



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham Senior Center

March 7, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Date: March 7, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham Senior Center
Present: Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Larry Palmer
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember David Coram

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Waters led tonight's invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmer.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The city clerk/treasurer recorded all elected officials, with the exception of Councilmember Coram, were in attendance and a quorum was present. City Manager Gretchen DiFante and City Attorney Josh Arnold were in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is presented by the Council President at the beginning of a council meeting. Items presented on the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial, 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 considered either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Council President and City Council.

1. Approval of the March 7, 2022 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the February 21, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None
4. **Ordinance No. 276-01** for consideration abolish the Pelham Beautification Board by repealing Ordinance No. 276 in its entirety. **First Reading was on February 21, 2022.**
5. **Resolution 2022-03-07-01** for consideration to approve the tax abatement request of Process Equipment, Inc., doing business as ProcessBarron
6. **Resolution 2022-03-07-02** for consideration to designate an official voting delegate and alternates for the annual Alabama League of Municipalities annual business meeting

- 7. **Resolution 2022-03-07-03** for consideration to enter into an agreement with the Shelby County Park and Recreation Authority for site work and project administration for the Racquet Club sidewalk and drainage project
- 8. **Resolution 2022-03-07-04** for consideration to approve a professional services agreement with Mcleod Architect to provide architectural design services for the restoration of Fire Station No. 2
- 9. **Resolution 2022-03-07-05** for consideration to approve a public works contract to perform full depth pavement patching and repairs along various sections of Grey Oaks Court

Council President Mercer stated the complete text of the ordinance and each resolution is available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Councilmember Lanier moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt said Consent Agenda 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>

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Waters echoed the comments made earlier tonight regarding the 2022 Compensation Pay Plan. He noted the once stable work force is no longer stable due to the Pandemic. He stated it is important now more than ever to adopt a revised pay plan. He said Shelby County is number seven in the best places in Alabama to retire. He further stated Pelham was rated an A+ in the recent survey.

PROCLAMATION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS – None

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments:

- 1. The water meter replacement project has begun and should be completed in approximately six months.
- 2. The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena reported a record in food and beverage sales at last weekend's Birmingham Bulls hockey game.
- 3. Reported 500 citizens attended the "Kites and Bikes" in City Park last weekend. Interim Parks & Recreation Director Hal Brown reported on other activities at City Park.
- 4. Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas stated the city is making progress having the Oak Mountain Trail property pad ready per the agreement. He said the city is working with Shell Oil and the Alabama Department of Transportation on road improvements into the property. He stated the city anticipates breaking ground in mid-April on the property improvements.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2022-03-07-06** for consideration to increase the minimum hourly compensation pay for parttime and/or seasonal employees in the city's unclassified positions was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2022-03-07-06 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-03-07-06 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2022-03-07-07** for consideration to authorize an increase in the base pay compensation for the Pelham City Manager per the Employment Agreement was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2022-03-07-07 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

Councilmember Wash thanked City Manager DiFante for her outstanding work for the city. He stated she is a great resource for our city. Council President Mercer thanked City Manager DiFante.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-03-07-07 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Individuals wishing to address the City Council may after being recognized approach the podium and state their name and physical address prior to making their comments in a respectful manner.

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmer asked everyone to pray for our country and remember the people in Ukraine.

Councilmember Wash thanked everyone for attending tonight. He noted having attended the Pelham High School girls basketball game last week. He commended the team on having an excellent season. He stated having attended the "Kites and Bikes" event last weekend in City Park. He said he was excited so many of our citizens were enjoying the park facilities. He thanked Director of Economic Development Michael Simon for his leadership and hard work.

Councilmember Lanier echoed the comments of Councilmember Palmer and stated we are blessed in Pelham. She thanked Human Resources Director Tracy Hill and her staff regarding the pay plan. We are a team.

Council President Mercer offered his appreciation to the city council for working as a team to make Pelham better. He thanked Human Resources Director Tracy Hill and her team for their work on updating the compensation pay plan. Council President Mercer thanked Ken Nolen, ProcessBarron and Melody Whitten, 58, Inc. for attending tonight's city council meeting. He commented on the Pelham High School girls basketball game last week. He said it was a great team and was looking forward to next season.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. from those citizens who would like to be considered for an appointment to the Storm Water Board. Please submit all letters and resumes to Pelham City Clerk/Treasurer Tom Seale at Pelham City or email tom@pelhamalabama.gov prior to the deadline.

2. The Taste of Pelham will be held on March 15, 2022 at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.
3. The 2nd annual "Paws In The Park" will be held on Sunday, March 20 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park behind the sand volleyball courts. This event benefits the Pelham Pet Pantry, a local nonprofit helping to provide food, so no pet goes hungry in the Pelham/Shelby County area. We will be collecting dog & cat food donations at the Pelham Recreation Center March 1-16 and the day of the event. Come walk through City Park and enjoy food trucks, live music and dog agility demonstrations. New this year is the KIDS ZONE (inflatables, crafts and more) and lots of vendors.

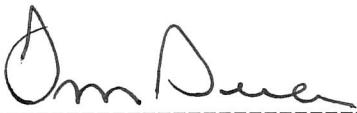
The Shelby County Humane Society will offer walk-up vaccinations and adoptable dogs. This is a free fun family event. Well mannered, leashed pets are welcome.

4. A public hearing will be held on March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Senior Center to consider **Ordinance No. 135-249** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning M-1 (Light Industrial District) to B-2 (General Business District) for property located 2774-2788 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124.
Applicant: Pelham Commercial Development Authority

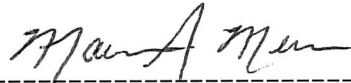
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of March 2022.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

