



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall

Council Chambers

June 17, 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: June 17, 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 Coram 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 June 17, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the June 3, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and the June 12, 2024 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-06-17-01** for consideration to approve a contract for the purchase of two (2) fire apparatus for the Pelham Fire Department from Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program.
4. **Resolution 2024-06-17-02** for consideration to transfer unassigned fund balances to the city's Committed Reserve Funds for the purchase of two fire apparatus for the Pelham Fire Department.
5. **Resolution 2024-06-17-03** for consideration to approve an emergency purchase to replace the back-up generator at Pelham Fire Station No. 5.
6. **Resolution 2024-06-17-04** for consideration to approve the purchase of two (2) pre-owned mowers for Ballantrae Golf Club and to amend the FY2024 Operating Budget.

- 7. **Resolution 2024-06-17-05** for consideration to declare certain personal property (Public Works Department vehicles, metal chairs and digital information sign) of the City of Pelham, which are no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, as surplus.
- 8. **Resolution 2024-06-17-06** for consideration to approve to renew a master contract with Alabama Power Company for public safety services. This expense was 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>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.

- The City Employee Engagement Survey closed today with a participation rate of 71%.
- Pelham Parks & Recreation recently hosted an Adventure Camp with 16 participants.
- Beginning Monday, Pelham Parks & Recreation is partnering with Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena to introduce street hockey to the community.
- 12 highway intersection cameras have been installed along Alabama Highway 119 and U.S. 31. The cameras along Shelby County Highway 52E will be operational shortly.
- Solid Waste Disposal Update - AmWaste
 - Announced meeting the new state director for AmWaste and he brings a lot of experience to Alabama.
 - Stated AmWaste currently does not have a Pelham route manager.
 - AmWaste has recently moved the garbage pick-up to an earlier start time of 7:00 a.m.
 - The city is continuing to work with AmWaste to improve customer service, which has been noticed over the past several weeks.

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. **Ordinance No. 135-261**, to amend the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning O-I (Office and Institutional District) to E-1 (Estate Residential District) for property located along the east side of Bearden Road, across from Pelham High School. Owner: Joey White and Shannon White. The Public Hearing and First Reading was on June 3, 2024.

Ordinance No. 135-261 was reintroduced by Council President Mercer.
Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Ordinance No. 135-261 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. 135-261.

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>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 135-261 passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

- 1. **Ordinance No. 135-262**, revisions to the Code of Ordinances, City of Pelham, Appendix A, Article XV, Section 14, and Section 16 regarding additional regulations for CBD stores and vape shops in B-2 (General Business District) zones. The Public Hearing and First Reading was on June 3, 2024.

Ordinance No. 135-262 was reintroduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Ordinance No. 135-262 as presented and Councilmember Wash 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. 135-262.

Councilmember Wash thanked Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas and his staff for their research in bringing Ordinance No. 135-262 to the city council for consideration.

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>
Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 135-262 passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. **Resolution 2024-06-17-07** for consideration of an ABC license application for a 040 Retail Beer (on or off premises) and a 060 Retail Table Wine (on or off premises) licenses for applicant Valhalla Board Game Café, LLC located at 2408 Pelham Parkway, Suite 400, Pelham, Alabama 35124 operating under the trade name Valhalla Board Game Café.

Councilmember Coram moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-06-17-07 and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

Chief Sugg stated the applicant is compliant with the city's ordinances. He stated they understand the Responsible Vendor Program and compliance requirements.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06-17-07 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council 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 thanked the Parks & Recreation staff and the participants in the grand opening of Park 124. He introduced Sadrack Wasswa from Uganda. Councilmember Coram stated he will be out of town and not attending the July 2024 work sessions or council meetings.

Councilmember Leverett noted the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Ballantrae Golf Club. He said Mayor Waters, Councilmember Wash, and himself recently attended a reunion of Valley Elementary School teachers and staff at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

Councilmember Wash stated for the record the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena does an outstanding job catering events and is an excellent venue. He noted the big crowd at Ballantrae Golf Club's 20th anniversary celebration. He said Ballantrae is a fantastic facility. Councilmember Wash wished Councilmember Leverett a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Harris mentioned the number of city employees attending the grand opening of Park 124.

Council President Mercer said the first Movie Under the Stars was on June 7. He thanked the Parks & Recreation staff and cited all the activities being held at the city's park facilities. He acknowledged the Pelham Parks & Recreation Connectivity Master Plan. Council President Mercer recognized Ballantrae Golf General Manager Hal Brown and staff for their 20th anniversary. He asked everyone to read about Juneteenth and its history.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pelham City Offices will be closed Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
2. The City of Pelham will host its annual *Fire on the Water* celebration in partnership with Oak Mountain State Park on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with activities, music, food trucks, and more. The fireworks show begins at 9:00 p.m. Gates will close promptly at 7:00 p.m. to allow ample time for everyone to make their way to the beach before the show. Please plan accordingly.
3. Pelham City Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
4. Pelham Parks & Recreation Activities – Friday, July 12
 - * Games * - 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.,
 - * Movie * - *Migration*, 8:15 p.m.
 - Location: Pelham City Park
 - For additional information, call 205-620-6426.

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 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

