

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

June 2, 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 June 2, 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 6:07 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: Molly Davidson, Shelby County Reporter and Martin Reed, The Birmingham News.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember McMillan to approve the May 19, 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

Mayor Waters provided the council with aerial photos of five earthen dams located in Oak Mountain State Park and briefly updated the council on a meeting he had with Mayor Brenda Guercio of Indian Springs Village. Waters invited Mayor Guercio to share findings regarding the condition of these five dams gathered from state inspections that are required every three years.

Mayor Guercio told the council the reports showed trees growing in some of the dams and deteriorated spillways which adversely affected the integrity of the dams. Guercio recommended the City of Pelham partner with Indian Springs and Shelby County to have an inundation study performed to show worse case scenarios should the dams suffer catastrophic failure. She said this study could be done for \$20,000.00 - 25,000.00 and would take eight to ten weeks.

Councilmember Scott discussed asking the state to partner in paying for the study since the dams are located in a state park, and stated he thinks the state should be on board before Pelham invests any money.

Mayor Guercio asked if Pelham will contact the state and arrange a meeting with them along with Shelby County, Pelham and Indian Springs. President Hayes agreed.

Mayor Waters reported that CSX Railroad planned to have the work on C.R. 52 West completed by noon on Wednesday.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for June 2, 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 June 2, 2014 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the May 19, 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 - None

J. Old Business - None

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2014-06-02-01** for consideration to authorize the participation by the City of Pelham in the 2014 "Back to School" Sales Tax Holiday August 1-3, 2014.

No comments.

2. **Resolution 2014-06-02-02** for consideration to enter into an agreement with Gonzalez-Strength & Associates for an Interchange Modification Study for C.R. 52 and I-65 North entrance ramp improvements.

James Brown with Gonzalez-Strength & Associates and Scott Skipper with Skipper Consulting gave a brief overview of the study outlined in the resolution. The IMS will push the construction work on the ramp back several months. However, the traffic study and the IMS can run concurrently allowing the traffic study and timing of the traffic lights to go forward and be completed by the time school starts. Once school traffic has been observed a few weeks, the timing will be adjusted as needed.

3. **Resolution 2014-06-02-03** for consideration to amend the City of Pelham General Fund FY2014 budget to transfer funds for the city match portion of the FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant.

President Hayes said the full amount of the city's approved match for the grant will be shown this budget year although all the money will not be spent in this budget year.

4. **Resolution 2014-06-02-04** for consideration to approve an ABC license application for 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor for applicant Recinos Restaurant, LLC, trade name Recinos Restaurant, located at 3079 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, Alabama.

Councilmember Scott thanked Mr. Recino for the letter verifying enrollment in the Responsible Vendor Program and stated he was in favor of considering the application.

5. **Resolution 2014-06-02-05** for consideration to approve an ABC license application for 020 Restaurant Retail Liquor for applicant The Spot Bar & Grill, LLC, trade name Blue Collar, located at 2969 Pelham Parkway, Suites VWXYZ, Pelham, Alabama.

Mr. Graney provided documentation to Councilmember Scott verifying enrollment in the Responsible Vendor Program, and Mr. Scott recommended going forward in considering the application.

6. **Resolution 2014-06-02-06** for consideration to add the name of Carson Sumpter to the memorial obelisk at Pelham City Park.

Councilmember Scott said adding Carson's name will make a statement to the young people that they are important and can make a difference. He said, "It's not how long a person lives but how they live that matters."

7. **Resolution 2014-06-02-07** for consideration to appoint Mr. Clay Alford and Mr. Lenny Glynn to the Pelham Industrial Development Board.

President Hayes explained this was procedural only and was needed to assist the IDB to have a quorum when the board meets to disband.

8. **Resolution 2014-06-02-08** for consideration to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pelham Board of Education related to potential financing of capital improvements for the Pelham Board of Education.

