

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA
Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Columbiana, Alabama met for a Work Session in the Conference Room of Columbiana City Hall, Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present:

Council Member Karen Lilly
Council Member Vickie Mizzell
Council Member Ricky Ruston
Council Member Kim King
Council Member Ashley Phillips
Mayor David Mitchell

Absent:

None

Discussion – Tornado Relief

Council discussed the exceptional response from first responders, work crews, and the community. It was discussed that we are waiting on a contract between Shelby County and a debris removal contractor to be activated. Christ in Action will be here within the next couple of weeks to help with debris clean up as well.

Discussion – Public Works/ Fire Station #2 Building

Council discussed that two locations are still on the table and being considered. After discussion, Council agreed to pursue bids to get a comparison of the two scenarios.

Discussion – Debt Refunding

Council discussed that the 772 filing was submitted a couple of weeks ago, and they are waiting to receive a hearing date.

Discussion – Boards and Authorities

Council discussed the role of the Industrial Development Board, and want to do further research on possibly creating a Commercial Development Authority or Downtown Development Authority. Council agreed that the City Attorneys should advise on which option would best serve the City. Council also discussed an available seat on the Water Board and will bring nominations to the next City Council meeting.

Discussion – Main Street/Main Street Director

Council discussed that two candidates have been interviewed for the position of Main Street Director, and that it will be a City position with salary paid for by the City. Council also discussed safety issues along Main Street sidewalks.

Discussion – Policies/Procedures

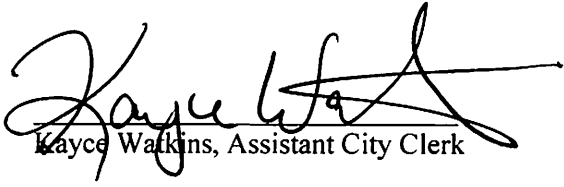
Council discussed the need to begin working on a policy for merit increases for employees. Council also discussed the need to create a budgeting procedure with a timeline for new fiscal year budgets. The need for a procurement/purchasing policy was also mentioned, specifically pertaining to bidding procedures.

Discussion- Comments from Council

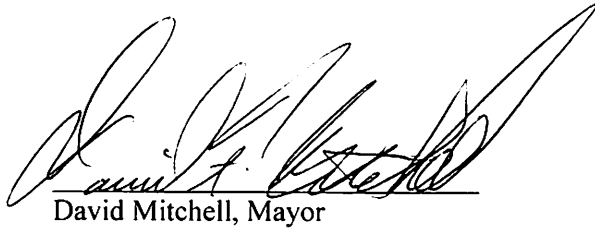
Council Member Kim King discussed a concern for the rate of speed on Main Street, and the need to slow traffic down. Council Member Karen Lilly discussed several concerns including the need for more storm shelters, the danger of junk items near the road on Hwy 47 South, the need for more lighting in some neighborhoods, a request to place goals and trash cans at the basketball court on 47 South, and also discussed the hazard posed by the dilapidated building (Wallace Campbell Training Center) on 47 South, and the need to find a resolution to that problem.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Council Member Ruston made the motion to adjourn and Council Member King seconded the motion which was followed by a vote of members present to adjourn. Mayor Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



Kayce Watkins, Assistant City Clerk



David Mitchell, Mayor

