P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S.:

P – Paving
R – ReFacade
O – Opportunities
G – Grants
R – Revitalization
E – Employees
S – Stability
S – Safety

While I am proud of all my years of service to the City of Northport on various committees and as President of the Council, these accomplishments are ones that I am especially proud of:

- Seeing thousands of new rooftops for residential growth;
- Watching the City of Northport become the 17th largest City in Alabama;
- Recruiting new to market businesses such as Harbor Freight, Aldi, Planet Fitness, Checkers, Courtyard by Marriott, Firehouse Subs, Teriyaki Madness, Guthries, Lost Pizza Co, Diamond Jim’s Steakhouse, Dunkin Donuts, Buffalo Wild Wings Go, Great American Cookie / Marble Slab, Tropical Smoothie, Starbucks (coming 2024) and Cookie Plug just to name a few;
- Recruiting other businesses such as Los Tarascos on Hwy 43, Jacks on Hwy 82W, Waffle House on Rose Blvd, Publix at Bristol Park, or even the possibility of a 2nd location of Chick-Fil-A to open in Spring of 2025;
- Establishing and funding uniform garbage carts throughout the City which has not only cleaned up our look, but saved the City millions of dollars in Workers’ Compensation premiums due to automatic garbage truck lifts, which resulted in fewer shoulder and back injuries to our valued Public Works Department employees;
- Establishing a free City-wide curbside recycling program;
• Establishing the Northport First Funds, and keeping those funds separate from the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, which has allowed us to be better stewards with tax payer money and able to do things that do not interfere with the day-to-day operations of our General Fund or Water/Sewer Fund;
• Obtaining two financial credit upgrades to a AA+ rating, which makes us one of the most financially sound cities in all of Alabama;
• Assuring clean financial audits;
• Being awarded and recognized as one of the safest cities in Alabama;
• Establishing the Northport Redevelopment Authority which aims to help existing business owners spruce up their properties through grants;
• Creating a funding mechanism for a Capital Fund Plan;
• Standardizing City contracts and easements;
• Acquiring hundreds of acres for economic and recreational developments;
• Establishing River Run Park Sports Complex at Northport Shore;
• Spearheading a $350M Public-Private Partnership for Water Park, Restaurants, Amphitheater, Conference Center, etc.;
• Obtaining ARPA funding of $6.2M used to purchase needed fire equipment and water/sewer plant upgrades;
• Making large road projects possible, such as Main Ave, Charlie Shirley, Watermelon Road, 5th Street, along with Downtown Streetscapes Phases 1-3;
• Emphasizing resurfacing projects throughout the entire City;
• Obtaining paving assessment software;
• Obtaining studies of corrugated metal pipe and replacement/stabilization plan to prevent future sinkholes;
• Upgrading our City water/sewer infrastructure;
• Upgrading the safety for our Police and Fire department employees;
• Upgrading City Hall;
• Upgrading and establishing a new Public Works Facility;
• Upgrading the Northport Community Center, Hasson Center, Civitan Park, and former UCP Building and All-Inclusive Park;
• Beautifying downtown Northport including café lights;
• Hosting events such as the Bunny Trail, Holiday Open House, Veterans Day Parade, Spring Touch-a-truck, West Alabama Food and Wine Festival, and Memorial Day ceremony;
• Seeing the Northern and Southern Pedestrian Plans adopted;
• Adopting updated employee step-raise pay plan to keep our wage structure in line or better than our neighboring cities;
• Providing multiple Cost of Living Raise adjustments to our employees;
• Hiring of Additional Professional Staff including full-time City Engineer, City Administrator, and Grant Writer;
• Receiving millions in grant funding;
• Conducting drainage studies of Two Mile Creek and Tater Hill Creek;
• Establishing a Comprehensive Plan for the future of Northport;
• Putting back millions of dollars into our local schools through Northport First Funds and District Funds; and
• Hosting Mock Council Meeting Field Trips for local elementary schools to teach kids about municipal government.