

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SYLACAUGA HELD MARCH 21, 2017**

1. Council President, Lee Perryman called meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Ashton Fowler, Tiffany Nix, Donnie Blackmon, Lee Perryman, Dallas Davenport; Absent: None. Mayor James Heigl was also present. Kim Morris was in for City Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Carden.
3. Invocation was given by Rev. Charles Sims, First Presbyterian Church.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Council President.
5. Report from Mayor Jim Heigl:
  1. Reminder that Vietnam Veteran's Day would be celebrated on March 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall flagpole. A reception is planned at the American Legion afterwards.
  2. Announced that the Hutton project was moving forward, and that the City will be closing the East Highland project prior to March 31 to be eligible for additional grants.
  3. Announced that Waste Pro would be reducing garbage service to one day per week in order to reduce costs to the City and to help preserve our roads.
6. Adopt Agenda:

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Davenport to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
7. Approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held March 7, 2017:

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

8. Public Hearing for conducting close-out proceedings for the East Highland Demolition Project (CDBG Project No. LR-CE-PF-14-006—*Public hearing date set 03/07/2017, Resolution 07-2017:*

Council President opened public hearing and called for comments. Dianne Glenn of East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission explained the demolition project of East Highland School, which began in 2014. The City applied for a \$250,000.00 grant through ADECA with a \$222,500.00 match. The total project cost was \$432,872.00. Ms. Glenn advised that the City should keep the project files for five years after close out by ADECA. Council President then closed the public hearing and called for action by Council.

**Resolution #12-2017** was introduced by Councilman Fowler and summarized by Kim Morris.

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to suspend the rules and give immediate consideration was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

**Upon unanimous consent by Council to give resolution immediate consideration:**

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Davenport to approve Resolution 12-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

9. Action that is necessary to approve resolution approving a permit/agreement with ALDOT for the installation, ongoing operation and maintenance of a traffic signal on Hwy 280 at the Hutton project development site; Action by Council authorizes Mayor to execute all related documents on behalf of the City:

**Resolution #09-2017** was introduced by Councilman Blackmon; Read by Kim Morris.

*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve Resolution 09-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

10. Action that is necessary to approve resolution authorizing an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract between the City and Waste Pro of Alabama, Inc.; Amendment changes residential garbage collection to once per week, and removes curbside trash/yard waste pickup—Changes will become effective April 1, 2017:

Council President announced that changes to garbage pickup from two days per week to one day per week will be not effective until May 1. Changes to curbside trash/yard waste pickup will be effective April 1.

**Resolution #10-2017** was introduced by Councilwoman Nix; Read by Kim Morris.

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 10-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

11. Action that is necessary to approve resolution rescinding Resolution 19-2016, dated 5/17/2016 authorizing transitional funding for operation of the Airport facility—*Transitional funding will terminate upon the effective date of the Airport Operating Agreement as approved by Council on 3/07/2017:*

**Resolution #11-2017** was introduced by Councilman Fowler; Read by Kim Morris.

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve Resolution 11-2017 was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

12. Action that is necessary to approve request from Shop Supt. Ed Ford to authorize retroactive Change of Status pay increase for Shop Administrative Clerk Patricia Garrett for 10/18/2016 completion of six (6) month probationary period (*from Pay Grade SM-1; Step 4 at \$10.92/hr to Pay Grade SM-1; Step 5 at \$11.27/hr*)—*Department Head requests that pay increase be retroactive to date probationary period ended:*

Council President announced that city attorney had previously verified a prohibition against retroactive pay.

*Action failed due to lack of a motion.*

13. Action that is necessary to approve request from Interim Fire Chief Adam Gardner to amend FD Budget to transfer \$5,400.00 from the Department Inventory/Equipment Expense (Account #010-530-42005-000) to the Furniture & Fixture Inventory Expense (Account #010-530-47002-000) in order to accommodate the purchase of a commercial hood unit for the Fire Station #1 kitchen—*Expenditure is for the equipment only; installation will be by City staff:*

*A motion by Councilman Blackmon, second by Councilman Fowler to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

14. Action that is necessary to accept recommendation from Code Enforcement Department to approve revised 2017 Fee Schedule for subdivision plan review services as submitted by InSite Engineering—*Carried over from 2/21/2017 work session:*  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Fowler to approve action as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
  
15. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for Accounting Specialist Yourlanda Burns to attend the *Certified Governmental Accounting Technician Training: General Ledger* to be held in Tuscaloosa, April 6, 2017—*Registration fee is \$150.00; Additional costs for lodging, mileage and meals will be incurred:*  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
  
16. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Sgt. Ryan Gaither to attend/teach the *Vehicular Pursuit Risk Management Course* to be held in Florence, April 20, 2017—*No registration fee; Additional costs for meals and fuel/use of department vehicle will be incurred:*  
*A motion by Councilman Davenport, second by Councilman Fowler to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
  
17. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Chief Kelley Johnson and Captain Rondell Muse to attend the *Vehicular Pursuit Risk Management Course* to be held in Florence, April 20, 2017, and the *Dealing with Emotionally Disturbed Persons Training* to be held in Florence, April 21, 2017—*No registration fee for Chief & \$99.00 per course for Muse; Additional costs for lodging, meals and fuel/use of department vehicle will be incurred:*  
*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to approve travel/expenses as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
  
18. Action that is necessary to approve travel/expenses for PD Investigators Ben Layton and Cody Childress to attend the *Basic Crime Scene Investigation Course* to be held in Prattville, September 13-15, 2017—*Registration fee is \$35.00 per employee:*  
*A motion by Councilwoman Nix, second by Councilman Davenport to approve travel/expenses was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
  
19. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$350,021.77 for payrolls for February, 2017:  
*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*
  
20. Action that is necessary to authorize payments totaling \$429,200.75 for balance of accounts payable invoices received for February, 2017:

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilwoman Nix to approve payments as stated was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None.*

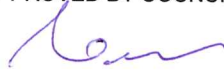
21. Council President asked anyone wishing to address Council to come to the microphone & state name and address for record prior to addressing Council:

1. Mayor Heigl announced the Walk for Autism on April 1 beginning at Central Park. Mayor also announced the annual Clean-Up Day on April 1 from 8 am to 2 pm. Dumpsters will be placed at City Hall and Pinecrest Park, with supplies available at City Hall. Thanked the Street Department for their assistance in cleaning up our city.
2. Donnie Blackmon mentioned Item 12 on the agenda, and advised that the Council cannot legally approve an item when they have been advised it has been prohibited in the past; asked that actions such as this be handled in a timely manner in the future.

22. Having no further business to discuss,

*A motion by Councilman Fowler, second by Councilman Blackmon to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Fowler, Nix, Perryman, Blackmon, Davenport; Nays: None. (Time of adjournment: 6:34 p.m.)*

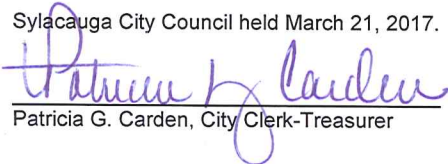
APPROVED BY COUNCIL APRIL 4, 2017:



Lee Perryman, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION:

I, PATRICIA G. CARDEN, as City Clerk-Treasurer of the CITY OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA, do hereby certify that the foregoing document constitutes a true and correct permanent record of the action taken during the regular meeting of the Sylacauga City Council held March 21, 2017.



Patricia G. Carden, City Clerk-Treasurer