

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Council Conference Room

July 7, 2014 – 5:30 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 July 7, 2014 at 5:30 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 5:37 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 Karyl Rice
Mayor Gary W. Waters

Councilmember Maurice Mercer arrived at 5:39 p.m.

Media Present: Molly Davidson, Shelby County Reporter, 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 June 16, 2014 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters reported to the residents of the Chandalar subdivision that Mr. Jacks inquired about the difference in a drainage plan and a site preparation plan. There have been no other actions.

Mayor Waters said he was very pleased with the July 3rd fireworks and thought everything went well.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the council agenda for July 7, 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 July 7, 2014 City Council Agenda
2. Approval of the June 16, 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

1. **Ordinance #135-204** for consideration to rezone property located at 3442 Indian Lake Drive from A-1 Agricultural district to RG Residential Garden Home District (15.8 acres). The applicant is Regions Bank as Successor Trustee of the Lois Huckaby Real Estate Trust.

There was no further discussion.

K. New Business

1. **Ordinance #324-04 (First Reading)** for consideration to amend Ordinance #324-03 to include provisions in the sales and use tax ordinance to define collection procedures for delinquent taxpayers and provide for the revocation of business licenses by the Pelham City Council for the non-payment of said taxes.

Finance Director Tom Seale gave an overview of the changes and reasons behind them.

2. **Ordinance #456 (First Reading)** for consideration to lease real property to the Alabama Tennis Association.

President Hayes said Billy Crandall will report on details surrounding this ordinance later in the work session, but recommended the ordinance be removed from tonight's agenda. A motion to remove Ordinance #456 from the agenda was made by Councilmember Rice and seconded by Councilmember Mercer. The motion to remove was approved unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Resolution 2014-07-07-01** for consideration to appoint members to the Commercial Development Authority.

President Hayes reported all the necessary documents have been recorded with the probate office and the council can move forward with the reappointment of members to the CDA.

4. **Resolution 2014-07-07-02** for consideration to transfer funds, formerly held by the Industrial Development Board, from the City of Pelham to the Commercial Development Authority.

Councilman Scott asked Tom Seale when the CDA could meet. Mr. Seale replied they could meet officially as soon as the resolution is passed.

5. **Resolution 2014-07-07-03** for consideration to authorize an additional \$2,295.00 in the settlement of the Camp Class Holiday Pay Claims to cover FICA taxes owed by the City of Pelham and to transfer the funds for the entire settlement in the amount of \$32,295.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Department Payroll Account.

President Hayes explained the need for the resolution was to comply with the judge's ruling on how the claims were to be paid.

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 run-off election will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2014. The polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please make this a priority and vote.
3. The City of Pelham will host the quarterly Business Council luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is open to all business owners in Pelham.

N. Adjournment

(End of July 7, 2014 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Carly's Clubhouse, the All-Inclusive Playground – Ms. Kyle Cundy (Leathers & Associates), Dustin Chandler and Kelly Windham

Dustin Chandler spoke in favor of going forward with the project to raise funds and construct an all-inclusive playground in Pelham. He stated Pelham could be the first in the area to have such a playground for all children, including those with special needs, and that the money would be raised by the community with help and direction from Leathers & Associates personnel.

Ms. Kyle Cundy gave a presentation outlining the specific steps in the project from raising funds, designing the plans, forming construction teams to the completion and grand opening of the park.

Pelham resident Mrs. Kelly Windham also spoke in favor of the project sharing her involvement with the special needs playground recently constructed at Valley Elementary School. She stated she would like to see a 20,000 to 30,000 square foot park in Pelham.

Council members discussed various corporate sponsors that could participate in funding efforts and Representative April Weaver stated she would try to get state funding through our legislative delegation.

It was recommended that Mr. Chandler move quickly to get a 501(3)(c) designation for the fundraising organization. This would allow donations to be tax deductible.

President Hayes polled the council about supporting this project and all were in favor of moving forward.

New Business

1. Discuss plans to lease property at the Pelham Racquet Club to the Alabama Tennis Association for construction of their state offices and the Alabama Tennis Hall of Fame facility – Billy Crandall

Parks & Recreation Director Billy Crandall reported on the work by the Alabama Tennis Association to relocate their offices and the Alabama Tennis Hall of Fame to a new facility to be

located at the Pelham Racquet Club. The people associated with the Hall of Fame are very impressed with the Pelham Racquet Club and think it will be very favorable to relocate to Pelham. Mr. Crandall said this was the greatest compliment Pelham could receive from the tennis community, and he is confident this will bring many tennis fans to our city.

The City of Pelham will lease land at the Pelham Racquet Club to the Alabama Tennis Association and a building will be constructed, designed to match the existing racquet club facility. Terms of the lease are currently being negotiated, and the exact location to build the new facility is being studied. All costs associated with this project will be paid by the tennis association, and no costs will be incurred by the city.

The city council expects to introduce an ordinance to lease the land at the next council meeting.

2. Discuss condemnation of certain houses – Code Officer Mike Williams and Bob Miller

Building Official Bob Miller and Code Enforcement Officer Mike Williams reported on the work they have done regarding several abandoned and/or unsafe houses or buildings in an effort to clean up the city and eliminate dangerous buildings.

Mr. Miller provided the council with copies of condemnation letters that have been sent to several property owners along with a copy of the city code regulating dangerous buildings.

Visual slides of two properties found to be non-compliant with instructions in a letter from the building official were presented to the council showing the condition of the properties. They were 1453 Kelly Drive, a burned out mobile home, and 7890 Helena Road (AL 261), an abandoned building that has not been maintained.

President Hayes told the council that our city attorney advised that a full title search be done on all condemned properties before the council takes any action.

Councilman Scott requested that Mr. Miller continue with this clean-up effort and asked him to pay particular attention to the fifty mobile homes that were flooded in Green Park South.

Announcements

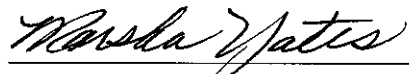
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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Rice. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of July, 2014.



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

