



**ALEXANDER
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ALABAMA

Special Called Meeting Minutes

281 James D. Nabors Drive
Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex
Friday, February 25, 2022 --- Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Colvin called the Special Called Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Tapley, Councilman Hardy, Councilman Eric Brown, Council Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: None

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Romy Stamps, Al Jones, Dr. Lankford, Board of Education members, Gerard Brewer, Sonny Wilson, Kathy Railey, Ed Collari, Jacob Meacham, Randy Lee, Deidra Horn, Laurie Sturdivant, Officer Spivey, Officer McKinney, Teresa Moten, Shannon Benefield, Tyrone Oliver, David Wyckoff, Officer Graham, Officer Lewis, T.C. Coley, Lottie Wyckoff, and many others were present.

ROLL CALL: All present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Council President Colvin informed the audience that the purpose of the meeting was not to vote on anything related to Stephens School. The meeting was to vote on a funding agreement with the Board of Education for a new high school.

Council President Colvin allowed two people from the audience to speak for and against the high school. David Boleware and Teresa Moten spoke against. No one spoke for the high school.

Numerous other citizens voiced concerns over the possible closing of Stephens School and the effect on the community. Dr. Lankford addressed the audience about said the concerns and assured them that the BOE is working on a plan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 25, 2022, Special Called Meeting

Councilman Chris Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilman Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 22-45: a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Funding Agreement for 2022 Warrants and Memorandum of Understanding to Build a New High School

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve the above-mentioned resolution as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Tapley stated that his community just asks for transparency, and doesn't want an empty building in our community. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, AND CHRIS BROWN

NAYS: TAPLEY AND KEEL

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION: We thank the Council and Mayor.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: None

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

TAPLEY: I value the people in my district. We don't want Stephens School to go away.

HARDY: Thank you to everyone in attendance. We should always pack the room for good and bad discussions. Promoting education and communication.

ERIC BROWN: Thank you everyone. I love to see the passion. We care about this entire City. Thank you to the BOE.

CHRIS BROWN: Thank you. Now we can move our school system forward.

KEEL: Some of the best times I spent as a child was at Laurel High School.

COLVIN: Thank you to the BOE members. This was a very productive meeting. We have vision in Alexander City. We had an awesome Black History Month program at ACMS this week.


ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Keel. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 5:00 p.m.

YEAS: TAPLEY, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, KEEL AND COLVIN

NAYS: NONE



Presiding Officer



City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE: The meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board located at the Municipal Complex on February 22, 2022, and the City's website in compliance with Section 36-25-3, Code of Alabama 1975. The meeting was also announced in the Work Session and Regular Meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022.

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council on for review on Friday, March 4, 2022.

OTHER: The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda
2. Waiver