



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
May 19, 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: May 19, 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 7:24 p.m. Councilmember Leverett 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 May 19, 2025 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the May 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
1. **Resolution 2025-05-19-01** for consideration to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program Report
2. **Resolution 2025-05-19-02** for consideration to accept a proposal from TTL, Inc. for professional services related to geotechnical subsurface exploration and testing for the Pelham City Park Renovations project. This project was budgeted in FY2025.
3. **Resolution 2025-05-19-03** for consideration to enter into an agreement with Shelby County, Alabama and accept a Senior Programs Grant Initiative on behalf of the Pelham Senior Center

Council President Mercer stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinances, 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 Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, 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>

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 BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments:

- Presented the City’s new mission statement, vision statement, organizational values, and Seven Pillars of Excellence.
- Reported on the successful first collaboration meeting between the City of Pelham and the Homeowner Associations (HOA) located in the City. She noted the purpose of the continued collaboration is to:
 - Provide an effective mechanism whereby HOAs can share information with City administration.
 - Produce a greater understanding of the issues facing the communities in Pelham.
 - Promote the interchange of ideas concerning the relationships between HOAs and government, the role of government in improving the quality of life, the goals to which government directs its efforts, and into which it should invest its limited resources.
 - Share information with HOAs and seek input from HOA leadership as it relates to proposed legislation and programs.
 - Act as a liaison between the HOAs and the City and serve as a spokesperson for these groups.
 - Identify resources and share information and ideas among the membership on successful community endeavors.

REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 524** to regulate parking within the city limits of Pelham, Alabama (**First Reading was on May 5, 2025**)

Councilmember Coram moved to adopt Ordinance No. 524 as presented and Councilmember Wash seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Council President Mercer asked the City Clerk/Treasurer for a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 524.

The roll call vote 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 Yes

Michael Harris, Jr., Council Member Yes

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 524 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 2025-05-19-04** for consideration to adopt the City of Pelham's mission statement, vision statement, organizational values, and Seven Pillars of Excellence was introduced by Council President Mercer.

Councilmember Coram made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05-19-04. Councilmember Leverett seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2025-05-19-04 passed by a unanimous 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.

- Russell Platt – 2233 Richmond Lane, Pelham, AL 35124 – regarding the recently adopted Seven Pillars of Excellence.
- Leigh Shaffer – 9 41st Street South, Birmingham, AL 35222 – Representing Birmingham Recycling & Recovery – regarding the solid waste disposal process in the City of Pelham.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coram made no additional comments.

Councilmember Leverett announced the Pelham Strong Baseball Hitting & Home Run Derby Competitions have been rescheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025. He said the activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a friendly game between the Pelham Police Department and Pelham Fire Department.

Councilmember Wash congratulated the Pelham High School Class of 2025 and encouraged those able to attend the graduation ceremony on Thursday night.

Councilmember Harris made no additional comments.

Council President Mercer made no additional comments.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 2025 Pelham High School graduation will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. Tickets are required to attend.
2. Pelham City Offices will be closed Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.
3. Pelham residents who would like to serve as municipal election poll officials are encouraged to contact City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale by calling 205.620.6404 or by emailing jseale@pelhamalabama.gov. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Coram 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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of May 2025.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

