



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
March 3, 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: March 3, 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
Mayor Gary Waters

Not Present: Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Mercer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Waters 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 March 3, 2025 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the February 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2025-03-03-01** for consideration to declare certain personal property (portable PA system) at Ballantrae Golf Club as surplus and to authorize the disposal of the same
4. **Resolution 2025-03-03-02** for consideration to approve the lowest and most responsible bid from Duncan and Dearmon Building, LLC for paving the west parking lot at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
5. **Resolution 2025-03-03-03** for consideration to approve a proposal from Byrd Contractors, Inc. to replace the water service line at Fire Station No. 1. This project was budgeted for FY2025.
6. **Resolution 2025-03-03-04** for consideration to approve a proposal from Enviro Management Corp. (EMC) to perform water sampling and testing for the city's MS4 stormwater program. This expense was budgeted for FY2025.

- 7. **Resolution 2025-03-03-05** for consideration to approve an agreement with Alabama Power Company for the installation and monthly service cost for a streetlight at the corner of Trade Center Drive and Old Montgomery Highway
- 8. **Resolution 2025-03-03-06** for consideration to accept a proposal from Massey Asphalt Paving, LLC to repair and resurface damage to a portion of Kings Crest Lane. Repair and resurfacing costs will be reimbursed to the city.
- 9. **Resolution 2025-03-03-07** for consideration to accept the responsibility for the monthly electrical billing for certain existing streetlights in the Eagle Cove Subdivision

Council President Mercer announced Resolution 2025-03-03-07 was removed from the City Council Agenda by action of the city council.

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>Not Present</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)

- 1. It was the consensus of the city council to set the date and time for a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 520, deannexing the North Shelby Library District property at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025 in the Council Chambers of Pelham City Hall.

MAYOR’S REPORT/COMMENTS – None

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

- 1. Proclamations honoring June Fletcher

Mayor Waters introduced longtime friend of Ms. June Fletcher, Neville Peacock, who read one of the two proclamations. Mayor Waters read the second proclamation. Mayor Waters noted members of Ms. June Fletcher’s family, including her sister, and friends were present at tonight’s meeting.

Councilmember Coram stated Ms. June Fletcher was a reason why he wanted to run for city council. He recounted a story of receiving a fruit basket from her for Christmas one year.

Councilmember Wash stated he has known Ms. June Fletcher for over a decade. He noted never having to question where he stood with her because she never hesitated to speak her mind. He said she was a mentor and someone he would seek advice from.

Councilmember Leverett said towards the end of Ms. June Fletcher’s life his wife was able to take her to lunch one day and noted she was still curious about what was going on in the City. He recounted seeing her smile and the joy on her face being named the grand marshal of the first Christmas parade in Pelham.

Council President Mercer noted the number of citizens in attendance at tonight’s meeting to honor Ms. June Fletcher and how it is a testament to her how so many people would come out to support and honor her legacy. He said let us all be reminded we are 5 not 1 and elected by the people of the City of Pelham.

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments.

- Ms. June Fletcher was one of the first citizens to stand up and challenge city officials shortly after she was hired as City Manager. She had a way of holding officials accountable while still challenging them always in a respectful way. There are not many people out there like Ms. June and she noted how grateful she is to have known her because she could always trust her opinion.
- The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena operated by VenuWorks under the direction of Seth Greenberg has been great. Mr. Greenberg is always coming up with new ideas to host unique events. A professional boxing event was held in the banquet hall facility over the weekend with 300 spectators and competitors from four states.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant previously awarded to the City in 2024 for flood mitigation assistance has not been obligated. She noted having had a positive meeting with Senator Katie Britt's staff and their commitment to help the City. She said she was encouraged to hear the City's letter of inquiry on the matter had made it out of the Congressional Oversight Committee within a week.

REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **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.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02-17-19 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02-17-19 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2025-03-03-08** for consideration of an ABC License application for 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 70-Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant Ru Akshar 3 LLC, operating under the trade name Pelham Exxon located at 3071 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03-03-08 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer stated Police Chief Brent Sugg said he was comfortable moving forward and recommended approval.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03-03-08 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

2. **Resolution 2025-03-03-09** for consideration of an ABC License application for 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 70-Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for applicant Saboor, LLC operating under the trade name Kangaroo Marathon located at 7994 Helena Road, Pelham, Alabama 35124 was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03-03-09 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Wash seconded the motion.

Council President Mercer stated Police Chief Brent Sugg said he was comfortable moving forward and recommended approval.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03-03-09 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

3. **Resolution 2025-03-03-10** for consideration to request an Opinion of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Alabama regarding substantial damaged buildings

Council President Mercer noted Resolution 2025-03-03-10 was added to the March 3, 2025 City Council Agenda by action of the city council.

Councilmember Leverett made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03-03-10 as presented by Council President Mercer. Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-03-03-10 passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present. 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.

- Gary Williams – 101 Legacy Parc Drive, Pelham, Alabama 35124

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram remembered the legacy of Ms. June Fletcher.

Councilmember Leverett made no additional comments.

Councilmember Wash made no additional comments.

Council President Mercer thanked Director of Parks & Recreation Brian Cooper and noted the Kites and Bites event in the park was positive and successful. He thanked Ballantrae Golf Club General Manager Hal Brown for bringing back the Saturday morning breakfast buffet.

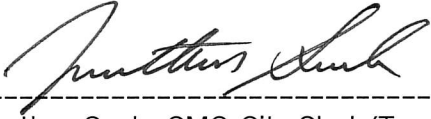
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Pelham City Council will hold a special work session on Friday, March 7, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Pelham Public Library to discuss strategic planning for the City in preparation of the FY2026 budgets.
2. The Pelham City Council will hold a special work session on Monday, March 10, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Pelham City Hall to interview candidates for the Pelham Board of Education, Place No. 2.
3. Secure Shredding & Recycling and the City of Pelham will host a spring shred and e-recycling event on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. It will take place in front of City Hall, 3162 Pelham Parkway. Additional details about shredding and e-recycling are available on the city's website, pelhamalabama.gov.
4. Shelby County will host a Free Landfill Day at the Shelby County Landfill located at 401 Landfill Road on Highway 70 between Columbiana and Calera on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All participants must be unloaded and exited from the landfill by 3:30 p.m.
5. The annual Taste of Pelham will be held on Thursday, 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 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of March 2025.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

