CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Pelham City Hall
Council Conference Room
March 16, 2026 – 5:30 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, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 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 Leverett at 5:30 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Council President 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. 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 Snowden to approve the March 2, 2026 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 (Work Session)

1. Appointing Voting Delegates for the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities on April 28, 2026 – May 1, 2026

It was the consensus of those members of the city council present to appoint Councilmember Snowden as the voting delegate and Councilmember Townes as the first alternate and to add this item to the March 19, 2026 City Council Consent Agenda.

New Business (Work Session)

1. Set date and time to interview applicants for the Pelham Board of Education, Place No. 3

It was the consensus of those members of the city council present to appoint Councilmember Townes and Councilmember Harris to work with Director of Human Resources Tracy Hill to narrow down the number of applicants. It was noted the panel would establish the criteria and interview questions for the entire council to ask the applicants at a date to be determined.

Review City Council Consent Agenda Items Recommended for March 19, 2026

1. Lease agreement between Ballantrae Golf Club and Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation for turf equipment

Ballantrae Golf Club General Manager Hal Brown stated this is a 48-month equipment lease, which includes various mowers, blowers, and rollers. He said some of the existing equipment has reached the end of their useful life and it is time to bring in new equipment.

2. Accepting a proposal from and entering into an agreement with Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Co., LLC for repair and resurfacing of the walking trail at Coker Park and accepting a proposal from and entering into an agreement with Video Industrial Services, Inc. for pipe and headwall repairs. This project was budgeted for FY2026.

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

3. Authorizing and entering into a Lighting Services Agreement with Alabama Power Company and assuming the street light expenses in the Grey Oaks Subdivision, Sectors 8 and 10

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

4. Authorizing and entering into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the review, coordination, and approval of the plans for the CR-52 Railroad Crossing Elimination Project. This project was budgeted for FY2026.

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

5. Authorizing and entering into an agreement with AECOM to provide engineering and surveying services for the CR-52 Railroad Crossing Elimination Project. This project was budgeted for FY2026.

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

6. Authorizing and entering into an agreement with Pyro Shows of Alabama, Inc. for the City of Pelham's annual Independence Day fireworks celebration, Fire on the Water. This expense was budgeted for FY2026.

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

End New Business (Work Session)

Councilmember Harris made a motion to move Items 1-6 forward to the March 19, 2026 city council meeting consent agenda. Councilmember Townes seconded the motion.

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

Review New Business Agenda Items Recommended for March 19, 2026

1. Consideration of an FY2026 budget amendment to fund America 250 celebration events in Pelham, Alabama

Mayor Wash said the City of Pelham has created an America 250 committee through the State of Alabama. He said the first event will be this Saturday at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena called Red, White & Bulls. He noted a minor oversight during last year's budget discussion was omitting funding for these types of events. He requested a budget amendment from the city council in the amount of $7,200.00, which will cover the remaining event costs and needed supplies.

2. Set date and time for a public hearing to consider accepting the privately owned sewer lift stations located in the Holland Lakes Subdivision

It was the consensus of those members of the city council present to set the public hearing for Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Pelham City Hall.

3. Set date and time for a public hearing to consider condemning substantially damaged buildings located along Chandalar Court in Pelham, Alabama.

It was the consensus of those members of the city council present to set the public hearing for Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Pelham City Hall.

4. Consideration of an ABC License Application 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) and 990 – Tobacco Only for applicant DEV GOAPL 1 INC., operating under the trade name Liquor Spot located at 2969 Pelham Parkway Suite A, Pelham, Alabama 35124

The city council noted their desire to speak directly with the applicant, who was not in attendance tonight. It was requested this item be moved to the next work session of the city council and to ensure the applicant would be present for further discussion.

5. Consideration of Ordinance No. 324-07 to repeal Section 5-34.4 of the City of Pelham Code of Ordinances regarding sales and use tax collection procedures (First Reading was on March 5, 2026)

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

End Review New Business Agenda Items Recommended for March 19, 2026

Councilmember Snowden made a motion to add Items 1, 2, 3, and 5 to the March 19, 2026 city council meeting agenda. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

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

Executive Session

Council President Leverett 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 and to discuss the consideration the governmental body is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property under Sections 36-25A-7(a)(3)(6), Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.

City Attorney Josh Arnold stated the purpose of tonight's Executive Session is appropriate under Sections 36-25A-7(a)(3)(6), Code of Alabama (1975), as amended.

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

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

Chad Leverett, Council President	Yes
Michelle Power, Councilmember	Yes
Christine Townes, Council Member	Yes
Markus Hal Snowden, Council Member	Yes
Michael Harris, Council Member	Yes

Council President Leverett noted the Executive Session would take place in the Council Conference Room and asked the members of the City Council, Mayor Wash, City Manager Gretchen DiFante, Director of Development Services & Public Works Andrè Bittas, Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale, City Attorney Josh

Arnold, and 58 INC Director of Development Reid Knight, and ReAMP Development Partners to attend the Executive Session. Council President Leverett stated, per City Manager Gretchen DiFante, he expected the city council to return from the Executive Session in approximately 120 minutes. The city council went into an Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember Snowden moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Council President Leverett called the March 16, 2026 city council work session back to order at 8:59 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the 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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of March 2026.

Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer	Chad Leverett, President of the Council

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