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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 36, Township 4 South, Range 1 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Madison County, Alabama more particularly described as beginning at a point located at the Southwest Corner of said Section 36; thence North 31 Degrees 11 Minutes 40 Seconds East 2,596.10 feet to a point; said point is further described as the Point of True Beginning; thence South 89 Degrees 8 Minutes 52 Seconds East 409.98 feet to a point; thence North 0 Degrees 41 Minutes 19 Seconds East 106.35 feet to a point; thence North 89 Degrees 22 Minutes 48 Seconds West 409.48 feet to a point; thence South 0 Degrees 57 Minutes 46 Seconds West 104.69 feet to the Point of True Beginning and containing 1.00 acres, more or less.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-425 (Cont.)

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 Madison County, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the 25th day of May, 2023.

John Murdock
President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

APPROVED this the 25th day of May, 2023.

Tommy Bell
Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 23-426

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

That a portion of Meridian Street in downtown Huntsville will be known as Lewters Way as shown in attached Exhibit A.

ADOPTED this the 25th day of May, 2023.

John Murdock
President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 25th day of May, 2023.

Tommy Bell
Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

ORDINANCE NO. 23-427

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the following described property is hereby declared surplus and no longer needed for municipal purpose:

- Equipment #320114 AGFA-GEVAERT 2200 Camera
- Equipment #350055 Multigraphics 1962XED 2-Color Press
- Equipment #350046 C.P. Borg Collator (BC20)
- Equipment #390011 Folding Machine

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, for and on behalf of the City of Huntsville, is hereby authorized, requested and directed to dispose of said equipment, per Agreement with Managed Asset Recycling Solutions, LLC. All proceeds will be deposited into an account, to be assigned by the Information Technology Services Department, to be utilized for the purchase of new equipment.

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John Murdock
President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Tommy Bell
Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR
Huntsville Utilities
IFB 23-067

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 Buying Agent, 112 Spragins Street, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801, until 1:30 PM CDT, June 22, 2023, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened.

The packets are being solicited for the IFB 23-067 Northern Bypass Gas Relocation for Huntsville Utilities Gas Department 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 requirements, prospective bidders are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held on June 6, 2023, at 10:00 AM CDT in the Huntsville Utilities Main Office Building, 112 Spragins St., Huntsville, AL 35801.

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 consists of construction of approximately 7,230 feet of 12-inch high-pressure welded steel and 2 through 6-inch polyethylene gas lines, connections to existing gas mains as shown on the plans, and new service connections to customers along the route. 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.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

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

SCHOOLS

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pending a decision from a federal judge. The school district is one of dozens in Alabama that are still bound by decades-old court orders, originally issued after Brown vs. Board of Education in an effort to desegregate local school systems. To this day, officials say majority-Black Lafayette High and majority-white Valley High, the district's two high schools, lack the same opportunities. In an effort to cut costs and relinquish court oversight, system leaders are pushing to merge the two schools as early as next fall – a move that has left many LaFayette residents concerned. Across Alabama, several small, rural majority Black schools shut their doors in the past decade – usually due to enrollment declines or financial issues – though it's rare for a

court to intervene in those decisions. But in 2021, a federal judge ordered R.A. Hubbard High, the only majority-Black school in Lawrence County, to close in a similar court case. And last year, a judge permitted Chambers County to close three middle and elementary schools, as part of the beginning stages of its desegregation plan. Many now worry what a closure would mean for the town's economic well-being, and are growing more and more concerned about the burden it would place on Black students and families. "I believe that the community, the students, even myself – there's this overarching belief that LaFayette isn't getting a fair shake in this consolidation," Kelsey Barnes, a local pastor, told AL.com this winter.

SHIPYARD

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Randolph, an iconic labor leader, and other Black leaders, to stop discrimination in the defense industry. After meetings with the president, his wife Eleanor, and members of the cabinet, the order declared, "There shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries and government, because of race, creed, color, or national origin."

attacked, after Black men there were attacked for simply trying to work, after Black men had to leap overboard to save their lives — a Klan bombing in Birmingham that stole young lives, firehouses were aimed at young Black boys and girls who just wanted to shop, and eat, and have a side where they chose. So many moments — so many calamities, so many crimes — changed us, ignited us.

