

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021

The Enterprise City Council convened in Work Session at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2021, in the Enterprise Civic Center Conference Room.

PRESENT: Council President Turner Townsend, District #5
Council President Pro-Tem Sonya W. Rich, District #1
Council Member Eugene Goolsby, District #2
Council Member Greg Padgett, District #3
Council Member Scotty Johnson, District #4

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William E. Cooper
Interim City Clerk Beverly Sweeney was present and kept the minutes.
City Attorney Rainer Cotter
City Administrator Jonathan Tullos
Michael Moore
Gary D. Hicks
Michelle Mann, Southeast Sun
Caroline Quattlebaum, Southeast Sun
Savannah Weed, Enterprise Ledger
Nick Brooks, WTVY

ROLL CALL – Council President Townsend noted that all Council Members were present.

POLICE CHIEF INTERVIEWS

Michael Moore and Gary D. Hicks interviewed with the Council for consideration of the position of Chief of Police.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:25 p.m., Attorney Rainer Cotter appeared before the Council and stated that issues pending before the Council involved reputation and character of person(s).

STATE OF ALABAMA)

CITY OF ENTERPRISE)

**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 18th day of February, 2021, the time, date, place and agenda of which were 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, Padgett, Johnson and Townsend. Council President Townsend presided over the meeting. Mayor William E. Cooper was also present. City Attorney Rainer Cotter was present; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of said meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Johnson for the Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of reputation and character 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 Rich; 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:


Legal advice and counsel relating to the reputation and character of person(s);

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,

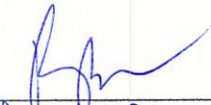
WHEREAS, said vote in regard to the motion for Executive Session was taken with the "yeas" and "nays" being recorded into the minutes as follows:

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
1. Rich	
2. Goolsby	
3. Padgett	
4. Johnson	
5. Townsend	

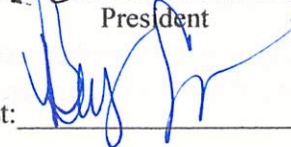
And the President declared that a majority of votes being in favor of the motion, that such motion had therefore passed, and the Council would forthwith recess into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. for the purpose as stated in said motion and no other purpose, in accordance with the Act and reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

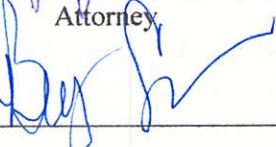
By: 

 President

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 Attorney

Attest: 

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RECONVENE IN WORK SESSION

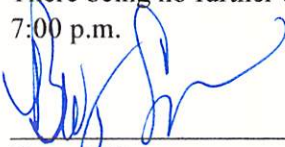
The Work Session was recessed into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. and reconvened into Work Session at 6:35 p.m. after duly made motion and second with all Ayes.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

There was a consensus among the City Council Members to appoint Michael Moore as the next Police Chief for the City of Enterprise. A resolution providing for the appointment will be presented at the March 2 Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the President declared the Work Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Beverly Sweeney
Interim City Clerk



Turner Townsend
Council President