

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room

March 16, 2015 – 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 March 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the 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 Hayes at 6:05 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: Emily Sparacino, Shelby County Reporter; Martin Reed, The Birmingham News; Rachel Crisson, Pelham City News

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Rice to approve the March 2, 2015 regular council work session minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMillan and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters reserved his comments for the council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

President Hayes reviewed the March 16, 2015 city council agenda stating the consent agenda contained a request from the police department to spend \$1,000 from the 911 Account for headsets and other communication equipment and there was one request to address the council. The council then reviewed items listed under New Business.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2015-03-16-01** for consideration to accept and approve the dedication of certain subdivisions located within Ballantrae

Jesse Jowers reported that all previous issues being addressed by the developer have been resolved.

2. **Resolution 2015-03-16-02** for consideration to approve a donation of \$3,000.00 to the Pelham High School Thespians to assist with their efforts to compete in the International Thespian Festival

No discussion

3. **Resolution 2015-03-16-03** for consideration to approve a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pelham and The Pelham Board of Education (BOE)

President Hayes requested the agenda be amended by removing the date referenced for the MOU. He explained the opportunity presented to the Pelham BOE to pay off a part of their debt owed to the Shelby County BOE, assumed when the Pelham school system separated from Shelby County, would save the Pelham BOE between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

4. **Ordinance No. 458** (First Reading) for consideration to transfer/sale property previously owned by the Industrial Development Board to Pelham Industrial Enterprises, LLC

President Hayes gave a combined explanation for Ordinances 458, 459 and 460 saying these were clean up items. An agreement between the Pelham IDB and P.I.E. was established allowing P.I.E. to purchase these properties from the IDB. When the IDB was dissolved, the property reverted to the city who is allowing P.I.E. to exercise the purchase option in the agreement.

5. **Ordinance No. 459** (First Reading) for consideration to transfer/sale property previously owned by the Industrial Development Board to Pelham Industrial Enterprises, LLC
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(End of March 16, 2015 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Discuss draft Ordinance No. 135-205 amending the zoning ordinance, and draft Ordinance No. 288-9 amending the business license ordinance in regard to regulating mobile food units.

Councilmember Scott noted two reasons for wanting a provision to regulate mobile food units: 1) to allow the city to license the units, and 2) to be able to collect sales tax on the sales from these businesses. He recommended the council move forward to adopt these provisions. Mr. Scott also addressed Police Chief Palmer saying we must be diligent to educate the officers and have their support in checking these units for business licenses.

President Hayes gave an update on the water administration building construction project and said he hopes to have something for the council to consider by the first meeting in April.

New Business

1. Discuss Ordinance No. 135-206 amending the zoning ordinance in regard to requirements for R-G Zoning– Garden Home Residential District

Building Official Bob Miller showed photos of various setbacks between houses on Walker Way, and in Holland Lakes, Beaver Creek and Eagle Cove to illustrate what ten feet and fifteen feet setbacks would look like.

President Hayes said there must be a minimum of fifteen feet between houses. When asked about driveways in the proposed development, he stated the driveways would run from the street, along the side of the houses and into the back of the houses where the garages would be located.

Mayor Waters commented that having long driveways would help with on-street parking by providing more space for cars to park in the driveways, thereby getting cars off the streets.

Chief Danny Ray discussed eaves and the special requirements for these to be fire-rated in certain circumstances. He also stated that amending the zoning ordinance would require a public hearing.

Announcements

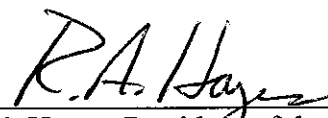
1. Opening Day at Pelham City Park will be this Saturday (March 21st) at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pelham Post 555 of the American Legion will meet Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Senior Center.
3. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Pelham City Park.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Mercer and seconded by Councilmember McMillan. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of March, 2015.


Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk


Rick Hayes, President of the Council

