

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in an **agenda workshop session** on **Thursday, March 7, 2024**, at 5 pm at the City Hall Annex to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Pro Tem Ben Short presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:	Council Pro Tem Ben Short Councilor Lisa Bright Councilor Alan Taylor
Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Clerk Dan Weinrib
Those absent:	Council President Jaime Anderson Councilor Perry Cook

The City Council then determined the order of consideration. At the Mayor's suggestion, the Council agreed to add the appointment of a voting delegate and first alternate at the annual League of Municipalities convention as consent agenda item. They also added a recognition of heroism to the regular agenda. Barry Stalnaker of Trussville Springs LLC summarized the proposed changes to its Master Plan, then the councilors offered feedback. Before the Council considers those changes as a zoning ordinance, they will first have a public hearing during the regular meeting. Next, J.T. Murphy gave a presentation on behalf of the Leadership Trussville Active Transportation Committee, in order to seek Council feedback. Informally, the Council indicated it was receptive to the formal creation of their committee, with either seven or nine members serving staggered terms. Councilor Short volunteered to be its council liaison. The Committee is also seeking a \$12,000 for FY2025, as city matching funds for a future APPLE study. The Council gave its informal support, without dissent. With nothing left to review, President Pro Tem Short adjourned the workshop at 5:40 pm.

MARCH 12, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, at 6 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Jaime Anderson presiding over the meeting and Stacy Frazier serving as recording secretary.

President Anderson called the meeting to order. Councilor Cook led the prayer and Brigs Millington led the pledge.

Those members present were as follows:	Council President Jaime Anderson Councilor Lisa Bright Councilor Perry Cook Councilor Ben Short Councilor Alan Taylor
Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Buddy Choat City Attorney Rick Stotser
Those absent:	City Clerk Dan Weinrib

They reviewed the minutes from the February 22 agenda workshop and regular session. Councilor Bright moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson introduced the three-item consent agenda, as well as the regular agenda. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approving the consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approving the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Lisa Bright introduced a proposed proclamation honoring the state champion Hewitt-Trussville Middle School Dance Team. She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-09** After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting by recognizing Fire Chief Tim Shotts.

Chief Shotts described the heroic efforts by private citizens, Civic Center staff and Fire Department to save Michael Glover, who had gone into cardiac arrest while exercising at the Civic Center. Bystanders applied CPR then used an AED to shock him three times. The Civic Center called 9-1-1. The Fire Department arrived, provided care and ferried him to the hospital. By the time he arrived there, he started to regain consciousness. Eric Pierce, Jared Winninger, and Lynn Glover (Michael's wife & a retired Birmingham FD lieutenant); TFD's Hank Moore, Andy Griffith, Michael Hicks, T.J. Sizemore, Jacon Turner and Matthew Richardson all received American Heart Association Heartsaver Hero Awards.

After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting by opening a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of 6351 South Chalkville Road and 405 Walnut Drive properties. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, she closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules and bring up an ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short subsequently introduced a proposed ordinance to rezone the 6351 South Chalkville Road and 405 Walnut Drive properties to R-T Townhouse Residential and C-2 Commercial from I-2 Industrial. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2024-002-PZ**

President Anderson resumed the meeting by opening a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Trussville Springs PUD master plan. Barry Stalnaker of Trussville Springs LLC took about 15 minutes to summarize the proposed changes, which include reducing the total residential units and replacing all multi-family apartments with additional single-family dwellings. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Anderson closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules and bring up an ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Short subsequently introduced a proposed ordinance to approve the amendments to the Trussville Springs PUD. He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS except for Councilor Bright, who abstained. Ordinance No. 2024-003-PZ**

President Anderson then opened a public hearing on a prospective massage therapy license. Applicant Joshua Cook introduced himself. He & his wife had owned Silk Spa in the Buckhead area of Atlanta, before moving to the Trussville community. He sought to open Pangea Day Spa. He answered the elected officials' perfunctory questions to their satisfaction. Property owner, Moiz Fouladbakhsh of Valley Center LLC, spoke on behalf of his tenant, giving a brief history of their business relationship. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Anderson closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution authorizing approval of Pangea Day Spa's massage therapy license. He moved and Councilor Cook Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-10**

President Anderson then opened a public hearing on a prospective alcohol license for Umami of Trussville restaurant. Owner Putu M. Arsana introduced himself to the council and public. He answered the elected officials' perfunctory questions regarding alcohol service history and training to their satisfaction. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Anderson closed the public hearing.

Councilor Short then introduced a proposed resolution to approve Umami of Trussville's alcohol license application. He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-11**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution declaring two Library chair carts surplus. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-12**

During Council reports, Councilor Bright mentioned Public Works ongoing work cleaning gutters, re-installing the City Cemetery, among other things. Also, she reported that the Industrial Development Authority will meet next week. They are hosting a career day for HTHS students, interested in co-op internships with local businesses. She acknowledged Dr. Steven Ward, who was in attendance as the school board representative. The next school board meeting occurs on March 18. She commended the Lady Huskies on advancing to the state basketball championship, losing to Hoover by only two points. The Lady Huskies did beat Hoover in the March Madness golf tournament at Hoover Country Club.

Councilor Cook reported that the Tree Commission has tagged 20-22 citywide for removal due to disease. They had only eight trees remaining after their Arbor Day giveaway on the previous Saturday. Parks & Recreation has about 600 baseball – five new teams added -- and 300 soccer registrants.

Councilor Short reported that after the Planning & Zoning's public hearing, the proposed Tapestry PUD application was promptly withdrawn. Developer Brooks Harris is re-working its proposal for re-submission.

Councilor Taylor reported that City finances remain healthy. To date, sales tax revenues are up 14.2% from the same point a year ago. The Chamber of the Chamber of Commerce is having its annual golf tournament on March 18 at Pine Tree Country Club. Its membership is at an all-time high. Also, Leadership Trussville is having Education Day on March 14, which includes touring city schools.

President Anderson listed a few upcoming events at the Library (Library 101, *Mary Poppins* movie night, fly fishing). Also, the Historical Committee will open its museum on March 23. Also, Leadership HT & Leadership Trussville are jointly embarking on a scavenger hunt project involving the historical markers in the Cahaba Project area. Also, ACTA's production *Around the World in 80 Days* opens on April 12. Also, various city businesses that post a Veterans Committee-designated sticker is offering discounts to veterans. Also, the Beautification Committee is proceeding with its annual springtime contest. It will accept nominations throughout the month of May, before performing its judging duties on June 3.

Mayor Choat announced that ALDOT will resurface Highway 11 from I-459 to Watterson Parkway this summer. The City will soon solicit bids for the Stockton intersection traffic light, as a public works project. Also, he will meet with ALDOT Director John Cooper and staff on March 28 to get an update on its I-59 lane widening project. Also, Mayor Choat asked the public for patience as the County proceeds with its North Chalkville Road widening project, which includes an additional left turn lane. It will take two years to complete.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Road) thanked Justin Ferguson and Public Works for the new road signs. He also warned the public to wear reflectors while riding bikes or walking dogs, since "not everybody's hardheaded like me."

President Anderson promptly adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk