



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
Council Chambers
September 4, 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: September 4, 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 7:01 p.m. Councilmember Wash 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 was 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 September 4, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the August 19, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-09-04-01** for consideration to declare certain personal property (Public Works Department-Equipment) of the City of Pelham, which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, as surplus.

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 Wash 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 Yes

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, Finance Director Jamie Wagner, and Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas provided an in-depth review of the FY2025 operating, capital budgets, and debt service schedule of the City of Pelham.

Council President Mercer noted a resolution would be on the September 16, 2024 city council agenda for consideration to approve the FY2025 budgets.

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 2024-09-04-02** for consideration of an ABC 140 – Special Events Retail License application (No Alcohol Outside of Licensed Area and No to Go Sales) for applicant MI Pueblo Supermarket, LLC located at 3060 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124 operating under the trade name Hispanic Independence Day Festival 2024.

Police Chief Sugg explained the applicant has complied with the city's ordinances, security plan, and required documentation. Cinthia Saenz, representing the applicant, was present. Councilmember Coram asked if the applicant observes ABC's Responsible Vendor Program. Ms. Saenz said they do.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2024-09-04-02 and Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09-04-02 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.

- Donald Mottern, Shelby County Reporter, 115 North Main Street, Columbiana, Alabama 35051, stated the Pelham City Council is the finest he has had the pleasure to work with in the area. He echoed the comments of City Manager DiFante regarding her budget presentation. He announced Friday would be his last day with the Shelby County Reporter.
- Vince Cottone, 2130 Aaron Road, Pelham, Alabama 35124, expressed his concerns regarding the setback lines in the residential development along Huntley Parkway. He stated being anxious to see the Highway 261 widening project begin. Council President Mercer said he would ask the city engineer to review his concerns regarding the setback lines.

- Dr. Judy Mannings, 524 Wild Ridge Circle, Pelham, Alabama 35124, thanked City Manager DiFante and her staff for the detailed and informative FY2025 budget presentation. She encouraged the public to attend city council meetings to learn more about the city. She mentioned several of the city departments and their contributions to the community.

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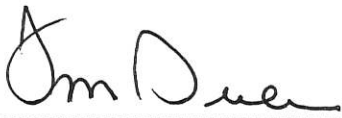
Councilmember Coram offered Mr. Mottern his best wishes. He thanked City Manager DiFante and city staff for the budget presentation. He mentioned several departments were asked to cut their operating budget to fund projects and commitments in the city.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of September 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

