CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
July 5, 2016 – 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 July 5, 2016 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.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

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

Media Present: Jessa Pease, Shelby County Reporter
Others present: city department heads, city employees and members of the public

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Hayes at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott to approve the June 20, 2016 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rice and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

1. The Oak Mountain State Park Superintendent estimated the head count for "Fire on the Water" to be 10,000 people and by 3:00 P.M. the money taken at the gates had already exceed the total amount received last year. Chief Palmer added there were no arrests made. The council and mayor discussed traffic and parking options for next year's event.

2. Regarding the 261 Flood Mitigation Project, Mayor Waters reported Congressman Gary Palmer had not been able to get with FEMA representatives, but that he hopes to have information for the city within the next week. Congressman Palmer is advocating on behalf of the city to try to speed up the final federal approval required for the remainder of this project's work.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the July 5, 2016 council agenda and pointed out the public hearing scheduled for tonight.

J. New Business

1. **Resolution 2016-07-05-01** for consideration to approve a Special Use Permit for modifications to a wireless tower for AT&T located at 2030 Valleydale Terrace

CMS Representative David Andrews stated that AT&T would like to replace three antennae with three newer antennae and additional power cords. Neither modification will affect the appearance or height of the existing tower. CMS has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

2. **Resolution 2016-07-05-02** for consideration to approve a Special Use Permit for the construction of a new wireless tower for Verizon to be located at 1373 McCain Parkway

Mr. Andy Rotenstreich introduced himself and said he would be representing Verizon tonight during the public hearing. CMS Representative David Andrews and Mr. Rotenstreich addressed multiple city council questions.

3. **Resolution 2016-07-05-03** for consideration to approve a new business license for an existing business

President Hayes recapped information from the June 20th work session stating the new license was for a name change only and there had been no change in ownership. He also noted that the business is located in a back lot, not on Highway 31.

4. **Resolution 2016-07-05-04** for consideration to authorize an agreement between the City and ALDOT for preliminary engineering for the Pelham Trails and Greenways Project

President Hayes said that this agreement is for the city's matching funds related to a Trails and Greenway Project engineering and design work. He also told the council the city had received a new agreement from Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, which would be sent to ALDOT for their review, amendment and approval before it is sent back to the city for city council approval.

5. **Resolution 2016-07-05-05** for consideration to approve the City of Pelham providing a line of credit for the Pelham Commercial Development Authority

President Hayes said that City Attorney Butch Ellis and City Bond Counsel Rod Kanter had reviewed the agreement and made a few changes, one being to change the word "note" to "bond". This is for a one year term with an amount up to $1 million. No further council approvals will be needed so long as the funds drawn do not exceed the $1 million.

6. **Resolution 2016-07-05-06** for consideration to amend the FY2016 City of Pelham Budget related to the Bearden Road Sidewalk Project construction

There was a question about some conflicting information related to the Gonzalez-Strength agreement totaling $104,937.00 and whether or not this amount was included in the $505,015.00 city match for

the sidewalk project grant. The council asked Jesse Jowers to determine this and be prepared to discuss the Gonzalez-Strength agreement at the next work session. The council was told that the construction effort is expected to start as early as the second full week in July.

(End of June 6, 2016 Agenda Review)

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Redevelopment Plan Review

President Hayes told the council he received two examples from Rod Kanter showing plans from other cities that Pelham could use as a guide as we develop our plan, and Hayes will also ask CDA members for their input.

The redevelopment plan must be formalized before any agreements can be completed. We must identify a specific area in the city and state what the city wants to accomplish. This is in accordance with the Code of Alabama related to CDAs. Rod Kanter will work on a draft for Pelham's redevelopment plan.

2. Discuss Trash Taxi Service Questions – Roberto Rodriguez

Mr. Roberto Rodriguez named several issues that Trash Taxi has been working to address lately including: losing a driver, equipment repairs, receiving the wrong wheels for cart repairs, and a shortage of recycle carts due to backorders. The accident that occurred in Chandalar earlier this year has impacted the company's capacity because the truck involved in the accident has been tied up due to the insurance investigation for three months. Mr. Rodriquez emphasized that Trash Taxi has been addressing the issues and working to service all customers appropriately. He said that he has hired an additional driver and additional help in the office to take calls.

Rodriguez discussed the recycling issue he is facing because the recycle loads are continually being contaminated with items that cannot be recycled. He hopes to educate residents on items that can and cannot be placed in the recycle carts.

Council members shared various comments they have received regarding the recent service issues and discussed the increased volume of complaints to city hall over the past few months. They told Mr. Rodriguez they expected reliable, quality service for the residents and suggested he work on communication measures to proactively notify residents as to why a pickup was missed and when they could expect service.

3. Refinancing of Series 2006 A & B Warrants

Tom Seale reported to the council about a revised financing schedule for refunding of the Series 2006 A & B Warrants to take advantage of a lower interest rate. The RFP will be sent to the banks on July 11, bids will be received and opened on August 9, Council is scheduled to approve on August 15, and closing is planned for August 19. President Hayes stated that the savings are expected to be up to $1 million related to the much better interest rates available at this time and should definitely be well over the $500,000 that was original estimated. The city anticipates working with a bank with operations in Pelham on this refunding.

Councilmember Scott asked for an update on the Summer Place deannexation request discussed at the last work session since he was out of the country during that meeting.

President Hayes summarized the previous discussion including the statement by the Summer Place representative that they anticipate 100% of their residents requesting deannexation. The three critical issues related to the 100% participation was discussed including the multiple reasons for not deannexing residents against their will

Councilmember Rice commented on how fantastic the National Theater on Ice Competition was and how the city benefited from the money spent at the complex and in the city over the weekend.

Councilmember McMillan commented on the special menu provide by the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena for the event. It gave the visitors healthy choices to eat. She also thanked the public safety and public works employees for their part in making the competition a success.

Announcements

1. Candidates may qualify with the City Clerk for the municipal election from July 5th through 5:00 p.m. on July 19th.

2. The City of Pelham will host the annual Pelham Palooza on Saturday, July 16th at the Pelham Civic Complex. Please check PelhamOnline.com for complete details.

3. The City of Pelham will host the quarterly business council luncheon/meeting on July 19th at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena at11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember McMillan and seconded by Councilmember Scott. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of July 2016,

Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk

Rick Hayes, President of the Council

[SEAL]