



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
Council Chambers
March 18, 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: March 18, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.

Not Present: Councilmember Rick Wash
Mayor Gary Waters

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dixie Ford, Pastor, Crosscreek Baptist Church, led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Martina Winston.

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 on the agenda at the discretion of the presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the March 18, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the March 4, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-03-18-01** for consideration to approve the city manager's revised employment agreement.
4. **Resolution 2024-03-18-02** for consideration to accept the City of Pelham's Fiscal Year 2023 audit as prepared and presented by Truitt Tingle Paramore & Argent, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, the city's independent auditors.
5. **Resolution 2024-03-18-03** for consideration to approve a twenty-six (26) month lease agreement with DLL Finance, LLC through supplier Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation for four (4) pre-owned 2020 Club Car gas utility vehicles for Ballantrae Golf Club. This lease expense was budgeted in FY2024.
6. **Resolution 2024-03-18-04** for consideration to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the cooperative maintenance of a public right-of-way (sidewalk) along Pelham Parkway as part of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car development.

7. **Resolution 2024-03-18-05** for consideration to accept the lowest and most responsive bid from Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Company, LLC for the city's FY2024 street resurfacing projects. These projects were budgeted in FY2024.

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>Not Present</u>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</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 President of the Council 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

Mayor Waters declared March 2024 as *A Month to Recognize Pelham's Elected Women Leaders*. Council President Mercer read the proclamation in its entirety in the absence of Mayor Waters. Attending tonight's council meeting were former councilmembers Connie LaBue, Beth McMillan, and Mildred Lanier-Reed. Former Councilmember Teresa Nichols-Riddle was unable to attend. Each former council member in attendance addressed the city council.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- City Manager DiFante updated the city council on the status of the city's capital projects. Director of Development Services & Public Works stated the city is managing approximately 80-90 capital projects at this time. He noted the complexity of the projects and the importance in communicating the status of each to the public. He stated with the assistance of Communications Manager Ainsley Allision, the projects are updated on the city's website on a weekly basis. Mrs. Allison thanked the IT Department for their assistance in managing the website. She demonstrated the website's dashboard which enables the public to check the status of each capital project.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 135-260** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning B-2 (General Business District) to R-T (Townhouse Residential District) for property located along Huntley Parkway, containing approximately 5.6 acres (+/-) of vacant property. A Public Hearing and the First Reading was on March 4, 2024.

Applicant: Grants Mill, LLC, (Tower Homes) 2106 Devereux Circle, Birmingham, AL 35243.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Ordinance No. 135-260 as presented and Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion. Council President Mercer expressed his support of the rezoning. There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 135-260. 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>Not Present</u>
Michael Harris, Jr. , Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

Council President Mercer announced Ordinance No. 135-260 was passed and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of those councilmembers present.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. **Resolution 2023-03-18-06** for consideration of ABC license 140 – Special Events Retail for applicant Margarita Grill, LLC operating under the trade name Margarita Grill Cinco de Mayo 2024 located at 234 Cahaba Valley Road, Pelham, Alabama 35124.

Councilmember Coram moved to approve the ABC license request and adopt Resolution 2024-03-18-06 and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

Councilmember Coram stated this request is for Margarita Grill's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in their parking lot on Cahaba Valley Road. He recommended approval of the ABC license request.

There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the ABC license request and adopt Resolution 2024-03-18-06 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

- 2. **Resolution 2024-03-18-07** for consideration to approve an agreement for the purchase and sale of real estate between the City of Pelham and Jack's Family Restaurants, LP.

Resolution 2024-03-18-07 was removed from the March 18, 2024 city council agenda by council action.

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 or questions from the public.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram thanked Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre Bittas, Communications Manager Ainsley Allison, and the IT Department for their work on the enhanced website. He said the improved website is extremely informative. He thanked the former council members attending tonight's city council meeting and for their service to Pelham. He said with the Easter season approaching, he asked everyone to remember the reason for the season.

Councilmember Leverett noted the opening day for City Park sports was this past weekend. He challenged his fellow council members to work toward improved field maintenance to avoid rainouts.

Council President Mercer said it was good to see everyone at opening day at City Park. He thanked the former council members in attendance tonight for their service to our community.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Secure Shredding & Recycling and the City of Pelham will host a spring shred and e-recycling event on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. It will take place in front of City Hall, 3162 Pelham Parkway. Additional, details about shredding and e-recycling are available on the city's website, www.pelhamalabama.gov.
2. Shelby County will host a Free Landfill Day at the Shelby County Landfill located at 401 Landfill Road on Highway 70 between Columbiana and Calera on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All participants must be unloaded and exited from the landfill by 3:30 p.m.
3. The Pelham City Council will conduct public interviews for an appointment to the Pelham Board of Education, Place 1 on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Pelham City Hall.
4. Pelham Strong's Walk for Christ is scheduled of April 6, 2024. The 5k Run will begin at 8:00 a.m., the 1 Mile Run at 9:00 a.m., and followed by a homerun derby. The homerun derby will pit the Pelham Police Department against the Pelham Fire Department.
5. The Taste of Pelham will be held on April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

