



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Pelham City Hall
City Council Chambers
May 21, 2026 – 5:30 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 21, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Pelham City Hall – City Council Chambers
Present: President of the Council Chad Leverett
Councilmember Michelle Power
Councilmember Christine Townes
Councilmember Markus Hal Snowden
Councilmember Michael Harris
Mayor Rick Wash

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Leverett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council President Leverett led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor 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 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 May 21, 2026 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the May 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution 2026-05-21-01** for consideration to declare certain items (Police vehicles) as surplus personal property and to authorize the disposal of the same
4. **Resolution 2026-05-21-02** for consideration to authorize a State of Alabama Tax Abatement Agreement for Coosa Composites Holdings, LLC

Council President Leverett stated the complete text of the agenda, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions are available at Pelham City Hall and online at www.pelhamalabama.gov.

Councilmember Townes made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented by Council President Leverett. Councilmember Power seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, Council President Leverett asked the City Clerk/Treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Chad Leverett, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
Michelle Power, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Christine Townes, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Markus Hal Snowden, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Harris, 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Wash thanked everyone for being here tonight. Mayor Wash invited Henry Crist representing The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 to present the American War Display. Mr. Crist said the 14 displays around the Council Chambers depict some of the most prevalent American conflicts throughout history, beginning with the American Revolution and ending with the War on Terror.

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

1. Proclaiming May 2026 as Bike Month in Pelham, Alabama

Mayor Wash proclaimed May 2026 as Bike Month in Pelham, Alabama. Accepting the Proclamation from Mayor Wash was Councilmember Snowden.

2. Proclaiming May 2026 as Stroke Awareness Month in Pelham, Alabama

Mayor Wash proclaimed May 2026 as Stroke Awareness Month in Pelham, Alabama. Accepting the Proclamation from Mayor Wash was Deputy Fire Chief Matt Maples.

REPORT BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Gretchen DiFante made the following comments:

- Requested a meeting with the city council in June to discuss FY2027 budget priorities.
- Requested the FY2027 budget discussion workshops to occur between August 3, 2026 and August 21, 2026. She suggested approximately 20 hours of meeting time to ensure all questions from the city council can be answered.
- Over 1,600 people attended the Pelham Palooza this past weekend at Pelham City Park. She said it was a great event and the first time in several years rain was not a factor.
- Congratulated the Pelham High School Class of 2026.

REPORT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY – None

PUBLIC HEARING(S) – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2026-05-21-03** for consideration to accept real property and easements associated with the Holland Lakes Subdivision sewer lift stations rehabilitation and improvement project was introduced by Council President Leverett.

Councilmember Snowden made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05-21-03. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05-21-03 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.

Please note, the public comment period is intended for comments only. It is not a public hearing, nor is it a time for dialogue, debate, or questions to the City Council. Any questions or requests for additional information will be noted and may be addressed by the appropriate City staff or officials at a later time.

- Ben Fuller – Candidate for Shelby County District Court Judge, Place No. 3.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Snowden congratulated the Pelham High School Class of 2026. He said it is great to have a facility like the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena right here in our City to hold special events like graduation. He thanked The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 for being here tonight and presenting their display. He wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Councilmember Harris congratulated the Pelham High School Class of 2026 and thanked The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 for their attendance tonight.

Councilmember Power congratulated the Pelham High School Class of 2026 and noted they received \$17.5 million in scholarships. She said she is excited to see them shine at the next level.

Councilmember Townes congratulated the Pelham High School Class of 2026 and wished everyone a safe Memorial Day weekend. She thanked The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555 for their attendance tonight and encouraged everyone to thank a veteran and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Council President Leverett thanked Executive Director of the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena Seth Greenberg for the incredible job he and his staff do with all the events they coordinate throughout the year. He said it was great to see former City intern Lucas Kalba graduate today. He closed by reading Psalms 38:8.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pelham City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.
2. The Pelham Police Department is excited to announce the upcoming Pelham PD Youth Academy Summer Camp on June 8-12, 2026. This is a unique opportunity for local students to learn about law enforcement, leadership, teamwork, and public safety in a fun and engaging environment. Campers will gain valuable life skills while building confidence, responsibility, and positive relationships with law enforcement personnel. The camp is free for kids aged 12-15, but space is limited. Registration ends on Sunday, May 31, 2026. For more information visit www.pelhamalabama.gov.
3. The City of Pelham will hold a public hearing during the regular City Council meeting on June 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Pelham City Hall, 3162 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, AL 35124 to consider the following request: Rezoning application for property located off State Park Road, changing the present zoning A-1, B-1, R-1, and R-3 to PUD-R. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide input. Individuals with disabilities needing special services to participate in applications, activities, programs or services are requested to coordinate their needs in advance. If special accommodation is required, please contact us at 205.620.6404.
4. The City of Pelham will celebrate Flag Day as part of its America 250 Celebration on Saturday, June 14, 2026, beginning with a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at Pelham City Cemetery. Residents may drop off old, faded, or tattered American flags at The Home Depot or any Pelham fire station before the event. The celebration continues with Together Under One Flag at Pelham City Park from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., featuring live music by Act of Congress, bounce houses, patriotic crafts, games, a balloon artist, photo opportunities, food trucks, and recognition of United States military members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Leverett stated the Executive Session originally scheduled for tonight's meeting was no longer needed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the city council, Councilmember Snowden moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Townes seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of May 2026.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Chad Leverett, President of the Council