President Hayes stated the Pelham Board of Education (BOE) needed financing to make improvements to existing schools and to construct a new school. He explained the city can get a much better rate for financing and taking out the loans in the city's name, could save the BOE between 1 and 1.5 million dollars. BOE President Rick Rhoades, thanked the council for assisting.

9. **Resolution 2014-06-02-09** for consideration to authorize the engagement of an investment banker related to the potential financing of capital improvements for the Pelham Board of Education.

President Hayes said Protective Securities was recommended. Councilmember McMillan asked about the timeline for a rating, and Hayes replied approximately two weeks.

10. **Resolution 2014-06-02-10** for consideration to authorize the City to obtain a bond credit rating.

President Hayes stated the recommendation of the financial community is for the city to get a credit rating, and with our current balance sheet, the city should get a very good rating. In the past the city used bond insurance instead of a credit rating.

11. **Resolution 2014-06-02-11** for consideration to authorize the engagement of bond counsel related to the potential financing of capital improvements for the Pelham Board of Education.

President Hayes said the city will use Bradley Arant as the bond counsel.

L. Council and Public Comments

M. Public Announcements

1. The City of Pelham will host the Golden Jubilee in celebration of our 50th birthday. The event will kick-off Friday, July 11, 2014 at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and will continue on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. As part of the celebration, four bands will provide music at the Oak Mountain Amphitheater from 4:15 p.m. until 11:00 pm. on Saturday, July 12, 2014. The event is free for everyone.
2. The Pelham City Council will hold a public hearing on June 16, 2014 for the purpose of hearing public comments with regard to adopting Ordinance 135-204 which would amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Pelham to rezone property located at 3442 Indian Lake Drive, Pelham, AL from A-1 Agricultural District to R-G Residential Garden Home District requested by Regions Bank as Trustee of the Lois Huckaby estate.
3. The Pelham Water Board will meet June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Pelham City Hall.
4. The Pelham Industrial Development Board will meet June 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Pelham City Hall.
5. Primary elections will be held tomorrow - polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

N. Adjournment

(End of June 2, 2014 Agenda Review)

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Expansion of Pelham Senior Center Opportunities – Barbara Roberts

Barbara Roberts presented Option 7 to the council with plans and cost estimates to expand the multipurpose room at the Pelham Senior Center, almost doubling the space of that room. Other improvements included removing the tile flooring and replacing it with manufactured hardwood flooring.

Councilmember McMillian thanked Mrs. Roberts for getting another option and said she liked it best.

President Hayes stated a portion of the money needed for the improvements had already been approved in the FY2014 budget and suggested to move forward in hiring an architect to draw up plans in preparation for a bid.

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Before adjourning, Councilmember Scott requested the Pelham Board of Education meeting notices be posted on the city's website in addition to the Pelham City Schools' website.

Scott asked if the admission fee to Oak Mountain State Park could be adjusted for the July 3, 2014 fireworks event. He suggested rather than charging per person, the park charge a per carload fee.

President Hayes stated the fireworks would be visible from other areas in the city and that one would not have to enter the park to see the fireworks.

Mayor Waters reported he was meeting with Pyro Productions, the company hired to produce the fireworks show, and would discuss the height and visibility of the fireworks to determine in which areas of the city the fireworks would be visible.

Councilman Mercer asked Mayor Waters for an update on the meeting he had with the owner of the property in Chandalar on Dalton Drive.

Mayor Waters said no permits had been issued and none would be issued until the owner met these four requirements of the city: 1) proof of ownership, 2) a letter granting him access to the Alabama Power Company easement, 3) two sets of an architect plan, and 4) a drainage plan from an engineer.

Councilmember Scott asked the mayor if he could see the hydrology study on the Chandalar property before permits are issued. Scott also stated he would like for Pelham to have an overlay district like Alabaster. He requested the council discuss measures to ensure Pelham attracts the types of businesses that would be beneficial to the citizens and business community at the next council meeting. He distributed a draft resolution for the council to review.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Mercer and seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of June 2014.



Marsha Yates, EMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

