



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
Council Chambers
January 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Date: January 22, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers
Present: Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Place No. 5: Vacant
Mayor Gary Waters

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Coram led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Wash.

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 January 22, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the January 8, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-01-22-01** for consideration to accept the resignation of City Councilmember Mildred Lanier-Reed, Place No. 5, effective January 8, 2024.
4. **Resolution 2024-01-22-02** for consideration to approve a quote from Lower Bros. Tennis Courts to resurface the existing outdoor basketball and pickleball courts at Pelham City Park. This project was budgeted in FY2024.
5. **Resolution 2024-01-22-03** for consideration to declare certain personal property (police vehicles) of the City of Pelham, which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, as surplus.
6. **Resolution 2024-01-22-04** for consideration to approve a professional services proposal from Gresham Smith to prepare traffic signal detection upgrades plans at 12 intersections.

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 Coram made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Leverett 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>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Place No. 5	<u>Vacant</u>

There being no further discussion, 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

- Fire Chief Mike Reid introduced Capt. Matt Maples/EMS Director, and Dr. Shea Duerring. He stated Dr. Duerring is a local pediatrician and the medical director for the Pelham Fire Department. Dr. Duerring discussed a blood product initiative funded by the Shelby County Health Foundation. He said Pelham is one of only four sites selected by the Health Foundation for funding. Capt. Maples said he was excited about prehospital ultrasound which is growing across the country. He stated the city will be going “live” on January 1, 2025 with medical transport. He made it clear the Fire Department is preparing for medical transport. Dr. Duerring noted the Pelham Fire Department’s CPR success rate of 54% in 2023, with the national average between 20% and 30%. Dr. Duerring said Pelham offers a level of EMS care which is unparalleled in the state.
- City Manager DiFante noted the success of the 2024 Birmingham Bulls.

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. **Ordinance No. 070-06** for consideration to repeal and replace the City of Pelham's current flood plain ordinance was introduced by, and an overview was provided by Council President Mercer as a First Reading.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 070-06 is available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Council President Mercer announced this Ordinance will likely be considered by the city council at a future city council meeting.

Councilmember Coram moved that all rules which would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 070-06 be suspended and immediate consideration given. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wash.

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 070-06 was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Place No. 5	<u>Vacant</u>

Council President Mercer announced the motion to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 070-06 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Ordinance No. 070-06 as presented and Councilmember Coram seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 070-06. The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Place No. 5	<u>Vacant</u>

Council President Mercer announced Ordinance No. 070-06 was passed and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

- 2. **Ordinance No. 516** for consideration to de-annex from the corporate limits of the City of Pelham into unincorporated Shelby County, Alabama, 6.3 acres (+/-) of real property as request by Robert E. Langston, Robert E. Langston & Associates Insurance, Inc., for property located along Cahaba Valley Road and across from Oak Mountain Elementary School and Oak Mountain Middle School.

Ordinance No. 516 was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Mercer as a First Reading.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 516 is available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Council President Mercer announced this Ordinance will likely be considered by the city council at a future city council meeting.

Councilmember Coram moved that all rules which would prevent the immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 516 be suspended and immediate consideration given. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leverett.

Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 516 was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Place No. 5	<u>Vacant</u>

Council President Mercer announced the motion to suspend the rule for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 516 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Ordinance No. 516 as presented and Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 516. The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Chad Leverett, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Place No. 5	<u>Vacant</u>

Council President Mercer announced Ordinance No. 516 was passed and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

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 Wash thanked Chief Reid, Capt. Maples, and Dr. Duerring for their EMS and medical transport presentation and update.

Councilmember Leverett noted how much time the city council invested during the FY2024 budget process as to whether to move forward with medical transport. He concurred with the comments of Councilmember Wash. He announced a 5K Run on April 6, 2024.

Councilmember Coram concurred with the comments of Councilmember Leverett and Councilmember Wash. He thanked Councilmember Lanier-Reed for her valued service to the City of Pelham. He said the city will be planning a reception in her honor.

Council President Mercer thanked Chief Reid, Capt. Maples, and Dr. Duerring for their presentation. He stated the citizens in Pelham can rest assured they will get the emergency care needed. He thanked Councilmember Lanier-Reed for her service to the City of Pelham.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

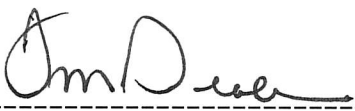
1. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Friday, February 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. from those residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Pelham City Council, Place 5.
2. The Pelham Personnel Board is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Friday, February 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. from those residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to the Pelham Personnel Board.
3. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. from those residents who would like to be considered for appointment to the Pelham Board of Education, Place 1.

You will find the application under City News on our website. The city clerk/treasurer will acknowledge receipt of the application by email.

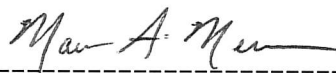
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of January 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

