



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

SPECIAL WORK SESSION **Pelham City Hall – Council Chambers** **August 11, 2026 – 5:00 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 11, 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 Leverett at 5:00 p.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. City Manager Gretchen DiFante was present.

Media Present: None

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:

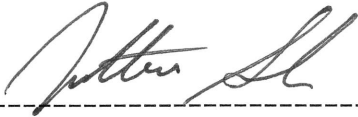
- Communications – Presented by Acting Communications Manager Gina Womack
- Human Resources – Presented by Director Tracy Hill
- Fire Department – Presented by Fire Chief Mike Reid, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Maples, EMS and Training Division Chief Roy Simpson, Lieutenant Judson Houston, and Administrative Assistant Ashley Rhodes
- Economic Development – City Manager Gretchen DiFante and Assistant City Manager Justin Smith

It was noted for the record the FY2027 Department Budget Review concluded at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the special work session was made by Councilmember Snowden and seconded by Councilmember Power. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the work session was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

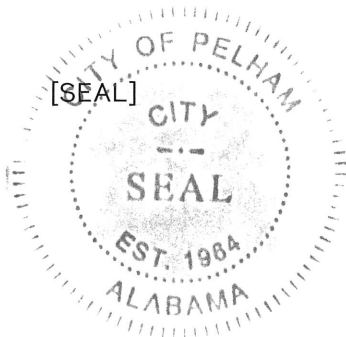
Respectfully submitted this 11th day of August 2026.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Chad Leverett, President of the Council





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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 5:00 p.m. on the 11th day of August 2026.

Chad Leverett, President of the Council

Councilmember Michelle Power

Councilmember Christine Townes

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Councilmember Michael Harris