



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

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## **SPECIAL WORK SESSION** **Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers** **August 4, 2026 – 4:00 p.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 Tuesday, August 4, 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 special called work session was called to order by Council President Pro Tempore Snowden at 4:03 p.m.

### Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Councilmember Michelle Power  
Councilmember Christine Townes  
Councilmember Markus Hal Snowden  
Mayor Rick Wash

Not Present: President of the Council Chad Leverett  
Councilmember Michael Harris

The city clerk/treasurer recorded the attendance of the elected officials and announced a quorum was present. City Manager Gretchen DiFante was present.

Media Present: ABC 33/40

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

### New Business

1. FY2027 Department Budget Review

City Manager Gretchen DiFante, Assistant City Manager Justin Smith, and Finance Director Jamie Wagner reviewed the following departmental budgets with the mayor and city councilmembers:

- Overview and Operating Procedures – Presented by City Manager Gretchen DiFante, Assistant City Manager Justin Smith, Finance Director Jamie Wagner, and Chief Financial Officer for Pelham City Schools Lauren Butts
- Revenue – Presented by Tax Accountant Phil Braisher and Finance Director Jamie Wagner
- City Manager – Presented by City Manager Gretchen DiFante
- Mayor – Presented by Mayor Wash
- City Council – Presented by Assistant City Manager Justin Smith
- Finance – Presented by Finance Director Jamie Wagner
- City Clerk/Treasurer – Presented by City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale

It was noted for the record the FY2027 Department Budget Review concluded at 7:56 p.m.

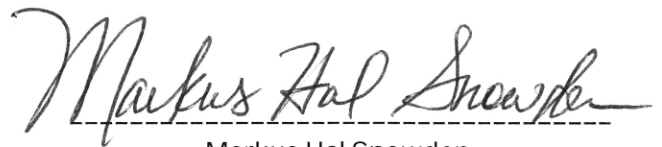
#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the special work session was made by Councilmember Townes and seconded by Councilmember Power. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the work session was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of August 2026.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Markus Hal Snowden  
President Pro Tempore of the Council





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## SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

### WAIVER OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Pelham, Alabama, hereby waive notice of a Special Called Work Session of the Pelham City Council for the purpose of discussing and reviewing the FY2027 department budgets; and/or other council business and do consent that said Special Called City Council Work Session for said purpose be held in the Council Chambers of Pelham City Hall in the City of Pelham, Alabama at 4:00 p.m. on the 4th day of August 2026.

*Not Present*

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Chad Leverett, President of the Council

*Michelle Power*  
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Councilmember Michelle Power

*Christine Townes*  
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Councilmember Christine Townes

*Markus Hal Snowden*  
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*Not Present*

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Councilmember Michael Harris