



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
Council Chambers
May 6, 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: May 6, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember Chad Leverett

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Councilmember Coram led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Harris.

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 May 6, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the April 15, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **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 was approved in the FY2024 budget.
4. **Resolution 2024-05-06-01** for consideration to enter into a contract with SportsConductor, LLC (Jarvis) for interleague scheduling software. Funding was approved in the FY2024 budget.
5. **Resolution 2024-05-06-02** for consideration to authorize a consulting contract with Human Resource Management, Inc. (HRM) for services related to updating the city's Compensation Administration Plan. Funding was approved in the FY2024 budget.
6. **Resolution 2024-05-06-03** for consideration to approve a proposal from Sweetwater Construction, LLC for the sitework and installation of a new entrance sign for Pelham City Park. This project was approved in the FY2024 budget.

- 7. **Resolution 2024-05-06-04** for consideration to approve a public works contract with Cahaba Glass Company for the installation of new doors and emergency hardware at four well houses. This project was approved in the FY2024 budget.
- 8. **Resolution 2024-05-06-05** for consideration to approve the lowest and most responsible bid from Rast Construction, Inc. for the Shelby County Highway 35 and 361 Water Main Replacement Project and authorize the mayor to sign a Notice of Award. This project was approved in the FY2024 budget.

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>Not Present</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 – None

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- Xterra 's North American Championship will be held in Pelham on May 16-19, 2024 at Oak Mountain State Park. She said the high level of competition is expected to attract over 400 participants.
- Last weekend the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena hosted the Magic City Ice Classic. Over 300 skaters representing 11 states attended. She thanked the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for another outstanding event.
- Stated the Pelham Racquet Club's renovations are almost complete.
- Noted the numerous recreational activities and opportunities in the city.
- The public is taking notice the Police Department is using the firing range for training. She thanked Police Chief Sugg for his leadership.

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 2024-05-06-06** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor License for applicant Hit Different, LLC operating under the trade name Hit Different Barbeque and Grill located at 3569 Pelham Parkway, Suites 1 and 2, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-05-06-06 and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05-06-06 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2024-05-06-07** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor License for applicant Tequilas Mexican Grill and Cantina, LLC operating under the trade name Tequilas Mexican Grill and Cantina located at 3018 Pelham Parkway, Suite 101, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-05-06-07 and Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05-06-07 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

3. **Resolution 2024-05-06-08** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor License for applicant El Comal Mexican Restaurant 4 LLC, operating under the trade name El Comal Mexican Restaurant 4 LLC, located at 2698 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-05-06-08 and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05-06-08 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the council president declared the same passed and adopted.

4. **Ordinance No. 517** for consideration to declare certain real property of the City of Pelham, Alabama is no longer needed for municipal purposes and to further donate the property to the Alabama Department of Transportation as a part of the Alabama Highway 261 widening project. The real property is located at the intersection of North Chandalar Drive and Alabama Highway 261 (Pelham Fire Station No. 4).

Ordinance No. 517 was introduced and read in its entirety by Council President Mercer as a First Reading.

He stated a complete text of Ordinance No. 517 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.

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 said he was excited about the possibility of Waldo's Chicken & Beer and Edgar's Bakery & Café opening in Pelham.

Councilmember Wash noted the Pelham High School Class of 2024's graduation later this month. He stated a valuable lesson learned is to be kind, respectful, listen, and value relationships.

Councilmember Harris said he had the opportunity to attend retired Officer Mike Brasher's funeral. He stated he was impressed by the Police Department's Honor Guard.

Council President Mercer said he attend a recent Pelham Public Library Board meeting with new board member Amy Milling. He noted this week is Teacher Appreciation Week. He thanked the city's executive staff for their quick response handling the rail crossing issues last week.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The Pelham Playground Grand Opening will be this Saturday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Pelham City Park.
- 2. The 9th Annual *Palooza in the Park* is Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the area around the Pelham Recreation Center. The 2024 Palooza will feature two bands, the *Divines* and the *M80's*, and a Pelham youth athlete's parade.
- 3. The 2024 Pelham High School graduation will be held on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are required to attend.
- 4. Pelham City Offices will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

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 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of May 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

