

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
July 18, 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 18, 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: Haley Freeman, Pelham City News

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 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember McMillan to approve the July 5, 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 mayor provided the council with a sample resolution from our local pastors' council for consideration. The resolution would approve having the words "In God We Trust" placed on the wall in the council chambers.
2. Mayor Waters thanked all the city employees who helped with the Pelham Palooza.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the July 18, 2016 council agenda.

J. New Business

1. **Resolution 2016-07-18-01** for consideration to authorize an agreement with Gonzalez-Strength and Associates, Inc. for construction engineering and inspections services for the Bearden Road Sidewalk Project

City Engineer Jesse Jowers confirmed the \$104,937.00 for construction engineering and inspection services was included in the invoice paid to ALDOT earlier for this project.

Mr. James Brown with Gonzalez-Strength and Associates talked about the time of day when construction work could be done, from 8:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. Construction at night might be prohibited due to noise. He gave a tentative start date of August 8th and said they have a pre-construction meeting scheduled for this Wednesday.

2. **Resolution 2016-07-17-02** for consideration to appoint Stacey A. Ramirez to the Pelham Beautification Board

There were no comments or questions.

3. **Resolution 2016-07-18-03** for consideration to appoint the city clerk as election manager for the August 23, 2016 Municipal Election and for the run-off election, if needed

There were no comments or questions

4. **Resolution 2016-07-18-04** for consideration to accept and approve a donation to the Pelham Fire Department from Colonial Pipeline Company

Fire Chief Danny Ray said the donation was a 2011 Ford F150 truck and that Mr. Troy Gibbons, General Manager of Colonial Pipeline, will be on the lookout for a another vehicle that could also be donated to the city or Pelham City Schools.

5. **Resolution 2016-07-18-05** for consideration to approve a redevelopment plan

President Hayes reviewed the updated plan with the mayor and council members. The Code of Alabama requires the city to have a redevelopment plan in place for any area that the CDA completes a project (like purchasing property for redevelopment), and the CDA has an opportunity to complete the acquisition of two properties soon. This redevelopment plan includes four separate areas along the U.S. 31 corridor that are each in need of some redevelopment.

Councilmember Rice asked how this would affect the requirements related the Corridor Overlay District Ordinance already in place.

President Hayes said all upgrades or new projects under the redevelopment plan will comply with the existing overlay district plan; it will not change the requirements related the Corridor Overlay District Ordinance.

Councilmember Mercer suggested the members of the CDA attend the business council meeting tomorrow to discuss the redevelopment plan and pending projects.

Mayor Waters commented that this is enabling legislation to allow the CDA to buy and sell land along the 31 corridor.

6. **Ordinance #135-212** (First Reading) for consideration to rezone property located at 2805 Pelham Parkway from B-4 Mini Warehouse District to B-2 General Business District. The parcel contains 0.53 acre and the applicant is Barbara Cole.

President Hayes said he had met with the business owner who plans to open a consignment/gift shop once the property is rezoned.

Bob Miller confirmed there were no parking issues.

(End of July 18, 2016 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Update on Bearden Road Sidewalk Project – Jesse Jowers

There was no further discussion as this was discussed earlier in the meeting.

2. Status on the refunding of the Series 2006A & B warrants – Tom Seale

Tom Seale reviewed the schedule for the bid opening and closing date for the \$10 million reissue of the warrants. He is working with six local banks who are excited about the opportunity to work with the city. We anticipate a gross savings of \$900,000 on the reissue of which \$690,000 will be applied to reimburse the city's general fund for a previously purchased fire truck.

3. Status of P25 radio system opportunity

Police Chief Larry Palmer recommended replacing our current radio system in a presentation to the city council about ten months ago due to the age and outdated technology of our system. Since that presentation, additional municipalities and Shelby County have expressed an interest in joining the cooperative for a countywide radio system, which should lower the price per participating entity. Hoover and Homewood have already approved the P25 radio system that is being considered in Shelby County.

The P25 system is updated every two years so that the technology does not become outdated. There is a yearly maintenance fee charged to participants. Chief Palmer has requested funds for the P25 in the police department 2017 budget which will be considered by the council over the next few months.

New Business

1. Review a Pelham and PCS ad opportunity related to the Miss America Pageant

President Hayes shared an opportunity to purchase an ad with the Pelham BOE for \$1,500.00 to showcase Pelham as Mayor Waters had recommended. There is money in the city budget and in the BOE budget to cover the cost. Councilmember Rice moved that the council purchase the ad. Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the council.

2. Evaluate APH radio sponsorship opportunities for Pelham High School football games

President Hayes distributed information about various options to sponsor Pelham High School football games. He stated the city had money in the budget to sponsor either individual games or the full season option for radio broadcasts of the Pelham High School football games. Councilmember Scott moved to sponsor the full season. Councilmember Mercer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

3. Discuss opportunity for beautification of I-65 exits, interstate signs, etc.

President Hayes updated the mayor and council on changes coming to the blue ALDOT signs at the 119 exit on I-65. The business locator signs on both sides of the interstate are being converted to add two more hotels and two more restaurants.

ALDOT has requested drawings showing the proposed beautification plans for city exits along I-65.

Josh Osborne told the council that the city can apply for grants from Homeland Security to be used for building a security wall at the Colonial Pipeline exit.

President Hayes suggested the city invite Colonial Pipeline Company to partner with the city to make improvements to the Colonial Pipeline exit.

4. Review the bid process for the Pelham Recreation Center

President Hayes reported that four contractors came to the pre-bid meeting and qualified to bid on the project. The bids are currently scheduled to be opened on July 28th. Parks and Recreation Director Billy Crandall and Facilities and Landscaping Director Mickey Dunnaway have provided input on the recreation center plans.

In other business, Councilmember Mercer met with representatives from the Alabama Department of Public Health and provided information to the mayor and council related to secondhand smoke. He requested that the council discuss this issue at the next council meeting.

Tom Seale provided the council with a tentative budget hearings schedule.

Announcements

1. Candidates may qualify with the Pelham city clerk for the municipal election through 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, July 19th.
2. The City of Pelham will host the quarterly business council luncheon/meeting tomorrow at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena at 11:00 a.m.
3. The Pelham City Schools Board of Education will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Pelham City Hall.
4. The Pelham City Council will hold a public hearing on August 1, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. to consider Ordinance #135-212 to rezone property located at 2805 Pelham Parkway from the present zoning B-4 Mini Warehouse District to B-2 General Business District.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Mercer and seconded by Councilmember Rice. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the work session was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of July 2016,

Marsha Yates

Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk

R.A. Hayes

Rick Hayes, President of the Council

