



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council Chambers | 1953 Municipal Way

Alabaster, AL

July 30, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Sophie Martin, Rick Ellis, Stacy Rakestraw, Greg Farrell, Russell Bedsole, Scott Brakefield, 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 6 Scott Brakefield

Council Member - Ward 7 Kerri Pate

ABSENT

Council Member - Ward 5 Russell Bedsole (In at 7:10 PM)

AGENDA ITEMS:

Employee Pay Plan Discussion

Council reviewed the proposed pay plan changes including a COLA and employee reclassifications within the City of Alabaster. Council added to Monday's agenda.

Curbside Pick Up Discussion

Public Works Director, Mark Harris provided updated data related to the City's Junk and Rubbish program.

Establishing a Public Building Authority Discussion

Finance Director John Haggard discussed how a Public Building Authority (PBA) would work within the City of Alabaster. This program allows the PBA to borrow money for large projects and then lease the property to the City without impacting the City's constitutional debt limit. John will have Rod Kantor come in for the next work session to explain the program to the Council and explore options.

Financial Update May & June

Finance Director John Haggard discussed the finances for the City. He reviewed fund balances and updated the Council. May and June sales tax have seen a slight decrease, but there are increases in other streams of revenue making up the losses. Revenues are up 1.59% over this time last year.

Water Tower LED Lighting

Council reviewed an updated quote for the lighting of the water tower. The equipment and installation labor from Main Street LED were as follows: Equipment Total \$24,173.60, Labor for Installation \$17,878.65 and a Contingency amount of \$2,947.75. The Total for Project is \$45,000.00 and the Council will consider approval during Monday night's regular Council Meeting.

Council Member Bedsole joined the meeting at 7:10 PM

Veto Discussion - Resolution 072020-I Authorizing Acquisition of Property for the City of Alabaster Parks and Recreation

Council reviewed the Mayor's veto of Resolution 072020-I Authorizing Acquisition of Kingwood Field Property in the amount of \$575,000. Rick Ellis stated that as of 2016 there are approximately 1242 rooftops in Ward 2 and 1346 rooftops in Ward 6. The Park is needed in this area. Stacy Rakestraw mentioned that this area needs a park and this property has been vetted out. This park will help alleviate the overcrowding at Buck Creek Park. It was noted that the recent parks assessment identified a park deficiency in this area of the City. It is rare to have an opportunity to purchase a property that has needed amenities that are ready to use. This item is being added back to the agenda for Monday night for a veto override vote.

Advertising Request - Shelby County Reporter

Council discussed an advertisement request for the Shelby County Football Guide. Council will consider a half page ad during Monday night's regular council meeting at a cost of \$821.

ATC Proposal for Construction Materials Testing - New Police Station

Council discussed the new Police Station and need for construction materials testing. The ATC contract will be added to the agenda for Monday night.

Certificate of Election for Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 7

Council President Scott Brakefield confirmed that a Certificate of Election would be on the agenda for Monday. This will certify that at the close of qualifying for the 2020 Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Alabaster, Alabama, that Sophie Martin (Ward 1), Rick Ellis (Ward 2) and Kerri Pate (Ward 7) were the only candidates to qualify in their respective wards for office in the City of Alabaster, Alabama, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2020.

Executive Session Relating to Potential or Pending Litigation

Executive Session to discuss with the City Attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action, or to meet or confer with a mediator or arbitrator with respect to any litigation or decision concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the governmental body involving another party, group, or body. Section 36-25A-7(a)(3)

Enter Executive Session - Motion made by Council Member - Ward 1 Martin, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell. 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 Bedsole, Council Member - Ward 6 Brakefield, Council Member - Ward 7 Pate Council Member Brakefield stated that Council will not reconvene following the Executive Session. Council entered an Executive Session at 7:44 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis. Voting Yea: All were in favor and the meeting ended at 7:56 PM

J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

Scott Brakefield, Council President