



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall

Council Chambers

April 15, 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: April 15, 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 Rick Wash
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
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 Wash led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Leverett.

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 April 15, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the April 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-04-15-01** for consideration to appoint a citizen to the Pelham Board of Education, Place 1, with the term of office ending June 2029.
4. **Resolution 2024-04-15-02** for consideration to approve a public works project with Gillespie Construction, LLC for labor and materials for sidewalk repairs and replacement in the Beaver Creek neighborhood. This project is budgeted in FY2024.
5. **Resolution 2024-04-15-03** for consideration to approve the lone bid from Temple J Electric, LLC for traffic signal detection upgrades at 10 sites within the City of Pelham. This project is budgeted in FY2024.
6. **Resolution 2024-04-15-04** for consideration to approve an agreement with Alabama Power Company to convert 87 city-owned streetlights at signalized intersections to LEDs. This project is budgeted in FY2024.

- 7. **Resolution 2024-04-15-05** for consideration to enter into an extension agreement with Mark Dinan, Broker, for the sole and exclusive right to sell, trade, convey, or exchange city owned properties located at Oak Mountain Trail (Shelby County Highways 52E and 35).
- 8. **Resolution 2024-04-15-06** for consideration to enter into an agreement with Cushman & Wakefield of Georgia, LLC to conduct a “Hotel Feasibility and Market Study” for the City of Pelham. This project is budgeted in FY2024.

Resolution 2024-04-15-06 was removed from the city council agenda by council action.

- 9. **Resolution 2024-04-15-07** for consideration to enter a public works contract with Rast Construction, Inc. for the purchase and installation of two (2) fire hydrants along Ballantrae Club Drive. This project is 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 Harris 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>
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 April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pelham, Alabama. Laurel Teel, Executive Director of The Shelby County Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc. – Owen’s House, was unable to attend tonight’s meeting to accept the proclamation due to a scheduling conflict.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- The Pelham Police Department has hired three Alabama Peace Officers Standards & Training (APOST) certified officers, leaving only three vacancies. She stated two officers are from Montgomery and the third is a rehire of a former Pelham employee.
- Saturday is the annual Police Department versus Fire Department Hockey game.
- She noted the success of last week’s Taste of Pelham. She stated two VenuWorks employees at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena won awards for their prepared food items. Those employees are:
 - Andy Linton, Food and Beverage Director – Best Side Dish/Lobster Mac & Cheese
 - Rebekah Byrd, Chef – Best Entrée/ Southwest Egg Rolls
- The Birmingham Bulls ended their season last week losing in the first round of the playoffs. She noted the Bulls ownership group were complementary of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

She thanked the city council for their commitment to the ongoing upgrades and improvements at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

- Fire Chief Mike Reid recognized retiring Fire Department Battalion Chief Bill Jones for his 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Pelham.
- Parks & Recreation Director Brian Cooper updated the city council on the activities in the park system and at the Pelham Senior Center. He stated the new playground at City Park and the Park @ Campus No. 124 will be opening soon. Mr. Cooper provided an overview of future park projects including the proposed construction of a soccer field at the former site of the park playground at City Park.

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 2024-04-15-08** 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 located at 200 Terrace Drive, Pelham, Alabama 32124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2024-04-15-08 and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-04-15-08 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 or questions from the public.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram congratulated Battalion Chief Jones on his retirement. He noted the success of the recent Walk for Christ and Taste of Pelham.

Councilmember Leverett congratulated Chief Jones on his retirement. He announced the play “*Love, Loss and What I Wore*” will be performed at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena on May 10, 2024 with the doors opening at 6:00 p.m. He said the play is hosted by the Pelham B.E.A.T.

Councilmember Wash congratulated Chief Jones on his retirement. He noted Chief Jones’ many years of service with the Alabama National Guard.

Councilmember Harris echoed the comments of his fellow councilmembers on the retirement of Chief Jones. He thanked Chief Jones for his service to Pelham.

Council President Mercer thanked Chief Jones for his dedicated service to the City of Pelham. He noted the reappointment of Bob O’Neil to the Pelham Board of Education, Place No. 1. He stated the city received excellent applications and resumes. Council President Mercer thanked Library Director Mary Campbell, the Pelham Library Board, the Pelham Library Guild, and the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for making the Taste of Pelham a huge success.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Pelham City Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Friday, May 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. from those residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to a vacancy on the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Place No. 7.

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

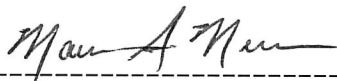
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Harris 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 15th day of April 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

