

RESOLUTION NO. 22-38

**A Resolution to Name the Pool Area Located in the Laurel Heights Community as
Freddie Wyckoff Pool**

WHEREAS, the pool in the Laurel Heights Community was opened in 1958 under the supervision of Hamp Lyon and John Greeter; and

WHEREAS, citizens were offered Red Cross training in the mornings and recreational swimming in the afternoons; and

WHEREAS, the first water safety instructor and life guard was Freddie Wyckoff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyckoff was born in Alexander City, Alabama, on January 19, 1937, to Jack and Alice Wyckoff and graduated from Laurel High School in 1957 then attended Alabama State University, Birmingham Southern College and Rollins College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyckoff is an amazing individual with several years of volunteer service to many organizations inspiring youth at YMCA's in Montgomery, Alabama, New York, New York and several other cities as well as Alabama State University and Alabama A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyckoff is a member of several prestigious organizations including Alabama State University Alumni Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., the American National & Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association, and Alabama Swimming Hall of Fame Organizing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyckoff has received numerous outstanding achievement and appreciation awards: Honorary Citizen of New Orleans and Barbados; and the key to the City of Dothan, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyckoff coached the 1st NCAA Black National swim team in 1984, CCCAN games, Commonwealth Games, Pan-American Games, Goodwill Games and the Olympics and is a member of the Alabama A&M University Sports Hall of Fame (Coach); and

WHEREAS, Prior to his later coaching years, Mr. Wyckoff coached a local swim team from 1958 to 1961 consisting of Sidney and Freddie Hutchinson; Frankie and Bobby Ross; Larndell Russaw; Joe Gray; Melvin Freeman; John Boleware; Eddie Salter; and the hard time brothers Jerome and Thee Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Beverly White, AJ Jones and several other citizens would like to name the Laurel Heights Community Pool after Freddie Wyckoff; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to name said pool, "Wyckoff Pool" in honor of Freddie Wyckoff and his commitment to youth all over the world; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alexander City, Alabama that The Mayor is authorized and directed to properly prepare and erect appropriate signs with the new name.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2022.

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ATTEST:

Amanda F. Thomas
Amanda F. Thomas, City Clerk

Audrey "Buffy" Colvin
Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, Council President

Curtis "Woody" Baird
Curtis "Woody" Baird, Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

The undersigned, as City Clerk of the City of Alexander City, Alabama, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of **Resolution No. 22-38** which was adopted by the City Council on this 7th day of February, 2022.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, as City Clerk of the City Alexander City, Alabama, under the seal thereof, this 7th day of February, 2022.

Amanda F. Thomas
City Clerk of the
City of Alexander City, Alabama



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Yeas: Colvin, Hardy, E. Brown, C. Brown, Keel

Nays: None