



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
December 16, 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: December 16, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – City 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 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 December 16, 2024 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the December 2, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2024-12-16-01** for consideration to the release of the bond money and accept the public street and rights-of-way in the Grey Oaks Subdivision, Sectors 5 and 7.
4. **Resolution 2024-12-16-02** for consideration to accept the Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a gardening program at the Pelham Senior Center.

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	<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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Police Captain Joey Pitts introduced the following new police department employees.

- Officer Callie Flores
- Officer Nickolas Hallmon
- Officer Alphonzo Holmes
- Officer Micah McCary
- Officer Jordan Reed
- Officer Terrence Sizemore
- Officer Matthew Staggs
- Dispatcher Sadie Stevens
- Officer Cameron Young

Communications and Branding Manager Ainsley Allison introduced the following new employee.

- Jenni Hodges, Communications Specialist, Recreation

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas introduced the following new employees.

- Kayce Watkins, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Development Services & Public Works
- Andy Burke, Building Inspector

City Manager Gretchen DiFante introduced the following new employee.

- Stacey Primero-Currier, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

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.

- CTC Institute's Pelham Citizens Survey has been distributed and is reflective of the city's demographics. They will work with those selected to participate in the survey to ensure an adequate number of responses are received from the public. The completed report is due in February.
- Alabama Highway 261 Widening Project: 66 of the 69 properties have been acquired by the Alabama Department of Transportation. The remaining three are in Shelby County Probate Court.

- Attended a hearing in Shelby County Probate Court today along with Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas regarding closing a driveway at the Publix Shopping Center for the Alabama Highway 261 Widening Project.
- AmWaste reported having year-to-date recycled 25,114.72 tons of garbage.

REPORT BY 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 2024-12-16-03** for consideration to approve a monthly residential garbage and recycling rate adjustment effective February 1, 2025.

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Resolution 2024-12-16-03. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer noted the increase is \$.64 per month.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12-16-03 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 Councilmember Wash and Councilmember Leverett, the volunteers, and city staff for another fantastic Christmas Parade.

Councilmember Leverett noted he is proud the city council is taking care of its employees. He thanked the city employees for their service to our community. He highlighted the efforts of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena in providing an excellent venue for the Christmas Parade.

Councilmember Wash said it takes a village to make the Christmas Parade a success. He noted our employees shine each year in making this event special. He specifically mentioned the Pelham Police and Fire Departments for making the Christmas Parade safe for those attending. He said we are blessed and grateful for our community. He mentioned Mayor Waters and himself were interviewed last week on Pelham High School's campus TV. Councilmember Wash thanked the American Legion Post 555 volunteers for participating in the activities in our community.

Council President Mercer echoed the comments of the city council regarding the annual Christmas Parade. He noted having had lunch with our local pastors. He asked everyone to keep our faith-based pastors in your prayers. He thanked Dr. Judy Mannings for her contributions to the City of Pelham.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A public hearing will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, in the Council Chambers at Pelham City Hall to consider **Ordinance No. 135-266** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the City of Pelham changing the present zoning A-1 (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Residential Single Family District) to R-G (Residential Garden Home District) for property located along Oak Mountain State Park Road and Shelby County Highway 33, Pelham, AL 35124, containing approximately 104 acres (+/-) of vacant, mostly wooded property.

Applicant: Randy Goggans (Pelham 157, LLC) 2909 County Road 1005, Jemison, AL 35085

Owner: Pelham 157, LLC, 2909 County Road 1005, Jemison, AL 35085

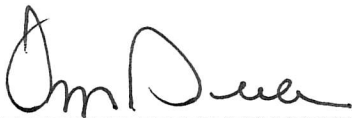
- 2. City offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holidays and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for the New Year's Day Holiday.
- 3. The Pelham City Council is accepting applications and resumes through Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. from those Pelham residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to one of the following municipal boards: Pelham Board of Education, Pelham Storm Water Board, Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Pelham Commercial Development Authority, or the Pelham Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The application is on the city's website at www.pelhamalabama.gov. The city clerk/treasurer will acknowledge receipt of the application and resume by email.

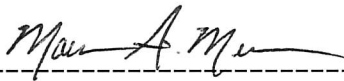
ADJOURNMENT

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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of December 2024.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

