



# Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers of Municipal Complex  
Monday, February 6, 2023 --- Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER THE PRE-COUNCIL MEETING:** Council President Colvin called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Drew Meacham, Miles Hamlett, Rashunski Mckinney, David Boleware, Arlene Wyckoff, Jason Moran, William Marlow, Lilliana Tschanett, Chad Odom, Piper Barnett and others.

During the Pre-Council Meeting, department heads discussed several agenda items.

Miles Hamlett informed the council that Coca-Cola was the only bidder to service the city's sporting events and that it was a great partnership because Coke will also be updating the scoreboards.

Drew Meacham discussed the need to add the Resolution for ATRIP -2.

Jason Moran of the EMA informed the council that it is Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

**CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. on Monday, February 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Roll was called and all Councilors were recorded as being present.

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Stephanie Southerland, Drew Meacham, Miles Hamlett, Rashunski Mckinney, David Boleware, Arlene Wyckoff, Jason Moran, William Marlow, Lilliana Tschanett, Chad Odom, Piper Barnett and others.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Councilor Tapley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilor Chris Brown

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular and Work Session City Council meetings on January 23, 2023, and the Special Called Meeting on January 24, 2023. Councilor Tapley made a motion to adopt the minutes of all three meetings and Council President Pro Tempore Scott Hardy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were adopted (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** February 6, 2023

Councilor Tapley made a motion to amend the agenda to include a vote on the ATRIP-2 Resolution. . The motion was seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Scott Hardy. There being no discussion, the amended agenda was approved (6-0).

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the amended agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Council President Pro Tempore Scott Hardy. There being no discussion, the amended agenda was approved (6-0).

## **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Council President Colvin** announced that it is time to renew all business licenses. The deadline has been extended until March. She expressed her appreciation to the Revenue Department, and the Finance Committee.

**Councilor Eric Brown** gave the following update regarding Public Safety: Alexander City Fire Department has started back on construction of Fire Station 3. The paperwork for AFG Micro Grant has been completed and submitted.

**Councilor Keel** gave the following update regarding the Utility Department: The Light Dept is still working on storm cleanup as well as making repairs to our infrastructure. We have changed out several poles and are still trimming our lines.

**Councilor Chris Brown** gave the following update regarding Parks and Recreation: Kasey Kaschak is coordinating with the Leadership Lake Martin group on improvements to the playground at Cooper Recreation Center to include pressure washing and painting the bathrooms, installing new park benches, replacing the existing mulch with Engineered Wood Fiber, and other improvements. Imagination Station committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 10th to look at the final two designs and decide on play structures. We are in the initial stages of designing the online parks and recreation software that is contingent to be rolled out with fiber installation at Sportplex. RecDesk provided the lowest service quote. Baseball/Softball Registration started today. Maintenance crews have cleared out the tree line behind the softball complex. Several dead pine trees have been cut and cleaned up in that entire area. Youth basketball championship games will be held Thursday night at both Cooper Rec Center and at the Sportplex gym. The weather has been nice and it hasn't rained in a few days so get out and play a round of golf at the golf course.

**Council President Pro Tempore Hardy** gave the following update regarding Public Works: I'd like to commend the stellar work of Drew and his department. They continue to be on time and are very efficient in getting things done. I commend them for the caliber of jobs they are doing.

**Councilor Tapley** gave the following update regarding Buildings and Property: Gypsy Garden Seed Swap - On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, from 1:00-2:00 P.M., there will be a meeting at Adelia M. Russell Library to discuss various ways to grow your food. Topics will include swapping seeds, discussing various growing techniques, networking, and a wide variety of related subjects. Homework Alabama:(K-12, College and Adults): An online tutor is available from 10:00 A.M.—11:00 P.M. Homework Alabama offers free homework help from subject specialists. Students can also visit Homework Alabama for free tutoring in Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. Papers can be uploaded for review or submit a math question.

**COMMENTS FROM:** SBA Public Affairs Specialist, Ms. Lilliana Tschanett

She thanked the City for their hospitality in Tallapoosa County. She represents the Office of Disaster Assistance which is always present in collaboration with FEMA following a natural disaster. SBA loans are available for application to those affected. Loans may be available to residents for their homes, as well as businesses. Renters are also eligible to apply. In order to apply, residents must have been directly affected, and must have a good credit history. Deadline to apply is March 16. Personnel will be available at the county FEMA Disaster Recovery Center which will be opening soon. You may also apply online at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). She further thanked Mayor Baird for his service.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES:** None

**PROCLAMATION:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION:** To Award RFP 23-07 to Coca-Cola Bottling Company for a Beverage Supplier

**RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-33**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. Councilor Tapley thanked Coca-Cola for their partnership. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**2. RESOLUTION: To Authorize Stephanie J. Southerland to Sign Checks on Behalf of the City of Alexander City  
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-34**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**3. RESOLUTION: To Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the AL Dept of Transportation (ALDOT)  
FOR ATRIP 2-62-202-074  
RESOLUTION BOOK 2023-35**

Councilor Tapley made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was adopted with the following roll call vote:

<b>YEAS:</b>	<b>TAPLEY, COLVIN, HARDY, E. BROWN, C. BROWN, KEEL</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>0</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker):**

- 1. Teresa Moten - District 1, Shared a quote from Dr. MLK Jr. in honor of Council President Colvin.**
- 2. Chad Odom - District 3, offered assistance and thanked the council for their support during his time as EDA Director. He reminded those present that the youth soccer league will have sign ups this Friday and Saturday.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Offered his condolences to Council President Colvin on behalf of the Citizens.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK: Our next council meeting will be on February 20th.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Councilor Chris Brown thanked those that came out. He expressed his appreciation to Chad Odom for offering his assistance. He also thanked EMA for being here and providing info re: severe weather awareness week.

Councilor Keel said that he appreciated the work of "The Outlook" in making sure that people can hear and see these council meetings.

Councilor Tapley thanked everyone for coming, thanked Chad Odom for his work in Alexander City. It is Black History Month and a good time to learn about the fight and sacrifices that were made so people have equality and freedom.

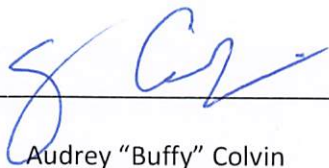
Council President Pro Tempore Hardy thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked the EMA for their attendance. He offered his condolences and prayers to Council President Buffy Colvin. Her mother's funeral was attended by so many people of the city and it was a well-deserved showing. This is Black History Month and black history is happening in our city right now.

Councilor Eric Brown thanked everyone. He also thanked Chad Odom for his offer of assistance. We are proud of our Council President and offer continued prayers.

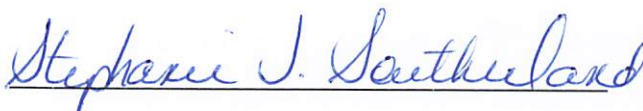
Council President Colvin expressed her appreciation to everyone for their support in the loss of her mother. She is grateful to be a citizen of Alexander City, and asked for continued prayers for her family.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the council, Councilman Tapley made a motion to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of Mrs. Mabys R. Colvin, Buffy's mother. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned (6-0) at 6:04 P.M.

**APPROVED:**



Audrey "Buffy" Colvin  
Council President



Stephanie J. Southerland  
City Clerk

**METHOD OF DELIVERY:** The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

**OTHER:** The agenda was posted to the City's website and the bulletin boards that are located at the Municipal Complex.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agenda

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

1. News Release from SBA