



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Pelham City Hall Council Conference Room October 20, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled work session of the Pelham City Council was given in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Council Conference Room at Pelham City Hall and was open to the public.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Mercer at 6:11 p.m.

Appointment of Acting City Clerk

Councilmember Coram made a motion to appoint Tom Seale as Acting City Clerk to record the minutes of the October 20, 2025 City of Pelham Work Session meeting.

Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris.

There being no further discussion, the motion to appoint Tom Seale as Acting City Clerk was approved by unanimous voice vote of those members of the City Council present and Council President Mercer declared the same passed.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Chad Leverett
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Michael Harris, Jr.
Mayor Gary Waters

The Acting City Clerk recorded the attendance of the elected officials and announced a quorum was present. City Manager Gretchen DiFante and City Attorney Josh Arnold were present.

Media Present: Shelby County Reporter

Others Present: City department heads, city employees, and members of the public

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Coram to approve the October 6, 2025 Regular Work Session Minutes.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris. There being no further discussion, the President of the Council announced the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members present.

Request to Address the City Council – None

Old Business – None

New Business

1. Review – Pelham B.E.A.T. Mural Project

City Manager Gretchen DiFante introduced Trey Woodrow, Pelham B.E.A.T. Mr. Woodrow addressed and updated the city council on their mural project at Pelham City Park. He identified several other projects which the B.E.A.T. is currently involved within the Pelham community. Further discussion continued with the members of Pelham City Council. Several members of the B.E.A.T. were in attendance.

Review of October 20, 2025 City Council Agenda

Council President Mercer and City Manager Gretchen DiFante reviewed the October 20, 2025 city council agenda.

E. 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 and 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 taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the presiding officer and City Council.

1. Approval of the October 20, 2025 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the October 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2025-10-06-01** for consideration to authorize the use of wall space in Pelham City Park to the Pelham B.E.A.T.

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

4. **Resolution 2025-10-20-01** for consideration to authorize a budget amendment related to the property purchase from Live Nation Worldwide, Inc.

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

5. **Resolution 2025-10-20-02** for consideration to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with Shelby County, Alabama regarding the transfer of ownership of P25 radio units

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

6. **Resolution 2025-10-20-03** for consideration to authorize and allocate non-profit funding requests approved in the FY2026 Budget

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

7. **Resolution 2025-10-20-04** for consideration to accept the proposal from Shelby County Park and Recreation Authority for the construction of pickleball courts and a restroom/pavilion building at the Pelham Senior Center

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

8. **Resolution 2025-10-20-05** for consideration to accept the proposal from Shepard Electric Company, Inc. for the replacement and installation of primary and secondary surge protectors at the Ballantrae Clubhouse. This project was budgeted for FY2026.

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

9. **Resolution 2025-10-20-06** for consideration to accept proposals for the demolition and construction of a new circulation desk at the Pelham Public Library. This project was budgeted for FY2025 and FY2026.

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

10. **Resolution 2025-10-20-07** for consideration to declare certain items (vehicles) as surplus personal property no longer needed for public or municipal purposes and to authorize the disposal of the same

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

11. **Resolution 2025-10-20-08** for consideration to accept a proposal from Range Servant America, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a golf ball dispenser for Ballantrae Golf Club. This project was budgeted for FY2026.

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

12. **Resolution 2025-10-20-09** for consideration to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Southeastern Sealcoating, Inc. for the Pelham Greenway Trail Phase IV. This project was budgeted for FY2026.

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

- F. Public Hearing(s) – None
- G. Mayor's Report/Comments
- H. Proclamation(s) and Resolution(s) by the Mayor and Others – None
- I. Recognition of Council Members
- J. Recognition of Mayor Gary W. Waters
- K. Report by the City Manager
- L. Report by the City Attorney
- M. Request(s) to Address the Council – None
- N. Old Business / Resolutions / Ordinances / Orders and Other Business

- 1. **Ordinance No. 526** adopting the City of Pelham Business License Ordinance and repealing previously adopted legislation in conflict herewith (**First Reading was on October 6, 2025**)

There were no comments or questions from any member of the city council.

- O. New Business / Resolutions / Ordinances / Orders and Other Business

- 1. **Resolution 2025-10-20-10** for consideration of ABC License 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor - for applicant BBB Pelham, LLC operating under the trade name Big Bad Breakfast, located at 3102 Canopy Trail, Pelham, Alabama 35124

City Manager Gretchen DiFante recommended the removal of this Resolution from consideration during tonight's city council meeting and to be added to the November 3, 2025 agenda.

Councilmember Wash made a motion to remove Resolution 2025-10-20-10 from the October 20, 2025 city council meeting agenda. Councilmember Coram seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of those members of the city council present and the President of the Council declared the same passed and removed.

(End of the October 20, 2025 Agenda Review)

Executive Session

Council President Mercer stated for the record the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action under Sections 36-25A-7(a)(3), Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.

City Attorney Josh Arnold stated the purpose of tonight's Executive Session is appropriate under Section 36-25A-7(a)(3), Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coram to enter into an Executive Session of the city council for the stated purpose. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris.

Council President Mercer asked the Acting City Clerk for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt said motion was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Councilmember	<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>

Council President Mercer noted the Executive Session would take place in the Council Conference Room and asked the members of the City Council, Mayor Waters, City Manager Gretchen DiFante, Assistant City Manager Justin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Cooper, Acting City Clerk Tom Seale, and City Attorney Josh Arnold to attend the Executive Session. Council President Mercer stated, per City Manager Gretchen DiFante, he expected the city council to return from the Executive Session in approximately 30 minutes. The city council went into an Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

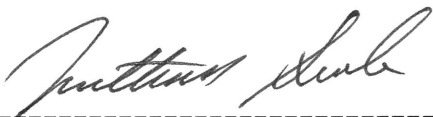
Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Leverett. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the Executive Session was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Council President Mercer called the October 20, 2025 city council work session back to order at 6:49 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Coram and seconded by Councilmember Leverett. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of October 2025.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Chad Leverett, President of the Council

