



## Work Session Minutes of the City Council

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281 James D. Nabors Drive  
Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex  
Monday, October 16, 2023 --- Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Alexander City held a work session on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex, 281 James D. Nabors Drive, Alexander City, AL 35010. Councilors Eric Brown and Chris Brown were recorded as being absent.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Colvin. The invocation was led by Councilor Tapley and Council President Colvin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Those present included Mayor Baird, Romy Stamps, Finance Director; Piper Barnett, Records Clerk; Dana Fuller, Mayor's office; Police Captain T. Tuck; Fire Chief McAlister; David Hogan, Water Superintendent; Drew Meacham, Public Works Director; Kathy Railey, Human Resources Director; Kasey Kaschak, Parks & Recreation Director; Brandi Hardy, Nutrition Center; Chris Hardy, Gas Superintendent; Lynn Miller, Wastewater Superintendent; Amanda Thomas, Community Development Director; Jim Byard, Jr., Ben Weiseman, Mark Leavall, Michelle West, Mark Lamborne, Sandra Fuller, Jacob Meacham, Paige Patterson, Larkin Radney, Stephanie J. Southerland, City Clerk. Councilor Eric Brown arrived at 4:33 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**

Kasey Kaschak reported on a possible relocation for the Nutrition Center. The current space they're using at Central Alabama Community College needs to be vacated. One option is to construct a metal building on a .3-acre lot owned by the city on Madison Street. The building may be upgraded to also be utilized as a storm shelter. The initial quote is \$304,000.00, and with storm shelter benefits, \$350,000.00. Councilor Eric Brown stated that he liked the location and a long-term option. East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission offers a loan for this type of project, if we qualify.

Ben Weiseman, Place Associates, spoke to ask for support of agenda item #4. He and his team would like to build on the city's current comprehensive plan, working closely with the elected officials as well as staff and citizens. He introduced Jim Byard, Jr., former city council member, city council president, and former mayor of the City of Prattville. He also introduced Mark Leavall, an architectural and design specialist. Councilor Keel asked what community involvement will be. Mr. Weiseman explained that there would be community involvement, but undecided as to what that will be. Councilor Tapley asked for clarification of working from our current comprehensive plan. Mr. Weiseman explained that the current plan would not be disregarded, but adjusted and built from there. Council President Pro Tempore Hardy

commended the Community Development team in their foresight in this project and is supportive of the process.

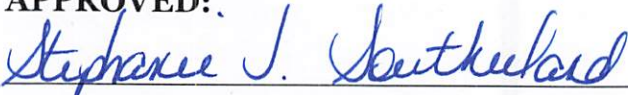
Denise Walls requested that the body go into Executive Session regarding Hyundai Motor Manufacturing, LLC. Councilor Eric Brown made a motion to table this topic and go into Executive Session at the conclusion of the agenda.

Council President asked for information regarding agenda item #4, Amadeus. Mayor Baird stated that the city is meeting with Amadeus tomorrow to determine if they're still interested in moving forward. There may be a resolution at the next meeting to put this property back on the market.

Council President Colvin stated that the council will be going into Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes and asked for a motion. Councilor Tapley made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion to go into Executive Session was approved (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned during Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

**APPROVED:**



Stephanie J. Southerland

**City Clerk**



Audrey "Buffy" Colvin, President  
**Alexander City, City Council**