

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room
July 2, 2012 – 6 p.m.**

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regular scheduled Pelham City Council Work Session was given at least 72 hours in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted through the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met on July 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Council Conference Room in Pelham City Hall and was open to the public. The work session was called to order by Council President Nichols at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Murphy
Council President Teresa Nichols
Councilmember Bill Meadows
Councilmember Steve Powell
Councilmember Karyl Rice
Councilmember Ron Scott

Media Present: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter

Others present: City department heads, city employees and members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Meadows to approve the June 18, 2012 regular work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Murphy updated the council on the possible sale of the Pelham Civic Complex. He stated there were certain deed restrictions preventing the sale. Mayor Murphy said he had instructed the city attorney to contact Live Nation International to determine if they were receptive in working with the city. He stated it would probably be another week before hearing from Live Nation.

Regarding the purchase of the Moore-Handley property, Mayor Murphy said Shelby County had requested certain financial information from Mr. Bew White, owner of Summer Classics. A tentative meeting has been set for Monday, July 9, 2012. Mayor Murphy stated he has asked Councilmember Meadows to represent the council in the negotiations. Once the information is received by Shelby County they will determine if there is a desire on their part to move forward with this project. Dr. Nichols said it will be decided later if a special work session will be necessary to discuss Summer Classics. There were no council questions.

Review of Council Agenda

Dr. Nichols reviewed the council agenda for July 2, 2012.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Roll Call
- E. Consent Agenda

(A consent agenda is presented by the Council President at the beginning of a council meeting. Items presented on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and are organized apart from the rest of the agenda and are adopted by general consent without debate. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda is approved or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Council President and City Council.)

1. Approval of the July 2, 2012 City Council Agenda.
2. Approval of the June 18, 2012 regular City Council meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the following non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts.
 - a. Federal Forfeiture Account. Purchase of computers and equipment for the Pelham Police Department's manned patrol units in the amount of \$ 5,520.36. Current balance: \$ 139,037.30.
 - b. 911 Account. Purchase of radio equipment for the Pelham Police Department in the amount of \$ 13,472.59 in order to meet FCC requirements. Current balance \$ 41,023.49.
 - c. 911 Account. Reprogramming of radio equipment for the Pelham Police Department in the amount of \$ 2,400.00 in order to meet FCC requirements. Current balance \$ 41,023.49.

- d. Federal Forfeiture Account. Update Point to Point Radio System for the Pelham Police Department in the amount of \$ 28,924.00 in order to meet FCC requirements. Current balance \$ 139,037.30.
- e. 7 Cent Gas Tax Account. Repair and replace asphalt and valley gutter on Cross Creek Trail in the amount of \$ 10,960.00. Current balance \$ 39,179.85.

F. Public Hearing - None

G. Mayor's Comments

H. Proclamations

Proclaiming July 2012 as Pelham Firefighter Appreciation Month in Pelham, Alabama.

I. Requests to Address the Council

Laura Ford, regarding the city's school resource officer.

J. Old Business – None

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2012-07-02-01** authorizing the appointment of the city clerk as election manager for the 2012 municipal elections and to perform the duties of the mayor as election manager. There were no council comments.
2. **Resolution 2012-07-02-02** for consideration to make a reappointment of Russell Biciste to the Pelham Board of Adjustments. There were no council comments.

Mr. Powell moved to add the following item to tonight's city council agenda.

3. **Resolution 2012-07-02-03** for consideration to call for an audit by the city's independent auditors of certain pay practices. Mr. Powell stated he is requesting by council resolution the city's auditor's address certain pay practice issues within the City of Pelham. There was additional discussion among the members of the council. Mrs. Rice seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion to add Resolution 2012-07-02-03 to the July 2, 2012 council agenda was approved 4-0-1 with Mr. Meadows abstaining.

L. Council and Public Comments

Mayor-Council election qualification dates: July 3 – July 17, 2012.

M. Public Announcements

N. Adjournment

Old Business – AS TIME PERMITS

1. Chris Cousins, Municipal Consultants, Inc., Chandalar Water Main Replacement Project update.

Mr. Cousins addressed the council and stated the bid for the Chandalar Water Main Replacement Project was significantly higher than the estimated cost. The original scope of the project was the replacement of approximately 2,000 feet of water main. The city attorney has advised that scaling back the project to 800 feet of water main to stay in the \$ 255,000 budget would require a rebidding of the project. Mr. Cousins asked for direction from the council. Mr. Powell asked if the city moved ahead with the 800 foot project could the city move forward in phases if the problem is not resolved. Mr. Cousins said the project could proceed in phases. There was additional discussion among the members of the council regarding the project. Eddy Jowers, Public Works Director, suggested hiring staff and having the water mains replaced over a period of 20 years. Mrs. Rice asked the cost of this option. Mr. Jowers said he was not prepared to estimate the cost tonight. Mayor Murphy suggested a public hearing to address the issue. Mayor Murphy further stated there is a lot for the council to consider. Mr. Powell asked how the cost of material and labor was broken down. Mr. Cousins stated the cost of using different materials was insignificant as related to the total cost of the entire project. Dr. Nichols stated that she was in favor of scaling back and rebidding the project and then develop a master plan. Mr. Scott and Mr. Meadows agreed with moving forward with the 800 foot project and a comprehensive master plan.

2. Pelham Civic Complex Update – See ‘Mayor’s Comments’ above.
3. Blight Ordinance Update

Dr. Nichols reviewed the progress of the updating of the blight ordinance. Mr. Powell stated there were some problems with the blight ordinances proposed by the Pelham Homeowners Association. Revenue Director Mike Morgan updated the council with regard to the changes authorized by the city council. Mr. Morgan stated the ordinance has been updated and has been forwarded to the city attorney for review. He further stated the ordinance would be on the July 16, 2012 council agenda. Further discussion followed between Dr. Nichols and Mr. Powell. Mr. Meadows said the city needs to have education, discretionary income and redevelopment to move forward.

4. Moore-Handley / Summer Classics Update – See ‘Mayor’s Comments’ above.

New Business – AS TIME PERMITS

Announcements

Dr. Nichols announced the Mayor-Council election qualification dates: July 3 – July 17, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily.

Adjournment

Mr. Meadows moved to adjourn the work session and said motion was seconded by Mrs. Rice. The motion passed unanimously by those present and the work session was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July 2012.



Tom Seale, CMC, City Clerk

