

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

September 11, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor James Eubank
Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams
Council Member Fredrick Davis
Council Member Bobby Robinson
Council Member Cody Shiver
Council Member Mistry Troutman
City Manager, Christian Drake

Asst. Police Chief, Rod Williams
Officer Angel Florence
Main Street/DDA Director, Felisha Draggs
Accounts Payable Clerk, Jasmine Riddle
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind
Janie Holton
Katie Carter

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. He called for a moment of silence in observance of 9/11. Council Member Davis provided the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve the August 26, 2025, Called Meeting minutes as presented, **seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

Minutes for approval: August 21, 2025, Council Meeting
September 11, 2025, Work Session

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A review of all department reports. City Manager Drake announced the fall city-wide clean up would take place October 13-17, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A review of the financial report.

CDBG 2026

City Manager Drake facilitated a discussion regarding the City's future use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), specifically whether to use the funds for housing projects or to use the funds for eligible infrastructure and community development needs. After discussion, it was decided to use the funds for infrastructure projects.

SEAS COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENTATION

Glen Ogleby and Danita Doleman of SEAS Community Partners presented information regarding a potential partnership with SEAS Community Partners for grant writing and project management services related to the development of a new multi-purpose football and soccer field at the Donnie Cochran Community Complex.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-BREAST CANCER AWARENESS 5K

Pelham Main Street will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness 5K on October 11, 2025. City Manager Drake presented the proposed route. After discussion, it was decided the route needed to be changed to limit the closures in the downtown district.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure with the updated route.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

ROAD CLOSURE-TRUNK OR TREAT

Chuy's Grill & Bar will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat on November 1, 2025. They are requesting Mathewson Ave be closed from the intersection of Church St. to the intersection of McLaughlin St from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the road closure.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

TRICK OR TREAT 2025

City Manager Drake is requesting the Council set the City's official Trick or Treating date and time for October 30, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This is due to the Pelham High School Senior Night taking place on October 31, 2025. City Manager Drake stated the City's Public Safety departments would not be able to handle both events on the same day.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

FY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

City Manager Drake presented the required FY25 Budget Adjustments that need to be made to account for expenditures made to make the City's overall budget balance in accordance with standard practice and audit compliance requirements.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve the budget adjustments.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

City Manager Drake presented information regarding the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program. This program would allow the city to apply for funding that would be used to construct a new playground at Twitty Park. He stated the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission has agreed to write the grant application at no cost to the city.

City Manager Drake is recommending the Council approve pursuing a grant application under the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program for the Twitty Park playground project and authorize the mayor to provide a letter of support on behalf of the City.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

AUDIT SERVICES

City Manager Drake informed the Council that the City is soliciting proposals/qualifications from qualified firms to provide professional auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. He stated the submission period would end on September 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

This will be an **ACTION ITEM**.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Katie Carter, resident on Pine Street, appeared before the Council to address concerns with a vacant property on Pine Street, stating that due to the condition of the home and the property, she and her neighbors have had to increase exterminating service because of mice. She also stated that she had been in contact with the City's Code Enforcement Office for over a year regarding this issue but a resolution had not been met. Council Member Adams appeared before the Council to discuss the condition of the sidewalks in the downtown area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-REAL ESTATE

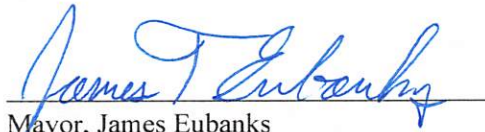
Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of real estate, **seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote was unanimous.** Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:01 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Shiver made a motion to come out of the executive session and reconvening the regular session, **seconded by Council Member Troutman. The vote was unanimous.** Mayor Eubanks declared the Regular Meeting back in order at 8:05 p.m.

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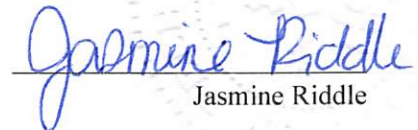
Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.



Mayor, James Eubanks

AUTHENTICATED:

This 18th day of September 2025



Jasmine Riddle