

**City of Pelham
City Council Work Session**

April 20, 2009

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on April 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with President Mike Dickens presiding. The meeting was held in the courtroom and open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Mike Dickens, Council President
Bill Meadows, Councilmember
Teresa Nichols, Councilmember
Karyl Rice, Councilmember
Steve Powell, Councilmember

Media Present: None

Others present: Department Heads, Rick Hayes

Karyl Rice moved to approve the April 6, 2009 work session minutes as written, and Bill Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Murphy saved his comments for the council meeting.

The agenda and other general business matters of the city were discussed.

Resolution 2009-04-20-01 considering financial donation to area schools: The council considered several options of the resolution.

Karyl Rice stated she would like to give schools the full refund. She further stated the allocations to schools in October were not intended to replace reimbursement of the city utilities and garbage fees as provided in Resolution 2007-09-17-05 and provided letters from two former council members, Rosemary Metcalf and Willard Payne, stating likewise.

Mike Dickens stated he is not in favor of amending the budget to transfer additional funds to the schools due to the decline in sales tax, but noted the city is currently meeting overall projected revenues for FY2009.

Bill Meadows stated he felt the schools were the most critical issue the council has and feels obligated to do whatever the city can to help the schools.

Steve Powell commented that he supported giving the schools the full donation and felt the council had just made an error in October by not clarifying their intent when they made the allocations to schools for special requests.

Teresa Nichols said she was not in favor of amending the budget to give the full donation.

Karyl Rice moved to present option one for vote at the council meeting, giving the schools the full reimbursement for utilities. Bill Meadows seconded the motion and it passed three to two with Mike Dickens and Teresa Nichols casting the dissenting votes.

Resolution 2009-04-20-03 authorizing procedural reviews of employee education incentive, part-time workers at the park and teaching professionals at the Pelham Civic Complex, Pelham Racquet Club and Ballantrae Golf Club:

Bill Meadows asked if we could save money by using city council and employees to do the reviews rather than contracting with auditors. Teresa Nichols said these procedural reviews would become part of the auditors work on an annual basis. She felt the outcome of the procedural reviews would more than pay for the expense of the auditors. She further stated that most cities are doing this, and we are not doing it. Bill Meadows referenced a letter from Gary Waters concerning the Education Incentive.

Bill Meadows moved to lay the resolution on the table. Karyl Rice seconded the motion. The motion failed three to two with Mike Dickens, Steve Powell and Teresa Nichols casting the dissenting votes.

The following change was made to Resolution 2009-04-20-03:

- B. A review of all part-time employees working for Pelham Park and Recreation Department.

Resolution 2009-04-20-06: Teresa Nichols noted the email from Bent Owens concerning the lawsuit and moved to table the resolution until the council could consult with Butch Ellis. Karyl Rice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-04-20-07: Mayor Murphy requested council consideration to suspend the rules for immediate consideration to qualify for 100% funding.

Ordinance No. 399-1: Steve Powell moved to table the ordinance in the interest of time. Karyl Rice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Changes to the agenda –

1. Resolution 2009-04-20-06 tabled
2. Ordinance 399-1 tabled

Bill Meadows moved to adjourn, and Teresa Nichols seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Donna Treslar, City Clerk