

# **PRE-COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING MINUTES**

## **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 > Council Chamber**

**CONVENED: 1:34 p.m.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Walt Maddox

President Pro Tem Almond

Councilmembers Odom, Howard, Busby, Tyner, Pugh and McKinstry

### **ABSENT**

President Pro Tem Almond called the meeting to order. **(P/Ty)**

Ashley Crites (UD-Planning) briefed the Council on one agenda item from her department.

*Councilmember Howard entered the meeting at 1:38 p.m.*

*Councilmember McKinstry entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.*

Brad Matthews (IPS-Engineering) reviewed two vacation consent items from his department.

Barry Junkin (UD-Building Inspections) addressed several demolition orders from his department.

Vincent Brown (A&F-Revenue) briefed the Council on one item from his department.

Mayor Maddox spoke regarding weather alerts for this evening.

LaParry Howell informed the Council of several major grant awards received by Community and Neighborhood Services. \$1.7 million dollars was allocated from the 2021 HUD HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan for preservation of affordable housing. \$750,000.00 was awarded from ADECA's Cares Act CDBG-CV and \$33,600.00 was received from the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources for help funding the HOPE Summer Jobs Program. He also announced a partnership with Tuscaloosa City Schools and the Tuscaloosa DA's office to address needs within the community as a result of the coronavirus disease. The proposed project will rehabilitate/renovate existing underused classrooms in order to provide on-site services to citizens.

Carly Standridge (Clerk) addressed several Tuscaloosa Public Library Board vacancies.

Jimbo Woodson (OCA) briefed the Council on 2 workers' compensation claims. Both were approved to be placed on the May 11 council agenda.

Acting City Attorney Tom Bobitt reviewed the remaining agenda items.

President Pro Tem Almond reviewed the day's meeting schedule and dates to remember.

Acting City Attorney Tom Bobitt called for Executive Sessions as follows:

- (1) To discuss preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governmental body is in competition with private individuals or entities or other governmental bodies in Alabama or in other states or foreign nations or to discuss matters or information of the character defined or described in the Alabama Trade Secrets Act. Provided, however, that prior to such discussions a person involved in the recruitment or retention effort or who has personal knowledge that the discussion will involve matter or information of the character defined or described in the Alabama Trade Secrets Act advises the governmental body in writing or by oral declaration entered into the minutes that the discussions would have a detrimental effect upon the competitive position of a party to the negotiations or upon the location, retention, expansion, or upgrading of a public employee or business entity in the area served by the governmental body if disclosed outside of an executive session, or would disclose information protected by the Alabama Trade Secrets Act.

Councilmember Pugh made a motion to enter into executive session. Councilmember Howard duly seconded the motion. President Pro Tem Almond called the roll for a vote. All Councilmembers present voted "yes"; no, none. President Pro Tem Almond announced the results of the vote and declared them in executive session.

**ADJOURNED 2:19 p.m. (P/Ty)**

  
Carly Standridge, City Clerk