

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop** session on **Thursday, March 3, 2022** at 5 pm at City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Perry H. Cook presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members present were as follows:

Council President Perry H. Cook
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Alan Taylor
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Ben Short

Others present in official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
City Clerk Dan Weinrib

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. Based on a briefing by the city clerk regarding the April 12, May 24 and November 8 election dates & scheduled Council meetings, the City Council mutually agreed to reschedule their regular sessions to April 7, May 19 and November 3, respectively.

Glendale Farms LLC representative Doug Neill gave a 25-minute presentation on the Glendale Farms at Carrington PUD Zoning idea. Partner Steve Mordecai was also in attendance. Neill showed the original master plan, then the updated master plan, based on the consideration process by Planning & Zoning. He and Mordecai summarized the recommended revisions from Planning & Zoning and lobbied the City Council to reconsider three of those revisions: the right-turn only intersection at Carrington Drive near the railroad track and proposed commercial district, the 25-foot buffer along parts of Carrington Drive and cluster homes and/or commercial expansion replacing townhomes across from the current commercial district. Instead of expanded commercial and/or cluster residences, Neill and Mordecai counter-proposed brownstone residences, providing renderings during their presentation. This was something Planning & Zoning never knew about or considered as part of any master plan. The Council asked numerous questions on various topics, including their three objections, dedicated school and green spaces, traffic study, the proposed bridge over the railroad, the numbers & percentages of higher-concentrated residences and phases of construction. After much discussion, the City Council removed the First Reading of the Glendale Farms rezoning ordinance from its March 8th agenda, so that the Glendale Farms could discuss the brownstones idea with Planning & Zoning at its March 10th agenda workshop. The meeting ended at 7 pm.

MARCH 8, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022** at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Perry H. Cook presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Cook called the meeting to order. Councilor Taylor led the prayer. Councilor Bright led the pledge to the flag.

The following answered present to roll call: Council President Perry H. Cook
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Ben Short
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in their official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
Attorney Rick Stotser
City Clerk Dan Weinrib

The council members reviewed minutes from the February 17th agenda workshop and February 22nd regular session. Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Cook introduced the agenda and consent agenda. Upon Mayor Choat's request, the City Council agreed to add a resolution to its proposed agenda for consideration. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to accept the proposed agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion to accept the proposed consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Section X. Auditing Accounts

ADMINISTRATION (6011)	\$ 2,254.73
MUNICIPAL COURT (6015)	\$ 665.49
FINANCE (6017)	\$ 101.98
IT (6018)	\$ 418.62
POLICE DEPARTMENT (6121)	\$ 23,147.06
FIRE DEPARTMENT (6122)	\$ 24,238.29
PUBLIC WORKS (6231)	\$ 4,216.70
PARKS & RECREATION (6341)	\$ 36,102.16
PARKS MAINTENANCE (6342)	\$ 9,349.03
LIBRARY (6451)	\$ 7,174.46
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 107,668.52
CIVIC CENTER (08)	\$ 22,082.82
CONFISCATED FUNDS (64)	\$ 7,150.00
CORRECTIONS (85)	\$ 2,828.86
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 139,730.20

- Hire Jonathan Butler as Corrections Officer (Grade 16 – Step 3), effective March 12, 2022
- Hire Mackenzie Espy as part-time Gymnastics Instructor (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective March 12, 2022
- Promote Halee Ward, Jessica Bonner and Austin Scarborough to part-time Gymnastics Instructor (Grade 12 – Step 1), effective March 12, 2022
- Promote Pamela Sims to part-time Gymnastics Instructor (Grade 12 – Step 2), effective March 12, 2022
- Promote Carley Sims to part-time Gymnastics Instructor (Grade 12 – Step 3), effective March 12, 2022
- Promote Brandon Sullivan and Troy Vance to full time Public Works Skilled Laborers (Grade 12 – Step 2), effective March 12, 2022
- Approve 5% education premium for Firefighter Blake Trull, effective March 12, 2022
- Install a yield sign facing the west end of Green Drive for traffic wanting to turn right (Northbound) on to Chalkville Mountain Road, per Public Safety Committee recommendation
- Accept agreement with PNC Bank (successor to BBVA) Regarding Private Placement Account
- Reappoint Dr. Steve Ward to the City Board of Education, with new term ending May 25, 2027
- Authorize the City to pay approximately \$19,000 for exterior repairing and repainting the ACTA theater building and Heritage Hall.
- Authorize Mayor Choat to enter into an agreement with Alabama Power to change over city lights to LED, with additional costs at \$220 per month.
- Authorize overnight business travel for Mayor Choat March 21-22 to Covington, Georgia regarding Miracle League ball field

Prior to the Council’s acceptance of the consent agenda, Councilor Taylor addressed Richard Epstein’s ongoing traffic concern about the Green Drive/North Chalkville Road intersection. Rather than a yield sign facing Green Drive, Epstein wanted a “no-turn-on-red” sign. Taylor promised that the Public Safety Committee would consider his request at its next meeting.

