



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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## Pelham Police & Court Building

October 17, 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:** October 17, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Pelham Police & Court Building  
**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 7:17 p.m. Councilmember Wash led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Palmer.

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

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

City Attorney Josh Arnold was present.

### 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, 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 presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the October 17, 2022 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the October 3, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund account(s): None
4. **Resolution 2022-10-03-02** for consideration of an ABC license application(s) for a 160 – Special Retail – More than 30 Days, for applicant Shugah's LLC operating under the trade name Shugah's LLC located at 3187 Lee Street, Pelham, Alabama 35124
5. **Resolution 2022-10-17-01** for consideration to approve a tax abatement agreement for Vulcan Threaded Products, Inc.
6. **Resolution 2022-10-17-02** for consideration to approve a three-year consulting agreement with Cobbs, Allen & Hall, Inc. to provide liability insurance brokerage services for the City of Pelham
7. **Resolution 2022-10-17-03** for consideration to approve a monthly residential garbage and recycling rate adjustment

- 8. **Resolution 2022-10-17-04** for consideration to approve the lone responsible and responsive bid for the 2022 City Park Lighting Improvements Project authorized in the FY2023 budget
- 9. **Resolution 2022-10-17-05** for consideration to approve the lowest responsible and responsive bid for the Cahaba Valley Creek Debris Removal Project authorized in the FY2023 budget
- 10. **Resolution 2022-10-17-06** for consideration to authorize a professional services agreement for additional surveying and engineering services for modifications to the existing design plans for Amphitheater Road to match the current “as built” alignment at the intersection of State Park Road and Amphitheater Road
- 11. **Resolution 2022-10-17-08** for consideration for the City of Pelham to guarantee the Commercial Development Authority’s Line of Credit with Central State Bank
- 12. **Ordinance 288-15** for consideration to adjust the municipal business license issuance fees. The First Reading was on October 3, 2022.

Council President Mercer stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinance(s) and each resolution are available at Pelham City Hall and online at [www.pelhamalabama.gov](http://www.pelhamalabama.gov).

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

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

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| 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 – None

PROCLAMATION(S) AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS - None

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER – None

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 2022-10-17-07** for consideration to approve entering into a master services agreement with Thrive Operations, LLC for cybersecurity, IT support, networking and cloud services was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2022-10-17-07 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10-17-07 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.*

State Representative Kenneth Paschal, District 73, addressed the city council. He reminded the city council the general election scheduled on November 8, 2022. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Palmer thanked everyone for participating in city government, thanked those individuals who applied for various city boards, and encouraged Pelham voters to vote on November 8. He challenged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilmember Wash stated next week is Homecoming Week at Pelham High School. He asked everyone to support the school.

Councilmember Lanier applauded South Shelby Theater for their recent performance of *Death and Taxes*.

Council President Mercer thanked the owners of Shugah's for their attendance tonight. He thanked the city council for their spirited debate tonight. He echoed the comments of Councilmember Palmer regarding those citizens who applied for various city board positions. He commented on the many activities occurring at City Park.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Pelham Library and Pelham Parks and Recreation are partnering to present Fall Fun in City Park on Sunday, October 30th from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park. We will be offering a fall festival complete with bounce houses, carnival games, costume parade and activities for the children followed by Music in the Park at 4:30 p.m.
2. City offices will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.
3. Open House – The city will hold a ribbon cutting and grand opening for Fire Station No. 3 on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 2:00 pm. until 4:00 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Wash moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th of October 2022.



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Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



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Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