It was the first presidential order on race/racism in decades—the first since Reconstruction. By 1943, 7,000 of Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding's 50,000 employees were Black. Then, on this day that year, all hell broke loose. On this day, on May 25, 1943, just after the company promoted 12 — just 12! — Black workers to welder, a position previously reserved for whites, a reported 4,000 white employees and locals began attacking any Black employee they saw, beating them with pipes and anything else they could weaponize. The Black welders had just completed their first shift with the attacks began.

A year later, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed, ending legal segregation in public facilities. And yet we still must move. We still need movements. I don't the names of any of the Black workers, the Black men who feared for their lives on the Mobile shipyard 80 years ago. Haven't seen them recorded anywhere. (If one of them was your relative, please let me know; if you're related to one of the white workers who worked on the shipyard that day, I'd love to know that, too.)

Two Black men were thrown into the Mobile River, others leaped in to save themselves. The National Guard diffused the mob — after more than 50 Blacks were severely hurt. No one, thankfully, was killed. Eventually, the company created four segregated shipyards. On the all-Black yards, Blacks could work in any role — except foreman. Except boss. The attack, that moment, inspired similar violence in other industries and eventually sparked, some believe, another moment that changed us. It inspired efforts to desegregate other areas of life, including restaurants, theaters, and public transportation. Just over a decade later, in 1955, a woman refused to leave her seat on a but in Montgomery. Another moment that lifted a movement. In 1963, two decades after Black shipyard workers in Mobile were

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TEACHERS

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widespread failures in public education. "The COVID really brought it out how bad our schools are and how bad our teachers are, in the inner city. Most of them in the inner city, I don't know how they got degrees," Tuberville said. "I don't know whether they can read and write. And they want a raise. They want less time to work, less time in school. It's just, we've ruined work ethic in this country. We don't work at it anymore. We push an easy life." Tuberville cited a published report that 23 Baltimore City schools had no students who tested

proficient in math. "If you can't read and if you can't write, you can't live in a country like this and not have somebody help you make it through life, which is what a lot of this government wants," Tuberville said. Attempts to contact Tuberville's office for clarification were not immediately returned. It was Donald Trump, Tuberville said, who inspired him to go into politics, as a man with no political experience. "You can make a lot more money coaching, to be honest with you," he said.

DOG WHISTLE

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program, saying that the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the influence of teacher unions, have resulted in widespread failures in public education. "The COVID really brought it out how bad our schools are and how bad our teachers are, in the inner city. Most of them in the inner city, I don't know how they got degrees," Tuberville said. "I don't know whether they can read and write. And they want a raise. They want less time to work, less time in school. It's just, we've ruined work ethic in this country. We don't work at it anymore. We push an easy life."

Woodfin said inner city teachers are "friends, cheerleaders and, frankly, they are family." "Next week, I will have the honor of shaking hands with hundreds of Birmingham students as they graduate high school," Woodfin wrote. "Sure, we have challenges. What community doesn't? We are working furiously to solve them. And we have never been more proud of the people working so hard for solutions. Our teachers are at the forefront of these efforts. They deserve praise and support - not ridicule - from all of us - including an elected official who previously made millions off the backs of the black students our teachers have produced."

Efforts to contact Tuberville's office for clarification were not immediately successful.

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"Bob" Harrison Wellness and Advocacy Center at 6156 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Alabama. "The grandmother of Juneteenth, Opal Lee, visited Huntsville last year and clearly laid out the charge to our community. She said that we are not free until we address disparities in our community," said Commissioner Edwards. "I understood the assignment and agree it is important to have this conversation about equity and equality with the community." Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. From slavery to Jim Crow to today's CEOs, African American progress has been impressive, but America has many miles to go on the road to true racial equality. As a result, the Black community

continues to struggle for equity that places it on an even playing field with other communities in America. In the spirit of Juneteenth, join us for a discussion on getting the Black community "to equal." Sharing their expertise are Dr. Beth Richardson of Progress Bank (finances), Mr. Greg Brown of Brown Precision (employment), Dr. Patricia Sims of Drake State College (education), Mr. Tracy Doughty of Huntsville Hospital (healthcare), and Mr. Charles Frye of CNI Solutions (community). "Juneteenth is an important milestone in American culture," says VEC founder Dr. Watkins. "We must continue to educate and celebrate freedom in every area of the lives of African Americans and all races!"

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