

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
March 20, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of Columbiana City Hall at 6:46 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Mayor Pro Tem Seale called the meeting to order and asked City Clerk Gina Antolini to let the record reflect that all Council members, with the exception of Mayor Lowe, were in attendance and declared a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes: March 6, 2012 – Pre-Council; Public Hearing; Regular Meeting.
- B. Approval for Assistant City Clerk Frances Sammons to use the City credit card for meals and accommodations, not to exceed \$500.00, while in attendance at the Alabama Municipal Revenue Officers Training, April 4-6, 2012, in Tuscaloosa.

There being no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Seale declared the consent approved as amended. Item C, the appointment of Scott Morris to the Columbiana Park and Recreation Board was removed, pending clarification on whose term he would be assuming or if he was an additional member being added. The City Clerk will follow up and place on the next regular council agenda, April 3, 2012.

**PROCLAMATION – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH**

WHEREAS, intellectual and developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than 7 million Americans and more that 121,000 Alabamians and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with more than 100,000 members and 700 + chapters of The Arc of the United States and more than 5,000 members and 29 local chapters of The Arc of Alabama undertaking public awareness, educational, and fundraising initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of the United States is the largest national volunteer-based membership organization and The Arc of Alabama is the largest state volunteer-based membership organization working to include all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Seale, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2012, as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in Columbiana, Alabama.

FUTHERMORE, I urge that all citizens of Columbiana, Alabama give their full support of efforts towards enabling all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, every child is a blessing and deserves to live in a safe, permanent, caring family, receiving love, protection, and nurturing; and prevention remains the best defense against child abuse.

WHEREAS, children who are victims of child abuse represent every racial, religious, and socio-economic group, and the suffering they endure poses a threat to our families and to our society. Abused and neglected children often carry the effects of their experiences into and throughout adult life.

WHEREAS, children are our link to the future and our hope for a better tomorrow.

WHEREAS, keeping children safe is a community responsibility. By working together, we can put hope in our children’s hearts and ensure healthy and safe lives for them. During the month of April, our community and its people re-affirm our commitment to make a difference in ending child abuse and neglect, and we acknowledge that prevention remains the best defense against child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, The Honorable Tom Seale, Mayor Pro Tem , do hereby proclaim the month of April 2012 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama and call upon and encourage all citizens in the City of Columbiana to join together to support strong families, protect our children from abuse, neglect, and maltreatment and make our county a model place for others, taking action to make our own community a healthy place where children can grow and thrive.

RESOLUTION 03-12-01 CO-SPONSORING THE SHELBY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL’S BEST BBQ COOK-OFF

Council member Handley introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 03-12-01

SPONSORING THE SHELBY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL'S BEST BBQ COOK OFF

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana recognizes that the Shelby County Arts Council has scheduled the Best BBQ Cook Off for March 30, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the BBQ Cook Off is an event that will promote and serve a public purpose for the City of Columbiana and provide a benefit to the local businesses and residents and promotes the fundraising efforts of the Shelby County Arts Council and joins with them in sponsorship of the event, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 04-08-01, Business License Ordinance, Section 5, Subsection (5), Exemptions, states that government entities and associations thereof are exempt from any license requirements, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 04-02-02 Sign Regulations establishes provisions for the display of signs in the city, and,

WHEREAS, the Columbiana City Council may authorize the use of signage according to Ordinance 04-02-02, Article 9, Sign Regulations, Section 9.2, Signs not requiring a permit, subsection (5) Decorative flags, banners, and bunting for a celebration, or commemoration of significance to the entire community when authorized by the Columbiana City Council for a prescribed period of time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbiana that the Council hereby provides that no business license fees are due from the Shelby County Arts Council or any vendors participating in the event, and authorizes the display of such signage as indicated above, beginning on March 21, 2012 and that all signage be removed by March 31, 2012.

THEREUPON Council member Abrams moved and Council member Mayfield seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by vote of all members of the Council present, and the Mayor Pro Tem declared the same passed.

ORDINANCE 03-12-02 AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE 04-02-02

Council member Strickland introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 03-12-02

(AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 04-02-02)

Council member Strickland, as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, explained the history of the amendment to the Sign Ordinance and some discussion ensued. Council member Handley recommended, if possible, that the dimensions of a shingle sign be changed to a 12 x 24 shingle sign. Council member Strickland advised that once the public hearing was concluded, the Council could make changes as needed and that he thought the ordinance as present was not the final document approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as it had gone through several changes. Council member Strickland advised that he would follow up and insure that the content of the

final approved document would be sent to the Council prior to the next meeting and public hearing and asked the City Clerk to facilitate that.

A public hearing regarding Ordinance 03-12-02 was scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. The City Council will consider the ordinance for adoption during the regular meeting following the public hearing.

AMEND THE MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Council member Strickland moved to approve the amendment of the Regular Council meeting, February 21, 2012, as presented by the City Clerk as follows:

On the promotion of Police Officer David Alexander, to replace Investigator with Corporal and Pay Grade X, Step 6, with Pay Grade XI, Step 4 and on the promotion of Police Officer Jeffery Bowers, replace Pay Grad X, Step 6, with Pay Grade XI, Step 4. Council member Handley seconded and the motion passed by a vote of all members of the Council present, and Mayor Pro Tem Seale declared the same passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelby County Arts Council BBQ Cook-off will be March 30, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member Abrams moved that the meeting be adjourned, Council member Strickland seconded and the motion passed by vote of all members of the Council present. Mayor Pro Tem Seale declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.