

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Organizational  
City Hall Council Chamber

December 2, 2013  
Monday, 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor O. Stanhope Anthony III, presiding; Council Members Christopher H. (Chris) Mabry, David W. White, Dennis C. Bailey, Joel R. Shores, Jr., Dicky Amaya; Council Members Elect Fred Harrill, Jr. and Ben Kittrell; City Manager Rick Howell, City Attorney Robert W. (Bob) Yelton, City Clerk Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC, Director of Finance Justin S. Merritt, MPA, Assistant Director of Finance Elizabeth B. (Beth) Beam, CPA, Director of Human Resources Deborah C. (Deb) Jolly, Director of Utilities Brad R. Cornwell, PLS, EI, Police Chief Jeffrey H. (Jeff) Ledford, Assistant Fire Chief Jacob (Jake) Whisnant, Director of Public Works Daniel C. (Danny) Darst, Jr., Director of Parks and Recreation Charlie Holtzclaw, Director of Housing Bryan T. Howell, Director of Planning and Development Services Walter (Walt) Scharer, AICP; and media representatives

**Absent:** Council Member Jeanette D. Patterson

Mayor Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all to Council's organizational meeting and oath ceremonies. The Mayor recognized distinguished guests in attendance: State Senator Warren Daniel, State Representative Tim Moore, and Judge James Morgan as well as family members. Mayor Anthony gave the invocation and members of Boy Scout Troop 101 chartered through First Baptist Church led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### A. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Anthony suggested and announced a change in the order of the agenda as follows:

- Item B – Remarks from Officials
- Item C – Recognition of Joel R. Shores, Jr.
- Item D – Recognition of Christopher Hayes Mabry
- Item E – Assumption of Office

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. Amaya, City Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

### B. Remarks from Officials:

- 1) **Mr. Mabry expressed his appreciation and gratitude to many for the great life experiences provided by eight years of public service. He included special thanks to members of his immediate family in attendance, to the voters who elected him, to former Council members and former Mayors who served with him as the City's ambassadors, to his fellow Council members, and Mayor Anthony. Mr. Mabry congratulated Mr. Harrill and Mr. Kittrell. He specifically mentioned his gratefulness to Mrs. Parduski, Mr. Yelton, and Mr. Howell, including the City's team of department directors and their staffs. Mr. Mabry received a great deal of satisfaction being a part of a very generous community and building upon partnerships which benefited the City of Shelby and Cleveland County. With regard to some key accomplishments, Mr. Mabry was pleased with the revival of the City's older neighborhoods, the Uptown Shelby District, the reduction in crime, for several new companies and the accompanying new jobs created, and for the new success of several established industries. In closing, Mr. Mabry reiterated his appreciativeness for the last eight years of great experience in his life and adding his best wishes to all for the future.**
- 2) **Mr. Shores spoke about his journey in public service which began in 2005 and concluded with thoughts of a hopeful future. Early on, he was informed firsthand the Uptown Shelby District had too many vacant buildings and the City had no economic development product to showcase and market to prospective clients. Mr. Shores stated he was grateful to be part of the team who brought the Foothills Commerce Center to fruition and at this time with several new companies in existence. He was also proud the City of Shelby is home to the American Legion World Series and has a new terminal building at the Shelby-Cleveland County Regional Airport. After mentioning a long list of elected officials he served with, Mr. Shores complimented his fellow public servants for their frank discussions, openness, and friendships. He expressed special thanks to Mr. Howell, Mr. Yelton, and Mrs. Parduski. Mr. Shores concluded by stating he always attempted to base his decisions on what was in the best interest of the City of Shelby.**
- 3) **Mr. Amaya stated both Mr. Shores and Mr. Mabry will be missed and he considers each Council member a friend. During many discussions, he understood the City's best interests were in their hearts. He commended them for their commitment and for serving eight years.**
- 4) **Mr. White expressed his appreciation to both Mr. Shores and Mr. Mabry, stating how he depended on their experience as veteran Council members. He will always consider them to be his friends.**

- 5) Mr. Bailey expressed his utmost respect for both Mr. Shores and Mr. Mabry regardless of whether they agreed or disagreed about the various issues facing the City of Shelby. He reminded them that City Council's good accomplishments are the rewards, including more jobs and reduced unemployment. Mr. Bailey added his personal thanks and appreciation for their time and service to the board over the last eight years.
- 6) Mayor Anthony read a statement prepared by former Mayor Alexander in which he expressed his deep appreciation to Mr. Shores and Mr. Mabry for their service to Shelby, congratulated Mr. Bailey on being sworn in again, and congratulated new Council members Fred Harrill, Jr. and Ben Kittrell. He offered his assistance to them, to the City of Shelby, or the entire Council in order to make Shelby a better place.

**C. Recognition of Joel R. Shores, Jr. for his service to the City of Shelby:  
Resolution No. 69-2013**

Mayor Anthony called upon Mr. Shores. The Mayor formally read and presented framed Resolution No. 69-2013. He then presented a gift-boxed City pen to Mr. Shores with heartfelt appreciation as a keepsake for his eight years of public service to the City of Shelby and City Council.

**D. Recognition of Christopher Hayes Mabry for his service to the City of Shelby:  
Resolution No. 70-2013**

Mayor Anthony called upon Mr. Mabry. The Mayor formally read and presented framed Resolution No. 70-2013. He then presented a gift-boxed City pen to Mr. Mabry with heartfelt appreciation as a keepsake for his eight years of public service to the City of Shelby and City Council.

