Plan de Acción 2024 (7/1/24 a 6/30/25). La reunión se llevará a cabo a través de Zoom en: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2838174190>; ID de reunión: 283 817 4190. La Ciudad de Huntsville no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad para la admisión o el acceso a sus programas o actividades. Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita adaptaciones especiales, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de Scott Erwin antes de la Audiencia Pública al 256-427-5400.



CITY HALL

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mayor from 1988-1996. "Steve came in and kind of did a lot of modernization things that we have," Kling said at the time. "He created the the (1990 Capital Improvement Plan that's still in use). He created a finance director to separate the city clerk and finance into two separate positions so that one person would not basically have the power for signing all documents and signing all checks without any checks and balances."

The issue of a name for city hall came when the council approved a Kling-sponsored resolution to ask the Alabama attorney general's office for a legal opinion on how naming a building would apply under the state's 2017 Alabama Memorial Preservation Act, which sets standards to protect historically significant structures.

Kling acknowledged he was not aware of any city halls that were named for people. None of the city halls in Alabama's 10 largest cities are named for someone - a detail noted by Robinson during discussion Thursday night.

"Simply because there have been all kinds of questions in the community, I would ask for the council to approve the ordinance to call the city

hall what it is, the Huntsville City Hall," Robinson said.

Kling opposed the ordinance because the council passed a resolution last month seeking the AG's opinion and the council is still awaiting that opinion. City Attorney Trey Riley said there is usually about a three-month turnaround period on receiving requested opinions.

As for no other large city in Alabama naming its city hall for someone, Kling did not see that as an obstacle.

"As we've said before, we're Huntsville Alabama," Kling said. "We're not like everybody else. We do what we think is right, what we think is best. We're not trying to comply with the other cities around the state. But do what we see is our highest order of being what's right."

Kling also said the city has precedent in naming buildings and facilities for past elected leaders. Most recently, the council -- at Kling's behest -- named the soccer facility where the state high school championships are played each year for former mayor Loretta Spencer.

Meredith said he wanted to wait until the council received the opinion from the AG's office before acting on a name for the building.

GREEN LIGHT

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veterans by simply changing the exterior light bulb of their home to a green bulb. The Madison County Commission and the non-profit Still Serving Veterans have partnered for two years to get the message out, and this year, the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, joins the effort.

"Utilizing a small, green light bulb to illuminate our communities is a wonderful way to magnify appreciation, thanks, and recognition of our veterans who made many sacrifices for us," said the chapter president, Tonya Wood. "Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is thrilled our 2023-2024 Prospective Debutantes were invited to engage in this endeavor by distributing 130 green bulbs across Madison County!"

The sorority was called on by Commissioner Violet Edwards, who spearheaded the illumination of all the county facilities in her district, which includes the Madison County Service Center and the Harrison Senior Wellness and Advocacy Center. The objective is to ensure veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

"We want our men and women to know they do not stand alone. There are resources available in our community, from education to counseling," said Commissioner Edwards. "We appreciate their sacrifices and are happy to have young people, like the Prospective Debutantes, join us in showing appreciation."



Guy Sotomayor, candidate, Madison Co. Commission Chair (SON photo credit: Jemeana S. Roberson)



Sheila McNeil, Chair, Madison County Democratic Executive Committee (SON photo credit: Jemeana S. Roberson)

DEMOCRAT RALLY

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Commissioner Violet Edwards, running for reelection; Marilyn Lands, a candidate for State House District 10; and Guy Sotomayor, who is running for County Commission Chair.

During the event, Zoie Roberson, the Assistant Chair of the Youth Caucus,

introduced an exciting new initiative named Impact Ignite. Impact Ignite's goal is to boost civic engagement, especially among young people, by educating them about the importance of voting and mobilizing more voters to the polls. As part of this initiative, they plan to collaborate with college and university professors as well as business owners—encouraging them to offer extra credit to students and discounts

to customers who show they voted in an upcoming election. Those interested in collaborating or learning more can visit impactignite.org. Roberson concluded her address by encouraging the community to unite and empower voters in the upcoming election seasons through collaborative efforts—"Let's all come together and work together to power up the polls in these upcoming election seasons."

EDMONTON HEIGHTS

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Heights. Welcoming the attendees, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and Madison County District Six Commissioner Violet Edwards set the tone for the ceremony. Acknowledgments were extended by

Ms. Katie Stamps, City Preservation Planner, while Dr. Caroline Swope illuminated the historical significance behind the marker.

Neighborhood Voices resonated through comments by Ms. Vernita Chandler, President of the Edmonton Heights Neighborhood Association, Mr. Joseph Lee, Director of the William Hooper Council Community Corporation, and Dr. Lau-

ra McCauley, a former resident of Edmonton Heights, who spoke on behalf of Mrs. Daisy Bone, an original resident unable to attend.

The ceremony concluded with a benediction delivered by Rev. Randy Kelley, Pastor of Lakeside United Methodist Church, marking the momentous occasion of the Edmonton Heights Historic District Marker unveiling.

JONES FAMILY

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claims. Five Jones siblings enlisted the services of Where Is My Land in their effort to reclaim or be paid for the land that belonged to their parents, but that is now part of the UAH campus.

The siblings' parents - Willie and Lola Jones - owned land along Athens Pike - now Holmes Avenue - where the UAH Business Administration building, a parking

lot and a duck pond now sit. The Jones family had owned the land since 1870. They were among the few Black families who owned property in Madison County following the Civil War and the end of slavery.

At the heart of the Jones family's claim is a 1958 document showing Willie and Lola Jones signing the deed to their land over to W.L. Sander-son, the chief of the city's

Land Acquisition Office. Sanderson later transferred the land over to the University of Alabama to be used for part of the UAH campus.

The Joneses maintain their parents' signatures were forged. UAH is disputing claims that the land was obtained illegally. Kristina Hendrix, UAH's vice president of strategic communications said family members were compensated for the interests they held in the property during the 1950s and 1960s.

Hendrix said the university shared with the

Jones family and Where Is My Land the records demonstrating the city of Huntsville's and Madison County's legal acquisition of the parcel, and the later transfer of that parcel to the Board. She said the records are publicly available at the Madison County Records Center and the Madison County Probate Court.

But Kamala Miller-Lester, lead researcher for Where Is My Land, told the Lede the Jones siblings had one of the most documented cases backing claims that her organization has worked with.

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