



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Pelham City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
February 17, 2025 – 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:** February 17, 2025  
**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 Coram led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pelham Oaks Elementary School Ambassador Bryan Duke.

## 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 February 17, 2025 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2025-02-17-01** for consideration to declare certain personal property (lockers) at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena as surplus and to authorize the disposal of the same
4. **Resolution 2025-02-17-02** for consideration to adopt newly revised bylaws of the Pelham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
5. **Resolution 2025-02-17-03** for consideration to authorize payment of an invoice from Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. for parking lot lighting at Oak Mountain Amphitheater and to amend the FY2025 Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena budget
6. **Resolution 2025-02-17-04** for consideration to authorize an automatic mutual aid agreement between the City of Pelham and the City of Alabaster
7. **Resolution 2025-02-17-05** for consideration to authorize an automatic mutual aid agreement between the City of Pelham and the City of Chelsea

8. **Resolution 2025-02-17-06** for consideration to authorize an automatic mutual aid agreement between the City of Pelham and the City of Helena
9. **Resolution 2025-02-17-07** for consideration to authorize an automatic mutual aid agreement between the City of Pelham and the North Shelby Fire District
10. **Resolution 2025-02-17-08** for consideration to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Robinson & Sons Construction Services, Inc. for services related to the CR52 water tank painting project. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
11. **Resolution 2025-02-17-09** for consideration to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Powell Builders, Inc. for services related to the Crosscreek Trail and Creekview Drive PVC replacement project. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
12. **Resolution 2025-02-17-10** for consideration to approve a change order and final project amount related to the Aaron Road and Kristen Circle PVC replacement project. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
13. **Resolution 2025-02-17-11** for consideration to authorize a time extension due to unforeseen delays with product procurement related to the Business Center sewer lift station upgrades.
14. **Resolution 2025-02-17-12** for consideration to approve a deductive change order and final project amount related to the Shelby County Highways 35 and 361 water main replacement project. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
15. **Resolution 2025-02-17-13** for consideration to authorize an agreement with Pelham Fence, LLC for services related to the removal and replacement of 2,000 linear feet of black chain-link fence at the Tennis Center. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
16. **Resolution 2025-02-17-14** for consideration to enter into a public works contract with C&W Concrete Construction, Inc. for services related to the Pelham Park Street Hockey Rink site preparation project. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
17. **Resolution 2025-02-17-15** for consideration to enter into a contract with Shelby County Park & Recreational Authority (SCPRA) for services related to the Pelham Park Street Hockey Rink site preparation project. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
18. **Resolution 2025-02-17-16** for consideration to authorize the purchase and installation of an NHL street hockey/soccer court from Synlawn through Omnia Purchasing Contract No.: R220501 and Sourcewell Purchasing Contract No.: 031622-AST. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
19. **Resolution 2025-02-17-17** for consideration to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the U.S. Highway 31 (Alabama Highway 3) roadway lighting installation, operations, and maintenance project. This project 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](http://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:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 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

1. Mayor Waters announced the appointment of TJ Dunaway to the Pelham Planning Commission.

PROCLAMATION(S) AND RESOLUTION(S) BY THE MAYOR AND OTHERS

1. Proclamations honoring June Fletcher

Mayor Waters stated a proclamation would be read at a future city council meeting honoring Ms. June Fletcher.

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

- City Manager Gretchen DiFante recognized the Ambassadors of Pelham Oaks Elementary School: Etiolee Huguley, Kai Rice, Bryan Duke, and Natalie Torrijos and school sponsor Amanda Knight. Each ambassador had the opportunity to ask questions of the city council and mayor.
- City Manager Gretchen DiFante presented the 2024-2025 Citizen Engagement Survey Results.
- City Manager Gretchen DiFante commended the Pelham Public Works team for their response efforts following the strong storms during the early morning hours of Sunday, February 16, 2025.

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 2025-02-17-18** for consideration to accept the donation of three (3) medical transport ambulances and one (1) bus from the Shelby County Commission was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-17-18 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

Deputy Shelby County Manager Jesslan Wilson, Commissioner Ward Williams, and Commission Robbie Hayes were in attendance. City Manager Gretchen DiFante spoke to the City's appreciation for their County's efforts and partnership with the City of Pelham.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02-17-18 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2025-02-17-19** for consideration to add the name of June Fletcher to the obelisk at Pelham City Park was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Council President Mercer announced Resolution 2025-02-17-19 was removed from the City Council Agenda by action of the city council.

3. **Resolution 2025-02-17-20** for consideration to establish pavilion rental rates for Pelham Parks was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-17-20 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02-17-20 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

- 4. **Resolution 2025-02-17-21** for consideration of an ABC License application for a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor for applicant Yamato Pelham Inc., operating under the trade name Yamato Steakhouse located at 3018 Pelham Parkway Suite 105 and 106, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-17-21 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02-17-21 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

- 5. **Resolution 2025-02-17-22** for consideration of an ABC License application for a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor for applicant La Gran Riviera Maya Cantina and Grill, LLC, operating under the trade name La Gran Riviera located at 309 Huntley Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-17-22 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02-17-22 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

- 6. **Resolution 2025-02-17-23** for consideration to authorize a purchase agreement for real property located in the City of Pelham, Alabama was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Wash made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-17-23 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer stated the City of Pelham, by approving this Resolution, will enter into an agreement with Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. to purchase the existing property located at 1000 Amphitheater Road. The City's official statement is entered into the record below.

Council President Mercer asked the City Clerk/Treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt Resolution 2025-02-17-23 was recorded as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 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 Resolution 2025-02-17-23 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

*The City of Pelham is excited to announce the acquisition of a 43-acre property from Live Nation. The property includes the site of the former Oak Mountain Amphitheatre, and the City is purchasing the property following the venue's demolition.*

*The acquisition paves the way for the City to expand the Pelham Arts & Entertainment District, which will attract visitors from the region, seamlessly connecting with The Canopy and the Creekside development—including the former Travel Lodge site—while also complementing Campus 124 at the district's opposite end.*

*"This is a transformational opportunity for Pelham," said City Manager Gretchen DiFante. "This next chapter allows us to reimagine the area in a way that brings even more energy and vibrancy to the Pelham Arts &*

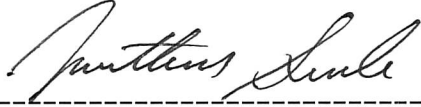
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The annual Taste of Pelham will be held on April 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are available at the Pelham Public Library and online at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

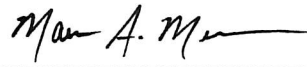
ADJOURNMENT

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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February 2025.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

