



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Pelham Police & Court Building

August 1, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled work session of the Pelham City Council was given in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Pelham Police & Court Building and was open to the public.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Mercer at 5:30 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Larry Palmer
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

The following elected official(s) were not present:

Councilmember David Coram

The city clerk/treasurer recorded the attendance of all elected officials and announced a quorum was present. Councilmember Coram and City Manager Gretchen DiFante were not present. City Attorney Josh Arnold was present.

Media Present: None

Others Present: City department heads, city employees, and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Wash to approve the July 18, 2022 Regular Work Session Minutes.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier.

There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Executive Session

Council President Mercer stated for the record the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action under Section 36-25A-7(3)(a), Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

City Attorney Josh Arnold stated the purpose of tonight's Executive Session is appropriate under Section 36-25A-7(3) (a) Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lanier to enter into an Executive Session of the city council for the stated purpose. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt said motion was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Not Present</u>
Larry Palmer, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Mildred Lanier, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

Council President Mercer asked the members of the city council, Mayor Waters, City Attorney Josh Arnold, Pelham Board of Education President Rick Rhoades, Pelham Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Chuck Ledbetter, Lt. Mike Williams, Communications Manager Ainsley Allison and City Clerk/Treasurer Tom Seale to attend the Executive Session. Council President Mercer stated he expected the city council to return from the Executive Session in approximately 20 minutes. The city council went into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the Executive Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Council President Mercer called the work session back to order at 6:03 p.m.

Request to Address the City Council – None

Old Business – None

New Business

1. Discussion – Rescheduling the September 5, 2022 Work Session and Council Meeting due to the observance of Labor Day

Council President Mercer led the discussion in rescheduling the September 5, 2022 Work Session and Council Meeting due to the observance of Labor Day. It was the consensus of the city council to move the meeting date tentatively to Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Further discussion will follow on August 15, 2022.

2. Finalize dates for FY2023 Budget Council/Staff Work Sessions

Council President Mercer discussed the dates for the FY2023 Budget Council/Staff Work Sessions. The city council confirmed the dates on their calendars.

New Employee Introductions – None

Employee Promotions – None

Employee Recognitions – None

Review of August 1, 2022 Council Agenda

Council President Mercer reviewed the August 1, 2022 city council agenda.

E. Consent Agenda

A consent agenda is presented by the presiding officer at the beginning of a council meeting. Items presented on the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and are organized apart from the rest of the agenda and are adopted by general consent and vote by the city council without debate. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the August 1, 2022 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the July 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts: None
4. **Resolution 2022-08-01-01** for consideration to amend the FY2022 Public Works Budget in the amount of \$36,500.00 for storm water sewer repairs on Ryecroft Circle previously approved by Resolution 2022-07-18-02

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas noted a blockage on Ryecroft Circle is causing a backup during heavy rain events. He stated the blockage cannot be removed without replacing the storm water culvert, which will require excavating the area. He requested the city council amend the FY2023 Public Works Budget in the amount of \$36,500.00 so the project can move forward. Mr. Bittas noted the city council previously approved the project by adopting Resolution 2022-07-18-02.

F. Public Hearing(s) – None

G. Mayor's Comments

- H. Proclamation(s) by the Mayor and Others – None
- I. Report of the City Manager – None
- J. Report of the City Attorney – None
- K. Request(s) to Address the Council – None
- L. Old Business / Resolutions / Ordinances / Orders and Other Business – None
- M. New Business / Resolutions / Ordinances / Orders and Other Business – None

(End of August 1, 2022 Agenda Review)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Wash and seconded by Councilmember Lanier. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of August 2022.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

