

CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

**Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
December 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 December 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.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Councilmember Hayes at 6:02 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Councilmember Rick Hayes
Councilmember Ron Scott
Councilmember Beth McMillan
Councilmember Maurice Mercer
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

Media Present: Briana Harris, Shelby County Reporter

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Lanier to approve the November 21, 2016 regular council work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMillan and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters said he would hold his comments until the council meeting.

Review of Council Agenda

Councilmember Hayes reviewed the December 5, 2016 council agenda and noted the election of officers was on the agenda and asked if there were any questions or comments and there were none.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2016-12-05-01** for consideration to participate in the 2017 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday

There were no questions or comments.

2. **Resolution 2016-12-05-02** for consideration to reappoint Danny Ray to the Pelham Planning Commission

There were no questions or comments.

3. **Resolution 2016-12-05-03** for consideration to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with ALDOT to permit improvements to and near the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Pelham Park Boulevard

Engineer Keith Strickland with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood distributed drawings showing planned improvements to U.S. 31/Pelham Parkway in front of the new middle school. These include turn lanes and striping for turns and U-turns. He has already met with ALDOT and received verbal approval for the changes. Upon passage of this resolution he will seek formal approval from ALDOT. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$300,000.

4. **Resolution 2016-12-05-04** for consideration to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with ALDOT to permit the installation of a traffic signal at the U.S. Highway 31 and Pelham Park Boulevard intersection

The traffic signal is considered to be a very important and much needed signal to make the intersection safer, especially for school traffic. This intersection does not currently meet the 24-hour traffic warrants for a traffic signal, but will meet the peak hour warrants related to the new school alone.

5. **Resolution 2016-12-05-05** for consideration to authorize the mayor to execute an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for engineering services associated with the design and ALDOT permitting for the traffic signal installation on US 31 at Pelham Park Boulevard and the related turn lane improvements

The cost for the engineering services is \$30,000. The goal is to obtain the needed permitting by the first quarter of 2017. Letting the bid in the first quarter of 2017 is critical. The work should be completed by the summer of 2017, and hopefully even earlier in the spring.

6. **Resolution 2016-12-05-06** for consideration to award the bid for garbage and recycling services for the City of Pelham

The council asked Mayor Waters to share his thoughts and recommendations related to the responses he received from various municipalities who are serviced by Advanced Disposal and Santek, the two lowest bidders. He said that he had some concerns about Advanced Disposal but nothing that would disqualify their bid. He also stated that Councilmember Hayes made a good point about the exit clause in the agreement that would allow the city to cancel the agreement after the first year should the service not meet the city's needs.

Councilmember Scott asked about recycling services.

Mayor Waters said the selected contractor would need to educate the public on recycling through various forms of communication and by placing decals which list acceptable items on the containers. He stated he would like to see Pelham handle recycling similarly to the way Montevallo handles it. They established a central recycle drop-off location where residents who wished to recycle bring their items.

The council questioned how complaints would be tracked, who would manage the complaints and who residents would call if a complaint was not resolved. The mayor and council agreed that Public Works Director Eddy Jowers would be the best person in the city to manage any garbage/recycle related issues.

Mr. Gentry Shows, the Municipal Marketing and Government Affairs Director for Advanced Disposal, addressed the council's concerns. He stated Advanced Disposal may be able to educate the Pelham residents better and asked for a mailing list of all Pelham residents they will be servicing in order to mail new instructions to each household. He said they could also place decals on the containers showing acceptable items for recycling.

Mr. Jowers questioned the legality of supplying the addresses and said he would need to check before giving out addresses.

Mr. Shows said Advanced Disposal has twenty-three (23) customer service representatives in their call center and that every call is recorded. They have the capability to provide daily and weekly reports to the city.

Councilmember Lanier asked how the city's townhome neighborhoods would be serviced and if they all would be required to use the containers designed for use with the automatic arm-lift trucks. Roberto Rodriguez, Trash Taxi, reported that the majority of townhome residents have this style container, but that some use their own garbage containers or just set out bagged garbage. Ms. Lanier stated that it is important for the townhome residents to be notified as to what style containers will be allowed.

With no further discussion Councilmember McMillan moved to award the garbage and recycling bid to the lowest qualified bidder, Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. Councilmember Lanier seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

7. Resolution 2016-12-05-07 for consideration to support and authorize the ALDOT and MPO TAP applications for trails and greenways funding for the City of Pelham

Councilmember Hayes said that he believes the city has a very good chance of receiving 2017 MPO funding, and Josh Osborne and Keith Strickland are working on the related applications. The plan for these TAP funding applications is to include both Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the overall trails and greenways initiative. However, the objective is to pool TAP and CMAQ funding together in order to complete the trail from the City Center all of the way to the bridge across Bishop Creek between the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena and Oak Mountain Amphitheater as soon as possible.

(End of December 5, 2016 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Review applications for the Commercial Development Authority and discuss an appointment

The council agreed to interview the three applicants, Amy Bradley, Fredrick Hamilton and Tommy Johnson, during the December 19th work session and asked the city clerk to contact each one to set up a time. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m.

New Business

1. ABC 33/40 Pelham Hometown Focus presentation by Heather Sellers with Sinclair Broadcast Group

Heather Sellers made a presentation to the mayor and council for a tri-city production to promote Alabaster, Helena and Pelham. The financial commitment is \$5,000 per city for an hour long program divided into eight segments which would be shown in 22 Alabama counties. The two available months for airing the program are February and May.

Mayor Waters said he was in favor of moving forward and recommended the month of February and filming at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena in order to capture the excitement of the hockey season. The council agreed to support the project and to strive for the month of February.

2. Discuss rescheduling the January 2017 city council meetings due to the holiday schedule

The council agreed to reschedule the January 2nd meeting to January 3rd and the January 16th meeting to January 17th.

Announcements

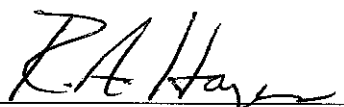
1. The Pelham High School SGA is sponsoring a toy drive for Oak Mountain Ministries. New or gently used, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Pelham Public Library through December 12th.
2. South City Theatre will present "Dashing through the Snow" December 9th through 16th. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$13 for students and seniors. Check their website for show times at southcitytheatre.com.
3. The Grebel Center for Dance will present their 12th annual performance of "The Nutcracker" December 17th and 18th in the Pelham High School Auditorium. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$15 and can be purchased online at grebeldance.com/nutcracker2016.html.

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 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of December 2016,


Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk


Rick Hayes, Council Member

