



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chamber | 1953 Municipal Way

Alabaster, AL

February 27, 2023

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM and the Council organized for the Regular City Council Meeting which started at 7:00 PM with Council President Sophie Martin presiding.

### PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 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

### MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. **02-13-2023 Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting**
- B. **02-23-2023 Minutes - Work Session City Council**

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell. Minutes approved.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Greg Farrell made a motion to amend the tonight's agenda by adding Resolution 022723-C Attorney General Opinion Request Resolution and approving tonight's agenda which was seconded by Council Member Jamie Cole. Amended agenda approved.

### MAYOR BRAKEFIELD COMMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Brakefield presented the Alabaster Fast Forward 2023-2024 project to the City Council.

### AGENDA ITEMS

\* **Public Hearing on these Items**      \*\* **Set Public Hearing on these Items**

- 1. \***Ordinance 23-173 Amending Certain Sales and Use Tax Provisions of the City of Alabaster**

Public Hearing to amend certain sales and use tax provisions of Chapter 38, Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alabaster, Alabama (2015).

Council President Sophie Martin opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak in against or in favor of said ordinance.

#### **Speaking Against:**

**Bruce Chmylak** - 227 Mountain Lake Tr  
**Bobby Molan** - 1027 Henry Dr  
**Gary Sokolowski** - 305 Grande View Tr  
**Stanley Holt** - 407 Sterling Park Cir  
**Rick Thompson** - 152 Windwood Cir  
**Julie Watson** - 6999 Hwy 119  
**Fred Roth** - 1374 Butler Rd  
**Jessica Snow** - 109 Silverstone Ln  
**Kimberly McCain** - 208 Buck Creek Cir  
**Larry Rush** - 224 Porth South Ln  
**Tim Enloe** - 144 Windwood Cir  
**Gary Mattingly** - 110 Chestnut Dr  
**Phillip Seales** - 621 Forest Hills Rd

**Speaking For:**

**Jason Ruha** - 435 Wynlake Ln, Alabaster  
**Andrea Holsomback** - 168 Red Bay Dr, Maylene  
**Susan Leah Harchelroad** - 640 Wynlake Cove, Alabaster  
**Tracy Morris** - 860 Park Forest Ln, Alabaster  
**Jason McCrory** - 101 Oakbrooke Ln, Alabaster

Council President Martin closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. 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.

**2. Resolution 022723 Approving Issuance of ABC License - Zapata Brothers LLC dba Antojitos Catrachos Restaurant**

Approving an ABC License request for a type 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor License for Zapata Brothers LLC dba Antojitos Catrachos Restaurant located at 807 1st St N Alabaster, AL 35007.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw. Motion carried.

**3. \*\*Resolution 031323-A Placing Lien on Property Located at 62 12th Ave SE due to Abatement**

Setting a public hearing for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM to place a lien for the abatement of structures located at 62 12th Ave SE.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 2 Ellis, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 6 Zahariadis. Motion carried.

**4. \*\*Resolution 031323-B Placing Lien on Property Located at 30 Hilltop Rd due to Abatement**

Setting a public hearing for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM to place a lien for the abatement of structures located at 30 Hilltop Rd.

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 3 Rakestraw, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tracy Morris** - 860 Park Forest Ln, Alabaster  
Asked if the City would communicate better and concerned about Walker Springs

**John Haggard** - Finance Director, City of Alabaster

Wanted everyone to know that the Finance Department staff is always available to review any questions about the budget or spending. We enjoy meeting our citizens.

**Timothy Enloe**- 144 Windwood Cir, Alabaster

Asked the Council the reason that they approved the amendment to the Alabaster tax rate. All members responded with reasons.

**Gary Sokolowski** - 305 Grande View Tr

Stated that nothing ever gets done and the Council should place this vote on their reelection signs.

**Amanda Turner** – 60 Winterhaven Dr

Thanked Mayor and Council for having the vision and courage to put this in place and the job that they do. This will make a difference for my family and so many others.

**Bobby Harris** - 112 Reese Dr, Alabaster

Proud of the citizens of Alabaster and everyone who came to speak tonight. I am so proud of this Council and proud to call Alabaster my home. I will gladly give my penny.

**Kristy Monahan** - Outside of City

Stated that she grew up in Alabaster, moved away and has moved back. Thank the Council for their vision and the positive impact this will have on our children and grandchildren. Thank you for the ambulance service.

**Larry Rush** - 224 Porth South Ln

Asked Council to make the ambulance service and first responders a priority.

**Bobby Molan** - 1027 Henry Dr

Asked if the Medical Mile standards had changed. Mayor Brakefield will sit down and go over questions after meeting. Asked if big box stores get discounts and incentives.

**Judy Moseley** - 126 Equestrian Dr., Alabaster

Thanked the Council for passing this measure and the support for the new library.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

## **WORK SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9, 2023, AT 6:00 PM**

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Council Member - Ward 4 Farrell, Seconded by Council Member - Ward 5 Cole.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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**J. Mark Frey, City Clerk**

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**Sophie Martin, Council President**