



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall

Council Chambers

May 1, 2023 – 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: May 1, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers
Present: Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Mayor Waters led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lanier.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The city clerk/treasurer recorded the attendance of the elected officials and announced a quorum was present. City Manager Gretchen DiFante and City Attorney Josh Arnold were 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 May 1, 2023 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the April 17, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and the April 24, 2023 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Resolution 2023-05-01-01** for consideration to approve the lowest and most responsive bid from Gillespie Construction, LLC for the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps as a part of the Stratford Place sidewalk improvement project and to amend the FY2023 Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) budget
4. **Resolution 2023-05-01-02** for consideration to approve the most responsible and responsive quote from Morrow Water Technologies for the Indian Wells Well Pump No. 2 replacement project
5. **Resolution 2023-05-01-03** having rejected all bids and pursuant to the Alabama Bid Law, consideration to accept the solicited bid from Sweetwater Construction, LLC for construction of the Campus No. 124 Park Project and to amend said FY2023 budget
6. **Resolution 2023-05-01-04** for consideration to accept the lowest and most responsive bid from Alabama Grading & Excavation for the city's FY2023 paving projects

7. **Ordinance No. 512** for consideration to vacate a public utility easement located in the Camellia Ridge sub-division, Phase 3 Sector 3. First Reading was on April 17, 2023.

Council President Mercer stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinance(s), and resolutions are available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Councilmember Wash made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram 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:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, 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

Police Chief Brent Sugg recognized Lt. Jeremy Eddy on his retirement from the Pelham Police Department. Lt. Eddy addressed those in attendance and thanked the mayor, city manager and city council for the opportunity to have served the citizens of Pelham.

PROCLAMATION(S) AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS

Mayor Waters introduced and read in its entirety a proclamation proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Pelham, Alabama.

Anna Nicholson, Mental Health Coordinator, Pelham City Schools, Debbie Brinson and Marlena Coats, Mental Health Support Counselors, Pelham City Schools and Dr. Chuck Ledbetter, Superintendent, Pelham City Schools were in attendance to accept the proclamation from Mayor Waters.

Ms. Nicholson addressed the city council and thanked them for their support.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

1. Stated Finance Director Jamie Wagner and herself presented the mid-year budget during tonight's council work session. She said there was a lot of work involved in preparing the FY2023 budget review. She stated the presentation of a mid-year budget review is not required by state law. She thanked the city council for reviewing the city's financial condition. She said the city would continue to budget conservatively. She noted the city is in an excellent financial position. City Manager DiFante said it is important to work together for a common goal.
2. Stated plans are in the works for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated City Hall. She said everyone associated with the renovations of City Hall, included elected officials, city employees architects, engineers, contractors and the public would be invited to attend. It was the consensus of the city council to schedule the ribbon cutting on a weekday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the convenience of the public. The exact date will be determined at another time.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

1. **Resolution 2023-05-01-05** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 140 Special Events Retail - Liquor License for applicant Event Concessions, Inc. operating under the trade name Xterra Competition located at 200 Terrace Drive, Pelham, Alabama 32124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2023-05-01-05 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

Councilmember Coram stated Event Concessions, Inc. would be providing alcoholic beverages at the Xterra Triathlon event at Oak Mountain State Park later this month. Joe O'Brien was present representing Event Concessions, Inc.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05-01-05 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2023-05-01-06** for consideration of ABC license applications for 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only), 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) and 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) for applicant Shaym, Inc. operating under the trade name Pelham Marathon Convenience Store located at 2855 Pelham Parkway, Suite A, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2023-05-01-06 and Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion.

He noted there has been a change in ownership requiring a transfer of the ABC license.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05-01-06 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.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram thanked everyone at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for a wonderful experience at a recent Birmingham Bulls hockey game. He said the new management has changed the atmosphere of the facility. Councilmember Coram thanked those residents who applied for the vacant city council position.

Councilmember Wash thanked everyone for bearing with us as the work session ran late. He concurred with Councilmember Coram regarding those applying for board and council positions. He said it is important we all work together.

Councilmember Lanier echoed the comments of Councilmember Coram and Councilmember Wash. She said it is a blessing to work together for the love of our city.

Council President Mercer thanked the VenuWorks staff at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. He concurred with the comments of his fellow councilmembers. He said the selection of an individual to fill Place No. 2 on the Pelham City Council was a tough decision. He stated the importance of sharing differing ideas. He further stated he was pleased on the unanimous decision in moving a name forward for election to the Pelham City Council.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

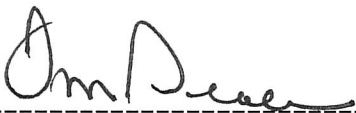
1. *Love Letters*, a dinner theater presented by South City Theatre and the Pelham B.E.A.T., is planned for May 5th and 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are \$50 each. Tickets may be purchased online.

2. Challenge Golf Association Tour "Raising Awareness About Colorectal Cancer" and Ballantrae Golf Club will be hosting a free block party on Monday, May 8th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Learn golf tips from PGA Tour legend Tom Lehman and friends. Enjoy activities, live music, food, and fun for the whole family. The event will be held at Ballantrae Golf Club.
3. The Pelham BEAT invites the public to a 5K run, 1-mile superhero fun run, and the Pelham Games, Saturday, May 13th, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Pelham City Park/Recreation Center. The BEAT is partnering with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to host the 5K and Fun Run.
4. The 8th Annual *Palooza in the Park* is Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the Pelham Trail located at the Pelham Recreation Center. The 2023 Palooza will feature the Nashville Yacht Club Band and a Pelham Youth Athletes Parade and Recognition.
5. The 2023 Pelham High School graduation will be on Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are required to attend.
6. Pelham City Offices will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.
7. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, May 31st at 5:00 p.m. from those citizens who would like to be considered for an appointment to the Pelham Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Places 1 and 3. Please submit all letters and resumes to Pelham City Clerk/Treasurer Tom Seale or email tom@pelhamalabama.gov prior to the deadline. The city clerk/treasurer will acknowledge receipt of the application by email.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Lanier moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of May 2023.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

