

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Thursday, July 28, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the Conference Room of Columbiana City Hall, Thursday, July 28, 2022. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly
Council Member Vickie Mizzell
Council Member Kim King
Council Member Ashley Phillips
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

Council Member Ricky Ruston

Discussion – Tier 2 – Tier 1 Retirement Conversion

Council discussed the City participating in the Tier 2 to Tier 1 retirement conversion. The Mayor asked that the Tier 2 employees be surveyed and get their feelings for this. A meeting will be set up next week for employees and this will be discussed at a later Council meeting.

Discussion – Abatement Discussion

Council discussed the outstanding properties that need to be abated. Our attorneys will take the next step in the legal process.

Discussion – Audit Findings (Auditor Follow-Up)

Council received the FY 2021 audit at the last council meeting. The Mayor discussed the possibility of the auditors coming to speak to council about the audit and financials.

Discussion – Resident Storm Water Issues (Public Resources)

The Mayor discussed the request at the last council meeting for the City to pay for storm water issues on private property. It was discussed that Council cannot spend public funds on private property.

Discussion – Waste Water Treatment Facility (Capacity)

Council discussed the current Waste Water Treatment Facility and that it is at 80% capacity. The City has applied for a grant for a facility upgrade to increase our capacity.

Discussion – Paving Projects

Council discussed the paving projects that will be in the FY 2023 budget.

Discussion – Main Street Fire Suppression Water Main (General Water Infrastructure)

Council discussed installing a fire suppression water main in the alley behind Main Street and whether this was a public purpose. This will be discussed at a later date.

Discussion – Sidewalk in Front of Shelby County High School

Council discussed adding an ADA ramp and handrail at the sidewalk in front of Shelby County High School.

Discussion – Public Works Project Update

The Mayor updated Council on the Public Works building and property. Some of the property has been cleared by City employees and the concrete slab of the building has been leveled.

Discussion – Industrial Development Board/Commercial Development Authority (Other Boards/Commissions/Committees)

The Mayor discussed making the Commercial Development Authority an active board. He also reminded Council that all boards and committees of the City fall under the Open Meetings Act and have to take minutes.

Discussion – Rec Center Policies/Issues

The Mayor discussed some issues related to renting the Rec Center. It was also discussed to also make the Rec Center available to resident of Shelby and Wilsonville. The Personnel and Policy Committee will meet about this and other changes to the rental policy at a later date.

Discussion – Columbiana Main Street

The Mayor informed Council that the Main Street Director turned in her resignation and her last day is August 5.

Discussion – FY 2023 Budget (Inflation adjustment for pay scale, resource officers, police, other)

The Mayor discussed the upcoming FY 2023 budget. Departments are including a cost of living increase for City employees in their budget. This will be discussed at a later work session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member King made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Mizzell seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.


Charlene Tucker, City Clerk


David Mitchell, Mayor

