CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Invocation

Mayor Scott led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

E. Public Comment

Robert Woshburn expressed concerns about excessive speeding in his neighborhood.
Christopher Roper expressed interest in purchasing the city's property located at 405 Kim Drive.
Bruce Glen expressed interest in purchasing the city's property located at 405 Kim Drive.
Mona Pickett, a representative for Pastor Charles Parker, informed attendees that Pastor Parker is interested in purchasing the property at 405 Kim Drive.

F. Approval of Agenda

President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilmember Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

G. Public Hearing

G.1. Demolition of 401 13th Terrace NW

President Collins opened the Public Hearing for public comment regarding the demolition of 401 13th Terrace NW.
No one was present to speak for or against the demolition of 401 13th Terrace NW. President Collins closed the Public Hearing.

G.2. Demolition of 417 Kim Drive

President Collins opened the Public Hearing to receive public input for or against the demolition of 417 Kim Drive.
Roderick Harris petitioned the council not to demolish 417 Kim Drive. Over the past several years, the city has honored Mr. Harris' request by extending his time to repair the dangerous structure. Unfortunately, no progress has been made.
No one else was present to speak for or against the demolition of 417 Kim Drive.

President Collins closed the hearing.

G.3. Consider changing from voting at large to council districts.

President Collins opened the public hearing to discuss changing municipal elections from at-large voting to single-member districts.

Councilmember Moore, who introduced the ordinance proposing the change, stated that it was in response to resident requests and would enhance council accountability. This is not the first time the council has discussed this in detail. This was previously discussed when we proposed engaging the Regional Planning Commission to create the district map. This is our second time considering changing from voting at large to council districts. The council will vote on the ordinance at the next council meeting.

Jasmine Deloach does not agree with changing to council districts. She feels that Center Point Municipal Elections should remain at large.

Raymond Olan advocated for single-member districts, believing they would foster greater council accountability. He further pointed out that the council's part-time compensation necessitates members to maintain full-time employment.

Frederick Burkes voiced his support for single-member districts, emphasizing that they would provide residents with individual council representation.

Rhonda Lambert stated the map looked fair, and she isn't for or against changing to single member districts.

Felton Jackson raised concerns about the fairness and origin of the proposed district map. Specifically, he inquired about who drew the map and if it was proportionally representative. Mayor Scott clarified that the city contracted the Regional Planning Commission to assist in drafting the single-member district map, emphasizing their expertise in ensuring adherence to statutory requirements for such transitions. To further address Mr. Jackson's questions, Mayor Scott called Brett Isom from the Regional Planning Commission to the podium. Mr. Isom explained that the map was constructed to create proportionally equal districts, utilizing 2020 Census block data. He also noted that the city council had been given time to review the map and provide feedback.

Mayor Scott presented the district maps (provided by the Regional Planning Commission) to the public and placed them for the public and council to review and discuss.

Councilman Williams stated that while he initially supported the transition from at-large voting to council districts, he now has concerns about his ability to win reelection in a smaller district.

H. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

I. Consent Agenda

J. Presentation

K. Discussion/Action

K.1. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-6 authorizes the demolition of property located at 401 13th Terrace NW (Inspections Dept)

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-6. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, President Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-6. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

K.2. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-7 authorizes the demolition of property located at 417 Kim Drive (Inspections Dept.)

Councilwoman Jones made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-7. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-7. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

K.3. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-8 authorizes and accepts the Change Order Addendum to the MCCI Contract at a cost not to exceed $35,914.55. (Administration Dept.)

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-8. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, and President Collins.

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-8. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, and President Collins.

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

K.4. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-9 authorizes the mayor to execute the Enhanced Sheriff's Agreement at a monthly cost of $40,887.98 (Mayor Scott)

Councilwoman Moore made for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-9. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote;

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-9. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote;

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore

No: Councilman Williams and President Collins
The motion passed by majority consent.

K.5. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-10 authorizes Mayor Scott to execute an agreement to demolish 405 Kim Drive- multiple quotes were submitted (Mayor Scott)

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-10. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams, and President Collins.

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.
Councilman Williams expressed concerns about demolishing the property. He would prefer the city sell the property, and he believes the house can be renovated.

Councilwoman Moore- The condition of this property has been a concern for years. It's now an apparent eyesore, and to ensure fairness, the city must hold itself to the same standards of property maintenance as our residents.

President Collins stated she would have preferred the council to present a plan for the use of the property. Another property on that street will be demolished.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10 and award Nuckles Services the bid to demolish the property. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore

No: Councilman Williams and President Collins
The motion passed by majority consent.

K.6. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-11 authorizes the acceptance of the quote to replace the flooring in one of the library rooms. (Library Dept.)

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-11. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11 and select Don's carpet quote for $6,626.44. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

K.7. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-12 authorizes the solicitation of bids to resurface the service road in front of KFC and the shopping center with Rebuild Alabama Funds. As of 2/3/25, the Rebuild Alabama account has $346,393.00 available. (Mayor Scott)

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-12. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scott stated that he contacted De Jarvis Leonard at ALDOT to express his concerns about the hazardous conditions of the state service road in front of KFC. Mr. Leonard stated ALDOT has no plans to resurface the road. He did offer to give the city a permit to resurface the road and the state would maintain ownership of the road. Mayor Scott mentioned that business owners and their patrons experience difficulties traveling on that road.

President Collins stated ALDOT should maintain their roads and not pass the responsibility to the city. She doesn't understand that with their budget being larger than the city's, they would expect the city to absorb the cost.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, President Collins

No: Councilman Williams
The motion passed by majority consent.

K.8. First Reading- Ordained, that Ordinance No. 2025-4 requires enclosures of commercial solid waste containers (Mayor Scott)

Mayor Scott- a part of the city's Fight the Blight Campaign, the Planning & Zoning Commission submitted Ordinance No. 2025-4 requiring commercial properties to enclose their commercial solid waste containers. This will ensure a uniform clean look on the parkway.
President Collins- this is considered the first reading and will be considered at the next meeting.

K.9. Resolved, That Resolution No. 2025-13 authorizes the appropriation of $30,104.28 to the Center Point Fire District for them to purchase a narcotics safe for their medical drugs. (Fire District)

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Resolution No. 2025-13. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Councils called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

President Collins stated the council appropriated $40,000.00 in the budget for the Fire District. We can approve the whole amount, and they spend it on the needs of the department.
Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13 and appropriate $40,000.00. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

K.10. Resolved, an amendment to the approved expenditure to repair the mayor's city vehicle to reflect a change in scope of work due to the engine having to be replaced. (Mayor Scott)

Mayor Scott- when the car dealership broke the car down they realized the engine would have to be replaced. This is why the cost increased to repair the truck.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to approve the amended scope of work price to repair the mayor's city vehicle. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

L. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

L.1. Economic Development/Park & Recreation- President D.M. Collins

No report

L.2. Public Safety- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

No report

L.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

No report

L.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

No report

L.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

No report

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Tameeka Vann

Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

D.M. Collins, President

Date: 3/6/2025