

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2021

The Enterprise City Council convened in Work Session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted as Per Act 2005-40 Code of Alabama.

PRESENT: Council President Turner Townsend, District #5
Council President Pro-Tem Sonya W. Rich, District #1
Council Member Eugene Goolsby, District #2
Council Member Scotty Johnson, District #4

ABSENT: Council Member Greg Padgett, District #3

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William E. Cooper
City Administrator Jonathan Tullos
Interim City Clerk Beverly Sweeney was present and kept the minutes.
City Attorney Rainer Cotter
City Department Heads & Staff
Caroline Quattlebaum, Southeast Sun
Morgan Usry, Enterprise Ledger
WTVY & WDHN News Reporters

ROLL CALL – Council President Townsend noted all Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Padgett.

The following items were discussed:

BEEKEEPING ORDINANCE

Assistant Director of Engineering Staci Hayes updated Council Members on the status of a proposed ordinance to allow beekeeping and beehives within the City of Enterprise. Ms. Hayes recommended additional research related to locational requirements, notice to adjacent property owners, and registration and removal of hives prior to consideration by the Council. City Staff will further research and present their findings at an upcoming Work Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Townsend informed those in attendance that an Executive Session was needed for the discussion of real estate and issues requiring legal advice and counsel. City Attorney Rainer Cotter advised the City Council that it would be appropriate to go into Executive Session to discuss such matters. A motion was made by Council Member Goolsby, seconded by Council Member Johnson, for the Council to go into Executive Session. All Council Members – Aye. Before moving into Executive Session, Council President Townsend notified those in attendance that the Council expected to be in Executive Session approximately 25-30 minutes.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated that issues pending before the Council involved issues of real estate requiring legal advice and counsel.

MINUTES EXCERPTS AND MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS LAW A05-0145

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Enterprise, Alabama, with a quorum being present, was conducting a meeting on the 20th day of July, 2021, the time, date, place, and agenda of which was duly announced and notices of which were posted in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Law Act 2005-40 (Act); and,

WHEREAS, the following persons were in attendance: Council Members Rich, Goolsby, Johnson and Townsend. Council President Townsend presided over the meeting. Mayor William E. Cooper and City Administrator Jonathan Tullos were also present. City Attorney Rainer Cotter was present; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Goolsby for the Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate transactions and legal advice and counsel, both being one of the following purposes authorized by the Act:

- Reputation and Character
- Legal Advice and Counsel
- Security Plans
- State and/or Federal Law
- Law Enforcement
- Real Estate Transactions
- Trade Secrets
- Public Employee Negotiations
- Quasi-Judicial Deliberations

Which motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson; and,

WHEREAS, the Attorney advised the Council that a declaration was required by the Act for an Executive Session if it was in regard to any of the following purposes:

- Legal Advice and Counsel
- Law Enforcement
- Trade Secrets
- Employee Negotiations

WHEREAS, Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated for the record that he/she was duly qualified and/or had the personal knowledge to provide the requisite declaration for the stated purpose of the Executive Session authorized by the Act and informed the Council that an Executive Session was necessary for the following reason:

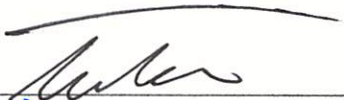
Discussion of real estate and issues requiring legal advice and counsel.


WHEREAS, the President directed the City Attorney to enter into said motion, purpose, and declaration into the minutes of the meeting and called for a vote on said motion; and,

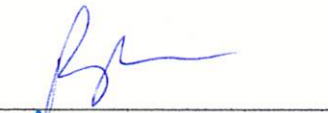
WHEREAS, said vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken with the “yeas” and “nays” being recorded into the minutes as follows:

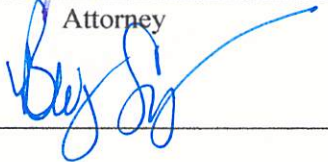
- | <u>Yeas</u> | <u>Nays</u> |
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| 1. Rich | |
| 2. Goolsby | |
| 3. Johnson | |
| 4. Townsend | |

And the President declared that a majority of the votes being in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and reconvene in approximately 25-30 minutes.

By: 

President
Attest: 

By: 

Attorney
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RECONVENE IN WORK SESSION

The Work Session was recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. at which time the following items were discussed:

BRIGHTWATER AVIATION

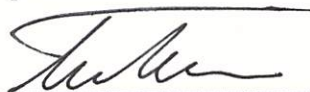
City Administrator Jonathan Tullos advised Council Members of a request from Brightwater Aviation for payoff information associated with the company's loan obligation to the City of Enterprise.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

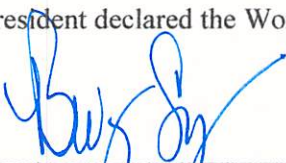
Council President Townsend requested a review of the July 20, 2021 Council Meeting agenda. Following review, Council Members requested no additions, deletions, or changes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the President declared the Work Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Turner Townsend
Council President



Beverly Sweeney
Interim City Clerk