

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

January 21, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members of the Pelham City Council met January 21, 2014 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.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Rick Hayes at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

The city clerk called the roll and the following elected officials were present:

Council President Rick Hayes
Councilmember Ron Scott
Councilmember Beth McMillan
Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Karyl Rice
Mayor Gary W. Waters

Media Present: Neal Wagner, Shelby County Reporter, Martin Reed, The Birmingham News and Rachel Crisson, Pelham City News.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Rice to approve the January 6, 2014 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mercer and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Movoto, a national real estate brokerage website, listed Pelham as #3 in their "10 Best Places in Alabama" on its January 21, 2014 blog. Pelham was cited as the safest city in the state with a crime rate 49% less than the state average.

The Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena had a very good weekend. The mayor called on Director Danny Tate to give specific numbers from the three-day holiday weekend. Tate reported the

complex took in \$83,000 over the weekend, had over 2000 public skaters and hosted 25 birthday parties.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for January 21, 2014:

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 January 21, 2014 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the January 6, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of non-budgeted expenses from restricted fund accounts: None

F. Public Hearing - None

G. Mayor Waters' Comments

H. Proclamations - None

I. Requests to Address the Council

Beautification Board to present annual awards for Christmas decorations:

Residential – Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tatum

Commercial – Mr. Michael Johnson, Engel Properties

Neighborhood – Mike Mosca for Steve Mobley, Mobley Development/Ballantrae HOA

Power Express – Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2014-01-21-01** for consideration to approve participation by the City of Pelham in the ALDOT project for additional lanes on Valleydale Road

President Hayes explained Pelham's participation would be the expense for the power supplied to traffic signals and possible street lighting for the upgrades that are located in the City of Pelham.

2. **Resolution 2014-01-21-02** for consideration to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for Traffic Control Signals as part of the project for additional lanes on Valleydale Road

No further discussion.

3. **Resolution 2014-01-21-03** for consideration to authorize an office lease agreement between the City of Pelham and the Pelham Board of Education

President Hayes stated there would be a locked door to separate the Board of Education office space from the rest of city hall.

4. **Resolution 2014-01-21-04** for consideration to accept the low bid for construction of a retaining wall at Pelham City Park

Park Director Billy Crandall gave the details of the bid, stating the amount came in under budget. The project will be completed by February 21, 2014 when practice will begin. Crandall thanked the water and street departments for the demolition work which saved about \$2500 for the project.

5. **Resolution 2014-01-21-05** for consideration of an ABC license application for Coosa Mart located at 2030 Old Montgomery Highway, Pelham, Alabama

Councilman Scott stated he was very comfortable with approving the application after talking with Mr. Sherali.

6. **Resolution 2014-01-21-06** for consideration to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Shelby County, the City of Pelham, Shelby County Economic and Industrial Development Authority and the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Discussion for this resolution was delayed until further in the work session to allow Mr. Alex Dudchock to make his announcement.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements - None

N. Adjournment

(End of January 21, 2014 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Review applications submitted for city boards.

The council discussed reorganizing the Industrial Development Board (IDB) to a board with a focus on economic development, to include commercial and retail and not just industrial and

manufacturing. One option discussed was a Commercial Development Authority (CDA) which could focus on retail recruitment and retention.

President Hayes stated that the money currently in the IDB account would be transferred to the city should the IDB be dissolved. This money could be used to jump start a CDA should the council decide to pursue this option. There would be considerable paperwork and legal processes to complete before this could be accomplished.

It was the consensus of the council to delay appointing members to the IDB until the future of the board is decided. However, they hope to vote on filling vacancies for most of the other boards in two weeks.

New Business

1. Partnering with Shelby County on a repaving bid

The council discussed pooling with Shelby County to bid paving projects in order to receive bulk/ton pricing which would be beneficial for both the city and the county resulting in lower prices. The City of Pelham has budgeted approximately 1.6 million dollars for the repaving of several streets in the city.

The council requested that City Engineer Jesse Jowers work with Shelby County Engineers Randy Cole and Scott Holliday to coordinate specifications for the bid.

2. School donation requests

President Hayes is working with the Pelham Board of Education to get their input before making a decision on the donation amounts, but stated he would like to vote on this in two weeks.

3. Memorandum of Agreement with Shelby County, SCEIDA and the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Alex Dudchock and Greg Lein

Shelby County Manager Alex Dudchock, SCEIDA Director James Dedes and State Parks Director Greg Lein attended the work session to announce a partnership with the City of Pelham to fund a feasibility study for the development of a hotel and conference center at Oak Mountain State Park. Dudchock said everyone involved, including Governor Bentley, was very excited about the prospect of maximizing and marketing all the amenities at OMSP. The scope and size of the development will be determined by the study. Mr. Dedes and Mr. Lein echoed Dudchock's thanks to the City of Pelham for being a partner in this exciting development.

Announcements

1. The Pelham Board of Education has set their monthly meeting schedule to be the second Monday at 4:00 p.m. and the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.

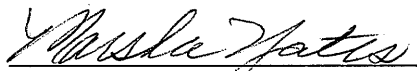
Councilmember Karyl Rice asked Finance Director Tom Seale what the projected revenue was for the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for this fiscal year and how much was projected to be

transferred from the general fund. Seale stated the projected budget was \$2M and the projected transfer was \$1.3 million from the general fund. Rice pointed out the complex had reached 25% of their budget in the first three months.

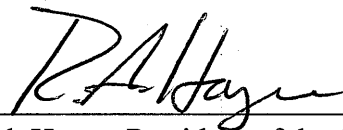
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember McMillan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of January 2014.



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

