

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Tuesday April 12, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, Tuesday April 12, 2016. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present:

Council member Ricky Ruston	Council member Ouida Mayfield
Council member Kim King	Mayor Stancil Handley

Absent:

Council member Leslie Whiting	Council member Barbara Moore
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– A quorum present.

Council member Barbara Moore joined the meeting at 7:03PM

Mayor Handley asked the Council if they would be willing to move item 8 to item 2A due to several residents from Stillwood Estates who would like to talk to the Council. All Council members in attendance agreed to allow the agenda to be modified.

Stillwood Estates Drainage, Road and Water Issues

Mayor Handley welcomed several people from the Stillwood Estates subdivision. The Mayor asked if Mr. Gibson could address what has happened. There was discussion by many of the residents about drainage issues and road problems. Apparently there is a break in the piping that has caused a large hole in the yard of Mark Bray as well as a backup of rain water in the ditches around the end of Palm Street.

Mr. Sallas' front yard has 14 large pine trees that's roots have apparently broken up the road. There was discussion about the possibility of removing these trees or cutting back the roots and repaving the roadway. Mayor Handley stated that he would get with the local Extension Service Office to get a determination about the best way to handle the roots and road issue. The City doesn't want to repave if the roots will just come back up after a few years.

Mr. Sallas' also discussed that the ditch behind his house is in need of being cleaned out and he took approximately 2 weeks to clean it out by hand back in December.

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There was a significant amount of discussion about this and other issues that need to be addressed by the Water Board. Mayor Handley noted that although he is on the Water Board, he would not be able to address the issues directly until he can sit down with the other Commissioners. Apparently there is high and low water pressure depending on the home's location in the community. There has also been a problem as associated with the repairs and the manner in which the Water Board is turning back on the water following repairs. The Mayor stated that he would speak with the

Discussion about a Proposal from the Shelby County Arts Council

The Council discussed the hiring of Bruce Andrews as a full time employee for the City of Columbiana. The Arts Council would like to reimburse the City for all the expenses, payroll fees, retirement and health insurance on a monthly basis.

After much discussion; the Council agreed that they would like to have a resolution prepared that authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement for this with the SCAC and hire Bruce Andrews as a full time employee.

The City Council entered into an Executive Session in order to address digressions of a City Employee and other Personnel Issues.

The Council discussed personnel issues as related to several employees and asked City Clerk Mark Frey to note that the Council will enter into an Executive Session during the next Council meeting to take action.

Park and Rec Board Update

Council member Ruston reported that they had their first meeting of the new board and everything is going good. They will be meeting monthly until it is determined that they can skip a month. Mayor Handley asked Council member Ruston to keep the Council informed as to the actions of the Park and Rec Board.

Mayor Handley reported that the girls' softball concession stand roof has been replaced.

City Paving Projects

Mayor Handley presented a quote for several small paving projects that are needed around the City. The Council asked City Clerk Mark Frey to prepare a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the paving company. This will use funding from the gas tax fund.

Billboards on Hwy 25 Bypass

The Council discussed the concerns of the Planning and Zoning Board as relates to the proposed amendment to the sign ordinance. After much discussion they asked the City Clerk to contact Bill Justice in order to prepare an updated ordinance for the Planning and Zoning Boards consideration.

Other City Business – Business License and Sales Tax Discussion

There was discussion about the City's policy as related to a merchant that is not paying their sales tax or operating a business without a license. City Clerk Mark Frey explained the procedures used to notify businesses about renewals and keep everyone compliant. After much discussion the Council asked the City Clerk to contact RDS and see what the next step is.

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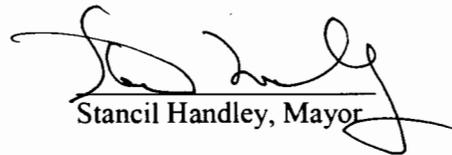
Revenue Update

Mayor Handley reported the City's uptick in sales and use tax over this same time period last year and he noted that these figures are up substantially excluding the 1 cent increase passed by the Council the first of January.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member King made the motion to adjourn and Council member Ruston seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk


Stancil Handley, Mayor

