



Alabaster City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Meeting at 6:00 pm
1953 Municipal Way – Conference Room

Thursday January 16, 2020

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

- Roll Call:
 - Sophie Martin
 - Rick Ellis
 - Stacy Rakestraw
 - Greg Farrell
 - Russell Bedsole
 - Scott Brakefield (left at 6:43)
 - Kerri Pate

Others Present: Brian Binzer, Lisa Glasgow, Patrick Johnson, Jeff Brumlow, Fred Hawkins, Mayor Handlon, John Haggard, Mark Frey, Chief Rigney, Tim Hamm, Candace Connell, Chris Grace, Jason Grubbs, Steven Allen, Shawn Whitt

Agenda Items:

1. **Justice Center Plan Update – Stephen Allen** – Steve Allen with Williams Blackstock reviewed with Council updated interior and exterior design elements for the new Alabaster Justice Center. Preliminary cost estimates for the building are \$15,329,554 (\$393/SF). The next step is design development where the plan can be evaluated, and cost savings may be identified.

Council President Brakefield left the meeting at 6:43 PM and Council Pro Tem Sophie Martin chaired the remainder of the meeting.

2. **Abbey Wooley Park Design – Barge Design – Chris Grace / Fred Hawkins** – Mr. Grace discussed a proposal from Barge Design relating to the Phase I design of the improvements to Abbey Wooley Park. Council will consider at the upcoming Council Meeting.
3. **Tier II to Tier I Conversion Options – Candace Connell and John Haggard** – Council reviewed options from Retirement Systems of Alabama for providing Tier I benefits to Tier II employees. Catch up cost estimates were discussed and improved recruiting and retention by offering the benefit to employees. Council will discuss further during the next Work Session.

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4. **COBRA premiums for disabled retirees – Candace Connell** – Mrs. Connell discussed with Council updates from Local Government Health Insurance Board in relation to disabled retirees and the gap that exist due to recent policy changes by LGHIB. Council will consider a policy to help “bridge the gap” created by the new LGHIP rules and aid disabled retirees in continuing his or her health insurance coverage during the next Council Meeting.
5. **November Financials – John Haggard** – Mr. Haggard reviewed the City financials for the month of November with the Mayor and City Council. The City’s finances continue to perform as expected. Mr. Haggard recommended devoting an entire work session to Capital Projects and Debt Service prioritization.
6. **ClasTran Funding Request for 2020 – John Haggard** – Council received the annual request for funding from ClasTran for assistance in funding the public transportation within the City of Alabaster. This item will appear on the next Council Meeting Agenda.
7. **Alabaster Arts Council Agreement Review for 2020 – Brian Binzer** – This relates to the CityFest 2020 agreement and will be discussed at an upcoming work session.
8. **Easement for New Car Wash – Fred Hawkins** – Mr. Hawkins briefed the Council on a request to grant a utility easement to the new car wash located next to Fire Station 3. Council will consider during the next week’s meeting.
9. **Generator Maintenance Contract – Brian Binzer** – Mr. Binzer presented a recommendation from Ernie Clark for maintenance and monitoring of generators located at Fire Station 1, Station 3, Municipal Complex, and WWTP. This is an 12 month contract and will be considered annually.
10. **Amending the Contract with Bama Industrial Services LLC** – Council reviewed a proposal to amend existing agreement with Bama Industrial in relation to upstairs cleaning of City Hall.

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11. ***Resolution 012020 – (PH) Affirming Recommendation from Alabaster Housing Abatement Board to Demolish Structure Located at 965 Simmsville Rd.** A public hearing is scheduled on Monday night to consider recommendation of the Alabaster Housing Abatement Board for the demolition of a structure located at 965 Simmsville Rd. Alabaster, Alabama *(Public hearing was set during the 12-12-19 Council Meeting for MONDAY January 20, 2020)*

12. ***Ordinance 20-92 An Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located at the NW Intersection of HWY 31 and Fulton Springs Rd to B-3 Community Business District – Jeff Brumlow** – A pre-zoning public hearing is scheduled for property located at the NW Intersection of Hwy 31 and Fulton Springs Rd to be annexed into the City within 180 days of the effective date of this Ordinance. Property being pre-zoned to B-3 (Commercial Business District), with no additional conditions. *(Public hearing was set during the 12-12-19 Council Meeting for MONDAY January 20, 2020)*

13. **Executive Session for Legal Matters Involving Consideration of Anticipated Negotiations Involving Matters of Trade or Commerce within the City of Alabaster** – Discussing preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the city is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama or in other states or foreign nations within the City of Alabaster. Ala. Code § 36-25A-7(a)(7)) within the City of Alabaster.

Council Member **Bedsole** made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session which was seconded by Council Member **Pate**. Council President Pro Tem **Martin** announced that the Council would not reconvene following the Executive Session and called for a voice vote. All were in favor and Work Session adjourned and the Council entered Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

Following the Executive Session, Council Member **Bedsole** made a motion to adjourn. Council Member **Farrell** seconded. Council President Pro Tem **Martin** called for a voice vote. All were in favor and Executive Session adjourned at 9:28 PM.



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk



Sophie Martin, Council President Pro Tem