

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ashley Brady	Councilman Fred Gause
Mayor Pro Tem Emerson Hunt	Councilman Donny Gerald
Councilman Ronald Atkinson	Councilwoman Tassie Lewis
Councilman Michael Baker	

STAFF PRESENT:

Alan Ammons, City Administrator	James Brogdon, City Attorney
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer	
Lakesha Shannon, City Clerk	

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Brady.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

➤ **Contractual Matter – Marion County**

Councilman Ronald Atkinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a Contractual Matter regarding Marion County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fred Gause, and carried unanimously.

3. POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Returning from executive session, *Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson, and carried unanimously.* Mayor Brady stated that there was no action taken.

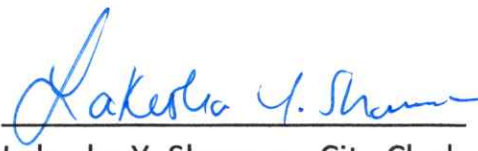
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ronald Atkinson made a motion to adjourn the special meeting.

Mayor Brady provided an update on the 2024-2025 budget preparations. He stated that the previously recommended 3% cost of living increase for employees has been increased to 4%. Councilman Fred Gause stated that he and Councilwoman Tassie Lewis discussed concerns from citizens regarding shootings and crimes in the city. Councilwoman Lewis stated that she would like to host an event at the Veterans Triangle on Main Street on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm to stand together with council in solidarity and awareness of these issues. She feels that the citizens should see city officials and community leaders standing with them to address crime in the community. Mayor Brady also noted that the grant for Catfish Creek stormwater has increased from \$1 million to \$2.5 million. There will be a meeting held on June 11, 2024 to discuss the plans for this project. He thanked Senator Kent Williams for his assistance in obtaining these funds. Hearing no further discussion, ***the motion was made by Councilman Fred Gause and carried unanimously.***



Mayor Ashley Brady



Lakesha Y. Shannon, City Clerk