

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the Conference Room of Columbiana City Hall, Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly
Council Member Vickie Mizzell
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

Council Member Ricky Ruston
Council Member Kim King
Council Member Ashley Phillips

Discussion – Financial Update

Council discussed the FY 2020 preliminary audit and the FY 2022 budget planning process, which should start in July. Council was asked to make a list of capital expenses and projects that they want for the city.

Discussion – Debt Refinancing

Council discussed the options for the debt refinance. We can either take the cash from the refinance or do a yearly payment reduction. This decision will have to be made by council at the end of the refinance process.

Discussion – American Rescue Plan Act

Council discussed the appropriation that the city will receive. The mayor suggested that the first half of the money that the city receives be spent on the city's storm water infrastructure. This decision will have to be made by council at a later date.

Discussion – Public Works / Fire Station Building

Council was updated on the information received from the engineering firm that the city is working with. They are preparing a memorandum of agreement and will be evaluating the city's options for these buildings.

Discussion – Storm Clean-Up

Council was updated on the remainder of the debris in the city. The mayor is getting quotes to have stumps, root balls and possibly construction debris removed. Once he has quotes, council can vote on moving forward to have these removed or not.

Discussion – Shelby County CDBG Grant Management

Council was updated on this agreement with Shelby County. The mayor informed council that he is leaning toward not participating in the county entitlement group.

Discussion – Cross County Track

Council was updated on this project. We need to define the roles and responsibilities of the city, board of education and others and also define the maintenance that the city performs on this track.

Discussion – Farmer's Market / Trade Days

Council was updated on a possible upcoming event. "Sweet Grown Alabama" would like to coordinate a farm to table event, possibly after Labor Day or in the fall.

Discussion – Baseball / Softball / Sports & Recreation

This was tabled until after the June 3 softball meeting.

Discussion – Town Hall Meeting

There will be a town hall meeting at the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square. This will be immediately following our regularly scheduled council meeting. Each council member will be given three minutes to give an update on their district.

Discussion – Other City Business

The Mayor mentioned having regularly scheduled work sessions.

Ouida Mayfield was awarded the Alabama League of Municipalities Service Award for her 20 years of service on Columbiana's City Council. The city will present this award to her at the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member Mizzell made the motion to adjourn and Council Member Lilly seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.



Charlene Tucker, City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

