



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
November 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: November 18, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – City Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember David Coram

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Councilmember Leverett led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Wash.

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 November 18, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the November 4, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-11-18-01** for consideration to enter a professional services contract with Chambless King Architects for architectural design and engineering services for capital improvements and renovations at Pelham City Park. This expense was budgeted for FY2025.
4. **Resolution 2024-11-18-02** for consideration to enter a lease agreement with Kubota Credit Corporation USA to finance golf course maintenance equipment at Ballantrae Golf Club. This expense was budgeted for FY2025.
5. **Resolution 2024-11-18-03** for consideration to participate with Shelby County, Alabama for acquisition of the 2025 Aerial Photography and Topographic Mapping Update. This expense was budgeted for FY2025.

6. **Resolution 2024-11-18-04** for consideration to accept the proposal from CC Lynch and Associates to purchase four (4) rain gauges for stormwater monitoring. This expense was budgeted for FY2025.
7. **Resolution 2024-11-18-05** for consideration to authorize a master agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for leasing of certain municipal vehicles. This expense was budgeted for FY2025.

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 Wash 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>Not Present</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.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREE

Police Chief Brent Sugg recognized Det. Isaac Cruz for his 15 years of dedicated service to the City of Pelham. Members of the city council wished Det. Cruz the best in his retirement.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) - None

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS - None

PROCLAMATION(S) AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS - None

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- Thanked Det. Cruz for his service and support of the Pelham community.
- Christmas decorations were installed at several traffic intersections last week.
- The Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority met today. Pelham recorded only six missed pick-ups over the past 30 days. AmWaste's customer service has improved with the hiring of a new route manager. She noted the garbage schedule will change slightly during the holiday season. She explained a fire at their recycling center has caused delays in processing the recyclables.
- Ambulance service begins January 1, 2025. She noted the recent meeting with Shelby Baptist Medical Center's Chief Operating Officer and representatives from Pelham, Alabaster, and Helena regarding transports to their emergency room. Everyone has agreed to meet quarterly.

REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY - None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL - None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 135-265** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning B-2 (General Business District) to MXD-N (Mixed Use-Neighborhood

District) for property located along Shelby Co. Highway 11, Pelham, AL 35124, containing approximately 167.72 acres (+/-) of vacant, mostly wooded property. The Public Hearing and the First Reading were on November 4, 2024.

Applicant: Chloe Kelly, 68 Ventures (68V Pay Dirt, LLC) 26051 Predazzer Lane, Suite A, Daphne, Alabama 36526

Owner: Double Mountain, LLC, 2924 Crescent Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Councilmember Harris moved to adopt Ordinance No. 135-265 as presented and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

Chloe Kelly, 68 Ventures, LLC, stated local builders Tower Homes and Harris-Doyle Homes will be the builders in the Silver Ridge subdivision.

Councilmember Leverett noted the city council will consider a resolution later tonight for a traffic and signal warrant study in FY2025.

There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 135-265.

The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Not Present</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. 135-265 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. 270-02** revisions to Chapter 11, Article IV, Code of Ordinances of the City of Pelham, regarding the regulation of noise in the city. The Public Hearing and the First Reading were on October 21, 2024.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Ordinance No. 270-02 as presented and Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer thanked the committee for their input and recommendations regarding Ordinance No. 270-02.

There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 270-02.

The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Not Present</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. 270-02 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 2024-11-18-06** for consideration to amend the FY2025 General Fund Operating Budget for the purpose of funding a traffic and signal warrant study along Shelby County Highway 11 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Leverett moved to adopt Resolution 2024-11-18-06. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11-18-06 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2024-11-18-07** for consideration to appoint a citizen to the Pelham Public Library Board was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Harris moved to adopt Resolution 2024-11-18-07. Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11-18-07 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

3. **Resolution 2024-11-18-08** for consideration to appoint and reappoint citizens to the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash moved to adopt Resolution 2024-11-18-08. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11-18-08 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted with Councilmember Leverett abstaining.

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.

- Bill Blank, 720 Cahaba Valley Court, Pelham, Alabama 35124, addressed the city council regarding a fundraiser for the Pelham High School wrestling team.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Wash thanked American Legion Post 555 for hosting the luncheon last week. He noted how blessed we are to be Americans and be thankful for what we have.

Council President Mercer echoed the comments of Councilmember Wash.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Leverett 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 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of November 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council