



Minutes of the City of Calera Council Meeting March 3, 2025

The Council of the City of Calera met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7901 Highway 31 on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members Present:

Debbie Byers, Council Member
Kenny Dale Cost, Council Member
Ernest Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem
Calvin Morgan, Council Member
Kay Snowden Turner, Council Member
Alan Watts, Council Member

Absent:

Jon G. Graham, Mayor

Attorney:

Brian Kilgore

Guests:

James Fuller, David Hyche, Richard Byers, Sean Kendrick, Reggie Darden, Kelly Ellison, Bill Hilyer, Noah Wortham, Bill and Ann Davis, Seth Gandy, Stacy Walkup, Dawn Cost, Dennis Torrealba, Jackie Batson, Robbie Grant, Cara Stallman, Hilda Moon, David Bassett and Family, Jennifer Burgett, Byron Devinner, Karl Kemp

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Word of Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Council Member Morgan made a motion to approve the Agenda for March 3, 2025. Council Meeting. Council Member Watts seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes:

Council Member Byers made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – February 17, 2025

Work Session – February 17, 2025

Council Member Cost seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

**Seth Gandy, Parks and Recreation Director – Strawberry Festival –
Special Event Approval Request except for Food Trucks**

Council Member Watts made a motion to declare the Strawberry Festival as a Special Event except for Food Trucks. Council Member Cost seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

David Hyche, Police Chief – Swearing In Ceremony – Officer David Bassett



Shelby County Visitors Guide – Request to Approval to Purchase Ad – Full Page Ad

Council Member Morgan made a motion to approve purchasing an ad in the Shelby County Visitors Guide in the amount of \$1,300.00. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Resolution No. 2025-14 Adoption of Police Policies, 317 Victim and Witness Assistance, 502 Vehicle Towing, 601 Sexual Assault Investigations, 1022 Conflict of Interest, 1021 Commendations and Awards, 1023 Badges, Patches and Identification, 426 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

Council Member Turner moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for immediate action upon Resolution No. 2025-14. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Thereupon, the Mayor Pro Tem declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given for the consideration of said Resolution.

Council Member Watts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-14. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Kelly Ellison, Finance Director – Budget Adjustments

Council Member Cost made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Cara Stallman – Grant Overview and Status Update

Public Hearing – Review City Application – Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Resolution No. 2025-15 Program Year 2025 Community Development Grant Block Grant to Shelby County Commission – Water Improvements Co Rd 147

Council Member Byers moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for immediate action upon Resolution No. 2025-15. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Thereupon, the Mayor Pro Tem declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given for the consideration of said Resolution.

Council Member Watts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-15. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Proposed Calera City Board of Education

Council Member Cost moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for immediate action upon voting to not move forward with the Calera City Board of Education. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Thereupon, the Mayor Pro Tem declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given for the consideration of said vote.

Council Member Cost made a motion to approve of not moving forward with the Calera City Board of Education. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Guests:

Public Comments:

Jackie Batson, Jennifer Burgett, Byron Devinner

Council Member Cost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of March 2025.

Ernest Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-14

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALERA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Calera Police Department is reviewing and adopting New Department Policies and Procedures through Lexipol

WHEREAS, during the Fiscal Year needs may arise to amend the Calera Police Department's Policies and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, these new Policies and Procedures are needed for the day-to-day operations of this department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calera that the following policies, as attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein, are approved and adopted, to take effect immediately;

- 317 Victim and Witness Assistance
- 502 Vehicle Towing
- 601 Sexual Assault Investigations
- 1022 Conflict of Interest
- 1012 Commendations and Awards
- 1023 Badges, Patches and Identification
- 426 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

Council Member Turner moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for immediate action upon Resolution No. R-2025-14. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Council Member Watts moved that Resolution No. R-2025-14 be adopted. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery declared Resolution No. R-2025-14 adopted.

Adopted this 3rd day of March 2025.

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk

Ernest Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery introduced the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN
PROGRAM YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
TO THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION
TO CONSTRUCT WATER IMPROVEMENTS ON COUNTY ROAD 147**

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Commission is accepting applications from municipal governments for Program Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the City of Calera has identified has identified community development needs and determined that there is a critical need to upgrade the water line on CR 147; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 3, 2025, informing the public of the availability of the funds and identifying the project that the City intends to address with the funds;

WHEREAS, the City of Calera will request \$187,011 of CDBG funds and the City of Calera agrees to provide \$20,779 of cash matching funds and \$8,000 of in kind matching funds for a total project construction cost of \$215,790; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calera will provide for the long-term operation and maintenance costs of the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City of Calera, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that by this Resolution the City of Calera authorizes submission of a CDBG Grant to Shelby County requesting funds for water improvements on County Road 147; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign all required grant application documents on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the adoption and execution of this resolution, a copy of this policy be kept on record by the City Clerk.

Council Member Byers moved that unanimous consent of the Council be given for immediate action upon Resolution No. R-2025-15. Council Member Turner seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Thereupon, the Mayor Pro Tem declared said motion carried and unanimous consent given for the consideration of said Resolution.

Council Member Watts moved that Resolution No. R-2025-15 be adopted. Council Member Byers seconded said motion and upon vote, the results were as follows:

AYES: Byers, Cost, Montgomery, Morgan, Turner, Watts

NAYS: None

Mayor Pro Tem declared Resolution No. R-2025-15 adopted this the 3rd day of March 2025.

Ernest Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTESTED BY:

Connie B. Payton, City Clerk