



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

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## **SPECIAL WORK SESSION Pelham City Hall Council Chambers January 9, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.**

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

Members of the Pelham City Council met on Friday, January 9, 2026. The special work session was held in the Council Chambers at Pelham City Hall and was open to the public.

### Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Leverett at 8:59 a.m.

### Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

President of the Council Chad Leverett  
Councilmember Michelle Power  
Councilmember Christine Townes  
Councilmember Markus Hal Snowden  
Councilmember Michael Harris  
Mayor Rick Wash

The city clerk/treasurer recorded the attendance of the elected officials and announced a quorum was present. It was noted for the record the City Manager and City Attorney were also present.

Media Present: None

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

### Old Business – None

### New – Business

1. City Council Orientation

City Manager Gretchen DiFante, Assistant City Manager Justin Smith, Finance Director Jamie Wagner, Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Cooper, Director of Development Services & Public Works André Bittas, City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale, and City Attorney Josh Arnold led the city council through an orientation session which reviewed capital projects, the City's finances, ethics, and rules of order and procedure.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the special work session was made by Councilmember Harris and seconded by Councilmember Townes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the work session was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of January 2026.



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Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



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Chad Leverett, President of the Council