**E. Assumption of Office:**

- 1) Oath of Office administered to Council Member Fred Falls Harrill, Jr.,  
Ward 1

Judge James Morgan administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Harrill who was assisted by his wife, Jennipher Harrill, and son, River.

- 2) Oath of Office administered to Council Member Dennis Carl Bailey, Ward 4

Representative Tim Moore administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bailey who was assisted by his wife, Sandy Bailey.

- 3) Oath of Office administered to Council Member Benjamin Upchurch

**Kittrell, Jr., Ward 5**

Senator Warren Daniel administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kittrell who was assisted by Elizabeth Baptist Church Pastor Rit Varriale.

**F. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore:**

Mayor Anthony explained in accordance with statute and tradition Council elects a member to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore until the organizational meeting following the next election cycle.

Mr. White nominated Mr. Amaya.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to close the nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore.

**ACTION TAKEN:** City Council voted unanimously to elect Mr. Amaya as Mayor Pro Tempore for a two-year term concluding December 2015.

**G. Consent Agenda:**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Anthony presented the consent agenda. Mr. Amaya made a motion to approve the consent agenda and each item as presented. The consent agenda and following items were unanimously approved:

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2013

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

**H. Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Consideration of appointments to City advisory boards:

- a. Appointment of Council liaisons to City advisory boards

Following a review of Council’s policy, Mrs. Parduski announced the liaison appointments to the City’s advisory boards for the term 2013-2015 as follows:

Ward 1 – Mr. Harrill:	Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board
Ward 2 – Mr. White:	Housing and Redevelopment Board
Ward 3 – Mrs. Patterson:	Zoning Board of Adjustment and Airport Commission

<b>Ward 4 – Mr. Bailey:</b>	<b>Parks and Recreation Board and C19TV Advisory Board</b>
<b>Ward 5 – Mr. Kittrell:</b>	<b>Planning and Zoning Board and Keep Shelby Beautiful (KSB) Commission</b>
<b>Ward 6 – Mr. Amaya:</b>	<b>Uptown Shelby Association (USA) Board</b>

**Stressing the importance of the City’s advisory boards to the new Council, Mayor Anthony encouraged their attendance and participation, adding liaison reports and updates at future Council meetings.**

**I. New Business: None**

**J. City Manager’s Report:**

- 1) Mr. Howell introduced and solicited comments from Council regarding their annual retreat as to scheduling and format.**
- 2) Mr. Howell reported the Mall Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project is complete and in service.**
- 3) Mr. Howell informed Council the annual audit of the City’s financial statements has been completed and submitted to the Local Government Commission of the State Treasurer’s office. A principal from Martin Starnes & Associates CPAs, PA is scheduled to present the audit report and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year (FY) ended June 30, 2013 on January 6, 2014.**
- 4) Mr. Howell provided an update on the KSM Castings Utility Extensions Project. Substantial progress has been made on the plant itself and the infrastructure due to the nearly completed road construction by Cleveland County.**
- 5) Mr. Howell offered his welcome and congratulations to Mr. Bailey, Mr. Harrill, and Mr. Kittrell.**

**K. Council Announcements and Remarks:**

- 1) Mr. Kittrell’s remarks included a list of thanks, promises, and requests. He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to many including Mayor Anthony, to the City leadership and staff, to Pastor Varriale and Mrs. Varriale, to Senator Daniel and Mrs. Daniel, to the voters, to Mr. Bailey, and his wife, Millie, for their correspondingly warm reception and**

welcome to the team; for the professionalism, support, and encouragement; and for their presence tonight.

Mr. Kittrell promised to be prepared, mindful, to listen and to understand the issues, to criticize with kindness with an eye toward improving the City, and a wise steward of tax dollars as a new Council member.

Lastly Mr. Kittrell requested patience from the veteran Council members for Mr. Harrill and himself. He advocated for Council to work as a team, set big goals, and move forward with the City's business tempered with courage and wisdom. Mr. Kittrell reiterated Senator Daniel's comments about succeeding the legacy of all past elected officials and public servants.

- 2) Mr. Amaya welcomed Mr. Harrill and Mr. Kittrell and said he is available for them to contact.

As of November 26, 2013, Mr. Amaya announced he was a grandfather again to Whitaker Dalton. He will be traveling to Wyoming to spend time with family for the holidays.

- 3) Mr. Bailey welcomed Mr. Harrill and Mr. Kittrell and said he is also available for them to contact. He added Mr. Howell and the City staff deserve most of the thanks, gratitude, and praise for their work. Mr. Bailey's advice to the new members included to look for the good ideas and to say yes to the great recommendations Council receives from staff, referring to Mr. Howell for his opinion and advice.
- 4) Mr. White welcomed Mr. Harrill and Mr. Kittrell as well. He said this is a great group who agrees to disagree but remains as friends.
- 5) Mr. Harrill said he is looking forward to making a difference as a new Council member.
- 6) Mayor Anthony made the following announcements:

- The City of Shelby Annual Christmas Luncheon is December 12, 2013 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at City Park.
- The Shelby Fire & Rescue Department's Promotional Oath Ceremony is December 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chamber.
- The Cleveland Association of Government Officials (CAGO) Holiday Gathering will be held on December 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the

LeGrand Center.

- The 2013 Shelby Christmas Parade is set for December 15, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment:

1) Motion to adjourn

**ACTION TAKEN:** Upon a motion by Mr. White, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette A. Parduski, NCCMC, MMC  
City Clerk

O. Stanhope Anthony, III  
Mayor

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