

City of Sylacauga
City Council Agenda
June 18th, 2024

1. Called meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. by Council President, Tiffany Nix.
 2. Roll Call:
Councilmembers present included – Tiffany Nix, Nate Brewer, Ashton Fowler, Lee Perryman and Laura Barlow-Heath. Councilmembers absent: None. City Clerk- Treasurer Alexandra Lambert was also present. Mayor Heigl was absent.
 3. Invocation was provided by Ashton Fowler prior to the work session.
 4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
 5. Amend Agenda:
Agenda was amended to add Piper Sandler Company to Agenda Line Item No. 11 and to Resolution No. 70-2024, and the amount (\$1,780,400.00) was removed from Agenda Line Item No. 13.
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to amend agenda was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
 6. Adopt Agenda:
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to adopt agenda was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
 7. Approve minutes of the regular work session held June 4th, 2024:
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
 8. Approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 4th, 2024:
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve minutes as written was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
- Old Business:**
- None.
- New Business:**
9. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 66-2024 for the permanent appointment of Attorney Austin B. Smith as Public Defender for the City of Sylacauga.
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Resolution No. 66-2024 for the permanent appointment of Attorney Austin B. Smith as Public Defender for the City of Sylacauga was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
 10. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 68-2024 authorizing early pay-off of 2013- A General Obligation Warrant for City Hall Energy Performance with TRUIST totaling \$693,282.49. *(Increases \$48.94 per day after June 20th, 2024. (Paid from Bond & Interest Account))*

- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Resolution No. 68-2024 authorizing early pay-off of 2013-A General Obligation Warrant for City Hall Energy Performance with TRUST totaling \$693,282.49 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
11. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 70-2024 authorizing engagement of Underwriter with Piper Sandler Company for Potential General Obligation Warrant Issue.
A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to approve Resolution No. 70-2024 authorizing engagement of Underwriter with Piper Sandler Company for Potential General Obligation Warrant Issue was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays Nix and Brewer.
12. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 71-2024 to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission related to FY25 funding totaling \$91,015.00 for transit services for "Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Public Transportation" managed and operated by Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement on behalf of the City of Sylacauga.
A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Brewer to approve Resolution No. 71-2024 to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission related to FY25 funding totaling \$91,015.00 for transit services for "Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Public Transportation" managed and operated by Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement on behalf of the City of Sylacauga was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
13. Action that is necessary to approve Resolution No. 72-2024 to authorize the Mayor to enter into Phase 2: Basic Services with Williams Blackstock Architects.
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Resolution No. 72-2024 to authorize the Mayor to enter into Phase 2: Basic Services with Williams Blackstock Architects was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
14. Action that is necessary to approve Ray and Gilliland, P.C. to conduct a land survey at Area 1: Pool site located at corner of West 8th Street and North Norton Avenue totaling \$2,200.00.
(Paid from General Fund)
A motion by Councilmember Fowler, second by Councilmember Brewer to approve Ray and Gilliland, P.C. to conduct a land survey at Area 1: Pool site located at corner of West 8th Street and North Norton Avenue totaling \$2,200.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
15. Action that is necessary to approve Ray and Gilliland, P.C. to conduct a land survey at Area 2: property bordered by Central Avenue, Highway 21, 10th Street and Norton Avenue totaling \$9,500.00.
(Paid from General Fund).
A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Ray and Gilliland, P.C. to conduct a land survey at Area 2: property bordered by Central Avenue, Highway 21, 10th Street and Norton Avenue totaling \$9,500.00 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
16. Action that is necessary to approve to hire Melody Salter as a consultant to advise and assist with administrative and financial related items as necessary, effective June 20th, 2024 until September 30th, 2024 at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. *(Funding from unused salaries).*

- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve to hire Melody Salter as a consultant to advise and assist with administrative and financial related items as necessary, effective June 20th, 2024 until September 30th, 2024 at a rate of \$50.00 per hour was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman; Nays Barlow-Heath.*
17. Action that is necessary to approve to hire Heather Long for the position of Accounting Clerk at a rate of AFA-1 step-3, (\$17.48), effective July 8th, 2024.
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve to hire Heather Long for the position of Accounting Clerk at a rate of AFA-1 step-3, (\$17.48), effective July 8th, 2024 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
18. Action that is necessary to approve Michael Adair to the Utilities Board for a term of six (6) years ending July 2030. *(There will be (1) vacancy: Dale Baker.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Barlow-Heath, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Michael Adair to the Utilities Board for a term of six (6) years ending July 2030 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
Councilmember Perryman recused himself from the vote.*
19. Action that is necessary to approve reappointment of Edward Gasper to the Airport Authority for a term of six (6) years ending August 2030. *(There will be two (2) vacancies: Edward Gasper and Taylor Pharr.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Brewer to approve reappointment of Edward Gasper to the Airport Authority for a term of six (6) years ending August 2030 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
20. Action that is necessary to approve reappointment of Taylor Pharr to the Airport Authority for a term of six (6) years ending August 2030. *(There will be two (2) vacancies: Edward Gasper and Taylor Pharr.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve reappointment of Taylor Pharr to the Airport Authority for a term of six (6) years ending August 2030 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
21. Action that is necessary to approve to appoint Charles "Chad" Joiner to the Sylacauga Health Care Authority for a term of six (6) years ending August 2030. *(There will be one (1) vacancy: Dr. Mamoun Pacha.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Perryman, second by Councilmember Barlow-Heath to approve to appoint Charles "Chad" Joiner to the Sylacauga Health Care Authority for a term of six (6) years ending August 2030 was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*
22. Action that is necessary to approve appointment for Jeff Turner, District 3 to the Nuisance Abatement Board. *(Term runs concurrent with City Council.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve appointment for Jeff Turner, District 3 to the Nuisance Abatement Board was carried by the following roll call vote:
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.*

23. Action that is necessary to approve appointment for Miltzi Smith, District 1 to the Nuisance Abatement Board. *(Term runs concurrent with City Council.)*
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve appointment for Miltzi Smith, District 1 to the Nuisance Abatement Board was carried by the following roll call vote:*
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman; Nays Barlow-Heath.
- Councilmember Barlow-Heath requested that it be recorded in the meeting minutes that she believes this appointment is politically motivated.***
24. Action that is necessary to approve Payroll for the month of June 2024 totaling \$508,445.59.
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Payroll for the month of June 2024 totaling \$508,445.59 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
25. Action that is necessary to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Accounts Payable invoices totaling \$203,373.52.
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Accounts Payable invoices totaling \$203,373.52 was carried by the following roll call vote:*
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.
26. President Nix announced it is time for anyone to address the City Council – no action to be taken at this meeting: (Please come to the microphone and state your name and address for record prior to addressing the council.)
- Connie Embry, 502 West Coosa Street – Embry addressed Council regarding South Highland Park. Embry mentioned that work has started but expressed disappointment that promised amenities such as bathrooms and new swings were not done. Although a chain-link fence was installed, the bathrooms were omitted.
- Director of Sylacauga Parks and Recreation Steve Masters reported bringing electricity to the pavilion and installing a new rock climber. He noted that Beth Yates had boarded up the restrooms in the 1980s.
- Smith, 403 Darby Avenue- Smith mentioned that the community had been promised restrooms years ago.
- Nix requested a copy of the agreement for review.
- Greg Patterson, 1005 5th Place – Mr. Patterson addressed council regarding a safety concern, requesting that the street sections where the yellow line has faded be restriped from Spring Street to Norton Avenue. Nix assured Patterson that she would discuss the matter with the Street Superintendent. Patterson also requested that Perryman and Barlow-Heath start wearing their microphones so they can be heard during meetings.
27. Having no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn:
- A motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Fowler to adjourn was carried by the following roll call vote:*
Yeas Nix, Brewer, Fowler, Perryman, Barlow-Heath; Nays None.

(Time of adjournment: 7:14 p.m.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL July 2nd, 2024


Tiffany Nix, President of City Council

CERTIFICATION

I, ALEXANDRA LAMBERT, 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 a regular meeting of the City Council held June 18th, 2024.


Alexandra Lambert, City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Sylacauga