

City of Pelham
City Council Work Session
May 3, 2010

MINUTES

Members of the Pelham City Council met on May 3, 2010. The work session was held in the conference room of Pelham City Hall and was open to the public.

The following elected officials were present:

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

The following elected officials were absent:

Councilmember Teresa Nichols was out of town attending a conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Media Present: None

Others present: Tom Seale, Eddy Jowers, Roy Lambert, Butch Byrd, Officer Scott Bottchen, Gary Waters, Lt. Pete Folmar, Mike Morgan, Jesse Jowers, Chief Danny Ray and other city employees and members of the public.

The council work session was called to order by Council President Mike Dickens at 6:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Steve Powell to approve the April 5, 2010 work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Karyl Rice and by voice vote the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy elected to hold his comments until council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Mr. Dickens reviewed the council agenda for May 3, 2010 and noted other council business would be addressed in the work session as time permits.

Resolution 2010-04-05-02 accepting the FY2009 financial statements as presented by the auditing firm of Moses, Phillips, Young, Brannon and Henninger and requesting copies be kept on permanent file in the office of the City of Pelham's Finance Director / City Clerk. There were no additional comments.

Resolution 2010-05-03-01 Authorizing the participation by the City of Pelham in the 2010 Sales Tax Holiday, August 6-8, 2010. Discussion followed by various council members regarding the city's past participation in the sales tax holiday and the potential fallout if the city did not participate. Revenue Director Mike Morgan commented it was almost impossible to calculate the effect of sales tax collections as a result of the sales tax holiday.

Resolution 2010-05-03-02 Recognizing the Concern of Police Survivors (COPS) as an organization dedicated to helping the survivors of America's fallen law enforcement officers rebuild their lives through hands-on programs based on strong peer support. There were no additional comments.

Resolution 2010-05-03-03 Adopting the Shelby County All Hazards Mitigation Plan which was developed as a multi-jurisdictional plan to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Section 322. Fire Chief Danny Ray commented the adoption of the resolution opens the door for the City of Pelham to apply for future grants. Several council members commented on the various city departments' involvement in preparing the Hazards Mitigation Plan. Mr. Powell noted the Plan opens communications among various agencies and departments. Chief Ray said mutual aid agreements with surrounding cities are in place. Mr. Powell said the Plan has great value to the City of Pelham.

Resolution 2010-05-03-04 Informing the Department of Environmental Management of the actions taken by the Pelham City Council with regard to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Program. Mr. Dickens explained the MWPP and noted no action was required on the part of the City of Pelham.

Resolution 2010-05-03-05 Reappointment of Paula Sutton, term expiring on 9/30/2013 and appointment of Amy Vandiver, term expiring on 9/30/2013 to the Pelham Library Board. Mr. Dickens explained the Library appointments and mentioned other board appointments. Mr. Powell mentioned receiving several complimentary remarks on Mayor Murphy's executive secretary, Paula Sutton.

Public Comments

1. Danny Hayes, a resident of Royal Chase, has requested to address on the council on the private Royal Chase lift station issue.
2. Jim McClain, a candidate for state representative, has requested to address the council.

Old Business

Mr. Powell noted several procedural Human Resources Department issues were addressed in the 2009 audit's management letter to the mayor and council. Mr. Dickens said these issues were mentioned in previous audits. Mr. Dickens said a plan was being developed with the Mayor to address these issues and recommendations would be brought to the council's attention.

Mr. Powell commented on the recent police reports noting a decline in felonies and misdemeanors over the past five years despite the increase in Pelham's population during this period.

New Business

Consideration in calling a special city council meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6 pm to review and accept bids for the Indian Hills Well #2 project and the replacement of carpet at the Pelham Civic Complex.

Adjournment

Without any further business before the council work session, Mr. Meadows made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Powell. The motion passed unanimously by all those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Seale", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Seale, Finance Director/City Clerk

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