The City Council acknowledged the presence of the various school board leaders, including newly reappointed member Dr. Steve Ward. Councilors Bright, Taylor, Anderson & Short each praised the city leaders for its transparency in considering other candidates in addition to the incumbent. The also expressed appreciation for Dr. Ward and his service to our community. Dr. Ward briefly addressed the Council and the audience. After a brief recess for photos, President Cook resumed the meeting.

There were no public comments.

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed resolution in support of State House Bill 122, which would create penalties on railroad operators for unjustified street blocking. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-08**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution to amend the FY2022 budget, to account for additional revenues and expenses across various departments and the Civic Center. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-09**

President Cook then opened a public hearing on alcohol licensing applications from the ownership group, representing Hero Doughnuts and Buns as well as Rodney Scotts BBQ. Part-owner and operating partner Molly Seckman introduced herself to the City Council. She answered their questions, particularly about their responsible vendor program as well as past experiences serving alcohol at other locations. Since there were no other comments, President Cook closed the public hearing.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution for approving Hero Doughnuts and Buns' ABC license. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-10**

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution for approving Rodney Scotts BBQ's ABC license. She moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-11**

President Cook then opened a public hearing on the prospective business licensing for R3 Massage LLC. Owner Britany Cowan introduced herself to the City Council. She answered questions about her background and previous experience. Police Sgt. Chuck Bradford vouched for her clean record on her behalf. Since there were no other comments, President Cook closed the public hearing.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution for authorizing R3 Massage LLC's business license. She moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-12**

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution for authorizing Mayor Choat to negotiate a real estate deal for a price not to exceed \$275,000. He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS. Resolution No. 2022-13**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson reported that Historical Board member Mary Sue Landman died unexpectedly the previous week. Historical Committee and she are working to find a worthy successor to recommend for an appointment. Also, ACTA is preparing its spring production of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*. The Historical Museum will re-open this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Also, the Library will host author Rick Bragg as its featured speaker sometime in May. Admission is \$15. For \$35, an attendee can also get an autographed copy of his book. Also, after acknowledging Jim Wolf in the audience, she announced that the Veterans Committee issued its annual report, covering 2021. The Fallen Warrior Project remains a work in progress.

Councilor Bright commended Public Works for its successful clean-up efforts as it transitions to weeding and mowing from leaf vacuuming and debris removal. Also, she reported that the renewal school millage referendum is set for April 12th. She emphasized that the referendum is strictly for keeping a longtime school tax. The school board ended indoor masking but has kept in place for group school travel. She mentioned that local high school basketball star Jordan Hunter announced her verbal commitment to Auburn. She also mentioned the early season success by the high school softball (11-2-1) and baseball teams (9-1)

Councilor Short announced that Planning & Zoning will review Glendale Farms LLC's proposed brownstones at its March 10th agenda workshop. Also, at its last meeting Design Review Committee reviewed various proposed signs, landscaping and/or building designs by ReMax Realty, Bendy's Ice Cream, Grandview Medical and Serra Automotive.

Councilor Taylor acknowledged former councilors Jef Freeman & Anthony Montalto. He reported that the Finance & Public Safety Committees recently met. Also, he invited his colleagues to join him at the area city councilors association lunch meeting on March 25th at the Civic Center.

President Cook reported that Parks & Recreation, Senior Center and Inspections remain busy with their various activities and responsibilities. Also, the Tree Commission planted a black gum tree and gave away 500 tree saplings, donated by various businesses and individuals. On February 24th, retired track coach David Dobbs spoke at a Tree Commissions meeting.

Mayor Choat explained the City's LED agreement with Alabama Power as well as the purpose behind his overnight Miracle League business trip to Georgia. Also, he mentioned that there is no confirmed date for the Fallen Warriors dedication. The target date for the groundbreaking remains Memorial Day weekend. July 4th is the fallback. Also, he informed the public that Clay City Manager Ronnie Dixon and the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce are fundraising for Dixon's sponsored church in Ukraine. He encouraged the public to donate. Also, he informed the public about ALDOT's planned lane & exits closures during its year-long I-59 widening project. Everybody groaned. He encouraged the public to attend ALDOT's open house at the Civic Center on March 24, 4-6 pm.

During audience comments, former councilor Montalto and resident Bill Rogers praised Ward's reappointment then urged the public to support the referendum.

With no further public business, the Council promptly adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Weinrib', is centered on the page.

City Clerk Dan Weinrib