

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2024 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop session** on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**, at 5 pm 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 Perry Cook
Councilor Alan Taylor

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

Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

The City Council then determined the order of consideration. There were no additions or deletions. With nothing left to review, the agenda workshop adjourned around 5:04 pm.

AUGUST 22, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**, at 5:04 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Pro Tem Ben Short presiding and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

President Pro Tem Ben Short called the meeting to order. Councilor Taylor led the prayer and Councilor Cook led the pledge.

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Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in their official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
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Those absent: Councilor Jaime Anderson

They reviewed the minutes from the August 8 agenda workshop & August 13 regular session. Councilor Bright moved & Councilor Taylor seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Pro Tem Ben Short introduced the consent and regular agendas. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to approve the one-item consent agenda, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Cook moved, and Councilor Bright seconded the motion, to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the Library's annual 5K run in October a citywide event. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-18**

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the annual Foundations for Hope 5K run in October a citywide event. **He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-19**

Councilor Bright introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the annual Trussville Witches Ride in October a citywide event. **She moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-20** The Council recessed to pose for pictures with the honoree/beneficiary Margaux Moore and her family. Her mother made brief remarks, expressing gratitude to the Trussville community. President Pro Tem Short resumed the meeting.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed proclamation declaring the Alabama Power Service Organization 5k Power Run in March 2025 a citywide event. **He moved and Councilor Cook seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-21**

Before the next proclamation introduction, President Pro Tem Short yielded the floor to HTHS alumnus and former major league pitcher Jason Standridge, who gave generous words of praise about his high school football coach, Jack Wood, to the audience for a few minutes. Standridge was a standout quarterback, who would have played for Auburn in 1997; instead, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays drafted him in the first round. He wound up playing seven seasons in Major League Baseball, mostly from the bullpen.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed proclamation honoring the newest member of the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame, Jack Wood. **He moved and Councilors Bright & Cook jointly seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2024-22** The Council recessed to pose for pictures with Coach Wood. He expressed his gratitude to the Trussville community as well as to his family & friends, some of whom were in attendance. When he finished, the City Council acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Wood, a retired Trussville educator, as well.

When the meeting resumed, **Councilor Bright made a motion for unanimous consent to consider an annexation ordinance immediately, which Councilor Taylor seconded. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** She then introduced an ordinance to annex the property located at 8124 Glendale Farms Road. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2024-015-ANX**

Councilor Cook made a motion for unanimous consent to consider an annexation ordinance immediately, which Councilor Bright seconded. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS He then introduced an ordinance to annex the property located at 133 Alabama Boulevard. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2024-016-ANX**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution accepting the FY2023 audit by the accounting firm Cork, Hill & Company, LLC. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-41**

President Pro Tem Short then convened a public hearing regarding the latest Storm Water Management Program Plan. He recognized Director of Planning, Building & Sustainability J.R. Malchus J.R. Malchus, who summarized the updated standards for storm water management promulgated by the Jefferson County Health Department. Since nobody else spoke up, Short closed the public hearing.

President Pro Tem Short then convened a public hearing regarding an ongoing nuisance at 201 Tutwiler Drive. Once again, he recognized Director Malchus, who summarized the issue, namely that too many people are occupying a residence designed to be strictly a single-family household. The new owner, Bin Hua Jin, was in attendance, along with his grown son. Jin lives in Georgia. According to his son, serving as translator, he owns and operates restaurants, including a seafood establishment in the Birmingham metro area. Jin says that he lets his residential property to multiple family members. Under questioning, he stated that he charges them rent, which raised eyebrows among the elected officials. The Code issue is that more than one family occupy the single-family residence. Since nobody else spoke up, President Pro Tem Short closed the public hearing.

Councilor Bright then introduced a proposed resolution mandating that the City abate the public nuisance at 201 Tutwiler Drive. **She moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval, UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-42**

President Pro Tem Short then convened a public hearing regarding an ongoing nuisance at 4908 Branchville Road. Once again, he recognized Director Malchus, who summarized the issue. An out-of-town owner is neglecting the residential property, to the point where it has become uninhabitable. The City has tried to contact the owner of record more than once but has received no replies. Nobody representing the owner showed up for the public hearing. President Pro Tem Short closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed resolution mandating that the City abate the public nuisance at 4908 Branchville Road. **He moved and Councilor Bright seconded the motion for approval, UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2024-43**

During Committee reports, Councilor Bright announced that the IDA will meet after the council meeting. She also praised Public Works for replacing the sidewalk in front of the Library and helping the Parks Department with the Dog Park. After acknowledging school board member Dr. Steve Ward in the audience, she mentioned that the State Board of Education gave city schools' bus fleet a perfect score. She announced the BOE's next meeting will be on August 19. She also promoted the upcoming Husky Night football game against JAG HS (Montgomery She concluded her report by encouraging the public to vote for the referendum on August 27th.

Councilor Cook mentioned the ongoing renovations at the Sports Complex. Also, Inspections reported that construction of Fire Station No. 4 is near completion. Also, the Tree Commission is fielding tree requests. He too encouraged residents to vote for the referendum.

Councilor Short announced that Design Review would meet on August 26th. He too encouraged residents to vote for the referendum.

Councilor Taylor deferred his reports. He too encouraged residents to vote for the referendum.

Mayor Choat gave the public an update on ALDOT's US Highway 11 median lane project. He too encouraged residents to vote for the referendum.

There were no audience comments.

Upon its conclusion and with nothing left on the agenda, President Pro Tem Short adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib CMC
City Clerk