

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA  
Monday, April 13, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, Tuesday, April 13, 2015. Mayor Handley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Present:**

Council member Leslie Whiting  
Council member Ricky Ruston  
Council member Ouida Mayfield

Council member Barbara Moore  
Council member Kim King  
Mayor Stancil Handley

**Absent:**

None. A quorum was present.

**Discussion – City of Columbiana’s Tax Rate for Automobile Sales.** The Council discussed surrounding municipalities existing tax rates for autos. There was also some discussion regarding tax abatements to encourage growth and how this process is put in place. City Clerk Mark Frey will contact Bill Justice as to the procedure in allowing for incentives and report back to the Council.

**Discussion – The WERX business on Hwy 70.** Planning and Zoning made the determination that B1 Zoning is ok to have for a service station in B1. After a lengthy discussion, the City Council decided to allow the same light auto repair that is currently allowed within the B1 Zoning designation. Mayor Handley will contact the business owner of the WERX with the results of this meeting to inform him of the decision and let him know that he can apply for additional licenses in order to conduct light auto repair as well as using his roll-back wrecker in the process of doing the auto repair business at his location.

**Discussion – Mobile Food Carts.** The Council discussed defining specific areas for food carts as well as possibilities of restricting days. Research will be done as to the cost of the Business License as well as sales tax and how it is remitted.

**Discussion – Senior Center and City Hall phone system and IT work.** City Clerk Mark Frey explained that the bore and work needed at City Hall will be in excess of what was budgeted. There will also be significant equipment purchases for both the computer network and VOIP phone system needed in conjunction with the Senior Center Project. These costs were not originally figured into the budget and an amendment will be necessary. Mark will get specifics from Shelby IT and get that information to the Council.

**Discussion –** The Council discussed the current demands that are being placed on the Mayor and Council in regards to time that is spent here working at the City. The discussion included looking for ways to increase the number of people that would consider serving on the Council. After much discussion – Council asked for a Resolution to set the next term’s pay for the Mayor and Council.

**Discussion** – The Old Mill Square campus is moving forward. Mayor Handley discussed the park as well as the property that is slated for the new Shelby County Arts Council building. After much discussion the Council all agreed that they would like to see the project continue moving forward with the vision discussed in the meeting paying for the park as we go without going in debt.

**Discussion** – Senior Center – Mayor Handley explained what we have in place for our Senior Center currently and what the vision will be as we move forward are two very different things. There was discussion about the requirements for running the new center on a full time basis and what needs to be in place to make that happen. The Council will advertise for a full time director. There was some discussion about bidding out this position and contracting with someone with professional expertise in order to offer additional services to our senior program.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council member Whiting made the motion to adjourn and Council member Mayfield seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of all members present to adjourn. Mayor Handley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

  
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Stancil Handley, Mayor

  
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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

