



## MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers | 1953 Municipal Way

Alabaster, AL

September 07, 2023

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### CALL TO ORDER

City Council assembled for a Work Session and the meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM with Council President Sophie Martin presiding.

### ROLL CALL

*Sophie Martin, Rick Ellis, Stacy Rakestraw, Greg Farrell, Jamie Cole, Zach Zahariadis, Kerri Pate*

### PRESENT

Council Member - Ward 1 Sophie Martin  
Council Member - Ward 2 Rick Ellis  
Council Member - Ward 3 Stacy Rakestraw  
Council Member - Ward 4 Greg Farrell  
Council Member - Ward 5 Jamie Cole  
Council Member - Ward 6 Zach Zahariadis  
Council Member - Ward 7 Kerri Pate

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### 1. Department Head Presentations

Brian Binzer - Administration  
Patrick Johnson - IT  
Fred Hawkins - Building & Engineering Services  
- Environmental Services  
- Facilities  
- Public Works

#### 2. FY 2024 Budget Presentation

Second presentation to City Council of the Mayor's proposed fiscal year 2024 budget. Added to Monday's agenda.

#### 3. SoftPak Route Management Application and 3rd Eye Camera System

Review request to purchase software and camera equipment for the Public Works Department. Added to Monday's agenda.

#### 4. Review Bids Received for Wastewater Pumps

Consider bid received for waste water pumps for the Environmental Services Department. Added to Monday's agenda.

#### 5. Regular City Council Meeting Time - Discussion

Currently Regular City Council Meeting times are 6:00 PM for Pre-Council and 7:00 PM for the Regular Meeting. Consideration - amending the meeting time to 6:30 PM. This change will take place in November 2023. Added to Monday's agenda.

#### 6. Development Agreement for North Promenade/Michaels

Review final agreement for the Michaels located within the North Promenade Shopping Center. Added to Monday's agenda.

**7. Council Appointments Needed**

Council discussed needed appointments to fill unexpired terms for IDB, CDA and PBA.

**8. Recommendation of Fire Marshal to Abate Weeds at Two Properties**

REVIEW FOR MONDAY: Setting a public hearing for Monday, October 23, 2023, affirming the recommendation of the Fire Marshal to abate weeds at 205 Meadowlark Drive and 220 Jasmine Drive, Alabaster, AL. (\*\*Resolution 102323 Affirming Recommendation of Fire Marshal to Abate Weeds at Two Properties) Added to Monday's agenda.

**9. \*Resolution 091123 Assessing Weed Abatement Cost for 1046 Independence Ct**

A public hearing is set for September 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM, to assess the cost of weed abatement to 1046 Independence Ct, Alabaster. Added to Monday's agenda.

**10. \*\*Resolution 091123-A Assessing Weed Abatement Cost for 98 Hickory Street**

Setting a public hearing for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM, to assess the cost of weed abatement to 98 Hickory Street, Alabaster. Added to Monday's agenda.

**11. Executive Session Relating to Preliminary Negotiations Involving Matters of Trade or Commerce**

Alabama Code Title § 36-25A-7 (7) To discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama or in other states or foreign nations or to discuss matters or information of the character defined or described in the Alabama Trade Secrets Act. Provided, however, that prior to such discussions a person involved in the recruitment or retention effort or who has personal knowledge that the discussion will involve matter or information of the character defined or described in the Alabama Trade Secrets Act advises the governmental body in writing or by oral declaration entered into the minutes that the discussions would have a detrimental effect upon the competitive position of a party to the negotiations or upon the location, retention, expansion, or upgrading of a public employee or business entity in the area served by the governmental body if disclosed outside of an executive session, or would disclose information protected by the Alabama Trade Secrets Act.

City Attorney, Jeff Brumlow confirmed that the reason for Executive Session was authorized under State Law. Council President Sophie Martin stated that the Council would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw. Voting Yea: Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis, Council Member - Ward 7 Pate. Motion carried. Council entered executive session at 8:26 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 7 Pate, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis. Motion carried. Executive Session ended and the Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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**J. Mark Frey, City Clerk**

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**Greg Farrell, Council President Pro Tem**