

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
July 20, 2015 – 6:15 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 20, 2015 at 6:15 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 6:18 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: Jessa Pease, Shelby County Reporter and Martin Reed, The Birmingham News

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott to approve the July 6, 2015 regular council work session minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mercer and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters reported on a meeting he attended July 14, 2015 with representatives from ALDOT, CSX Railroad, Shelby County, City of Alabaster, Jesse Jowers and Eddy Jowers in regard to installing crossing guards at the CSX crossing on County Road 11 near the ServoPro location.

The estimate for this installation is \$250,000 which could be shared by the participating parties. It was also suggested that federal money would probably be available. CSX will schedule this crossing for an assessment.

Review of Council Agenda

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2015-07-20-01** for consideration to approve the extension of a Special Use Permit issued to Verizon Wireless for modifications to an existing tower

CMS Representative David Andrews briefed the council on the modifications requested by Verizon Wireless and recommended the application be approved by the council.

2. **Resolution 2015-07-20-02** for consideration to amend the City of Pelham Flexible Benefit Plan

HR Director Janis Parks explained the need to amend the flexible benefit plan and said there would be no cost or issues for the city.

3. **Resolution 2015-07-20-03** for consideration to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Wiregrass Construction Company, for the Deer Ridge Lakes repairs and wearing surface project

City Engineer Jesse Jowers gave an overview of the changes made to the scope of the project which reduced the total costs. Streets in the undeveloped sections of the subdivision will not be paved at this time, but the vast majority of the streets will be paved.

4. **Resolution 2015-07-20-04** for consideration to reject the one bid received related to the Summer Classics Highway 31 access point and median improvements project and to authorize negotiations with the single bidder for this project

President Hayes acknowledged Mr. James Brown with Gonzalez, Strength & Associates was in attendance to answer any questions. Hayes gave an update on the Summer Classics project.

5. **Resolution 2015-07-20-05** for consideration to approve an ABC application for Owens Bar and Grill, LLC located at 3221 Highway 52 West, Suites A-B, Pelham, Alabama

Councilman Scott introduced the applicant, Mr. Michael Little. Scott told the council he was very comfortable with the business transfer to Mr. Little who would continue the Responsible Vendor Program at the business.

6. **Ordinance No. 196-02 (First Reading)** for consideration to change the City of Pelham lodging tax to six percent in order to designate a portion of the related proceeds to be used for economic development including funding for the Commercial Development Authority (CDA) and the employment of an economic development professional

President Hayes and Councilman Scott support passage of this ordinance stating the importance of having a full-time director for economic development.

7. **Ordinance No. 467 (First Reading)** for consideration to annex property located along Huntley Parkway into the City of Pelham

Real estate agents Trey Davis and Liz Bishop represented the owner of the property to be annexed.

(End of July 20, 2015 Agenda Review)

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Scheduling of special work sessions to review the FY2016 Budget

Special budget work sessions were tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th and Thursday, August 6th.

Councilman Mercer opened discussion regarding a date for the next town hall meeting, and it was tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2015.

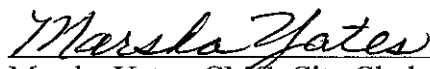
Announcements

1. The quarterly meeting for the Pelham Business Council will be tomorrow, July 21st at 11:00 a.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena.

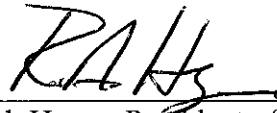
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Scott and seconded by Councilmember Mercer. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of July, 2015,



Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk



Rick Hayes, President of the Council

