

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Enterprise City Council convened in Work Session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted as Per Act 2005-40 Code of Alabama.

PRESENT: Council President Turner Townsend, District #5
Council President Pro-Tem Sonya W. Rich, District #1
Council Member Eugene Goolsby, District #2
Council Member Greg Padgett, District #3
Council Member Scotty Johnson, District #4

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William E. Cooper
Interim City Clerk/Treasurer Beverly Sweeney was present and kept the minutes.
City Attorney Rainer Cotter
Jonathan Tullos
City Department Heads
Caroline Quattlebaum, Southeast Sun
Carmen Fuentes, WTVY

ROLL CALL - Council President Townsend noted that all Council Members were present.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION

Council President Townsend recognized Mayor Cooper who brought forth his recommendation to appoint Jonathan Tullos as City Administrator. Upon hearing the announcement, Council Members voiced unanimous support for the Mayor's recommendation. Following Council Member comments, Mr. Tullos stated he looks forward to working with Mayor Cooper and the Administration to achieve their vision for Enterprise and thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment.

POLICE CHIEF INTERVIEWS

Council President Townsend announced the two finalists for Police Chief, Michael Moore and, Gary Hicks. Interviews will be conducted Thursday, February 17, in the Enterprise Civic Center Conference Room beginning at 4:30 p.m.

CFO & CITY ENGINEER JOB POSTINGS

Advertisement for the position of Chief Financial Officer and Public Works Director/City Engineer began Monday, February 8. Human Resources Director Christina Meissner advised that postings can be found on the city's website, various job sites and, local newspapers.

BOARD VACANCY – Mental Health Board

Council Members were advised of an upcoming appointment to the Mental Health Board to fill the expiring term of Kristen Anton. Carol Lane, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, will contact Ms. Anton to inquire if she would be willing to be reappointed to the Board.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Council Members conducted a review of the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting agenda. Following a brief discussion, no changes or additions were requested.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Townsend informed those in attendance that items pending before the Council involved issues requiring legal advice and counsel and requested an Executive Session. Council Member Goolsby offered the motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Council Member Johnson. All Council Members – Aye. The President declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

At 5:20 p.m., Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated that items pending before the Council involved issues requiring legal advice and counsel; real estate transactions.

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ENTERPRISE)

MINUTES EXCERPTS AND MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO THE ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS LAW
A05-0145

WHEREAS, the Enterprise City Council with a quorum being present, was conducting a meeting on the 16th day of February, 2021, the time, date, place and agenda of which were duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Law, Act 2005-40 (Act);

WHEREAS, the following persons were in attendance: Council Members Rich, Goolsby, Padgett, Johnson and Townsend. Council President Townsend presided over the meeting. Mayor William E. Cooper was also present. City Attorney Rainer Cotter was present; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Goolsby for the Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal advice and counsel and real estate transactions, both being one of the following purposes authorized by the Act:

- Reputation and Character
- Legal Advice and Counsel
- Security Plans
- State and/or Federal Law
- Law Enforcement
- Real Estate Transactions
- Trade Secrets
- Public Employee Negotiations
- Quasi-Judicial Deliberations

Which motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson; and,

WHEREAS, the Attorney advised the Council that a declaration was required by the Act for an Executive Session if it was in regard to any of the following purposes:

- Legal Advice and Counsel
- Law Enforcement
- Trade Secrets
- Employee Negotiations

WHEREAS, Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated for the record that he/she was duly qualified and/or had the personal knowledge to provide the requisite declaration for the stated purpose of the Executive Session authorized by the Act and informed the Council that an Executive Session was necessary for the following reason:

Discussion of issues requiring legal advice and counsel; real estate transactions.

WHEREAS, the President directed the City Attorney to enter into said motion, purpose and declaration into the minutes of the meeting and called for a vote on said motion; and,

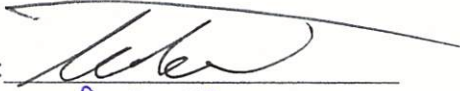
WHEREAS, said vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken with the “yeas” and “nays” being recorded into the minutes as follows:

Yeas

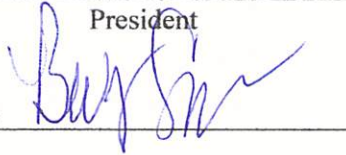
Nays


1. Rich
2. Goolsby
3. Padgett
4. Johnson
5. Townsend

And the President declared that a majority of the votes being in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

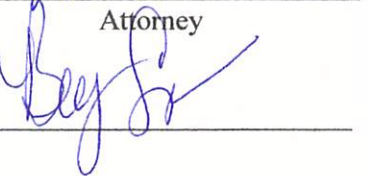
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President

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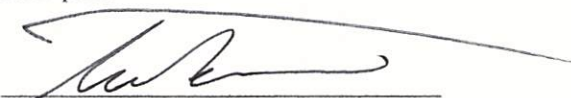
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RECONVENE IN WORK SESSION

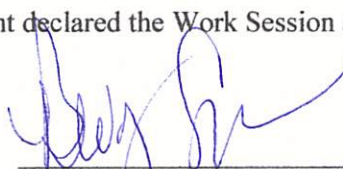
The Work Session was recessed into Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened into Work Session at 5:35 p.m. after duly made motion and second with all Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the President declared the Work Session adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Turner Townsend
Council President



Beverly Sweeney
Interim City Clerk/Treasurer