CITY OF PELHAM – WORK SESSION

Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
June 5, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled Pelham City Council Work Session was given in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham City Council met June 5, 2017 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.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

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

Media Present: Briana Harris, Pelham/Shelby County Reporter
Others present: City department heads, city employees and members of the public

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Mercer to approve the May 15, 2017 regular council work session minutes and the May 16, 2017 and May 23, 2017 special called work session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott and passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

Mayor Waters' Comments

Mayor Waters elected to hold his comments until the city council meeting.

Council President Hayes elected to change the order of the agenda and called on Information Technology Manager Dell Ann Holly to update the council on the conversion status of the VoIP telephone system.

Mrs. Holly stated the city has been working for the past two years on upgrading the current telephone system due to its age and the fact that AT&T no longer supports the current telephone system. While the process is progressing well, she said the city is waiting for Shelby County to finalize their bids to see if

it would be advantageous for the city to piggyback on the county's bid. She also has a meeting with Ambit this week to get updated quotes.

President Hayes called on Paula Holly to report on the 2017 Pelham Palooza and future plans for the 2018 Palooza.

Mrs. Holly distributed a report to the council showing what she perceived as the pros and cons for the 2017 Palooza along with some proposed ideas for the 2018 Palooza. She stated the 2017 Pelham Palooza saw a slight decrease in attendance due to competing with a multitude of events going on around the state that day. She suggested revisiting the "Just Show Up Show" concert and decide if we want to include it as part of the Palooza moving forward. She requested feedback from the council because she is already in the early stages of planning for 2018.

Mrs. Holly also brought up the potential of moving the Palooza to Pelham Park where there will be more grass and room to place a greater emphasis on family fun with carnival games, food trucks, and more. Councilmember McMillan commented on this option giving the city a great opportunity to showcase the new library, recreation center, and middle school.

Councilmember Scott made the comment he had not heard as much this year about the Palooza and suggested it needs to be advertised more in city publications and flyers sent home with students.

Councilmember McMillan thought there was adequate advertisement with radio commercials and roadside banners.

Councilmember Mercer moved to recess the city council work session in order for a group photograph to be taken of the elected officials. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMillan and approved unanimously by voice vote. The city council work session was recessed at 6:24 p.m.

Council President Hayes called the city council work session back in session at 6:34 p.m.

Review of Council Agenda

Council President Hayes reviewed the June 5, 2017 city council agenda, saying that there was one proclamation to be presented.

K. New Business

1. **Resolution 2017-06-05-01** for consideration to approve and authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for construction engineering and inspection services for the Court Way and US Hwy 31 Improvements Project

President Hayes noted this project remains very time-sensitive and it is imperative that the project continue as quickly as possible.

2. **Resolution 2017-06-05-02** for consideration to declare a 1989 Pumper Truck no longer needed or used by the Pelham Fire Department as surplus personal property and to approve the donation of said fire truck to Pink Heals of Central Alabama

Fire Chief Tim Honeycutt stated the specified fire truck no longer met the pump test standards. Therefore, he did not feel comfortable selling or donating the truck to be further used as a fire apparatus.

Chief Honeycutt made the recommendation that the fire truck be donated to the nonprofit organization Pink Heals of Central Alabama. He further stated this truck would be given the name, "Diane," after the late Diane Holler who passed away from cancer in 1996. Mrs. Holler was the wife of long-time city employee Ken Holler and mother of Fire Captain Steve Holler. Ronald Moorehead, representing Pink Heals of Central Alabama, thanked the council and the fire department for their consideration to donate the firetruck to their organization.

3. **Resolution 2017-06-05-03** for consideration to accept the low bid of $84,700.20 from Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. for the Parkside Village resurfacing project and to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. for said project

City Engineer Jesse Jowers recommended the city council accept the bid from Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. as they were the low bidder and met all of the project specifications. President Hayes suggested holding the rest of the budgeted money for the Old Ashville Road project and/or the City Park parking lot revisions and repaving.

4. **Resolution 2017-06-05-04** for consideration to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for proposed bike lanes along John Findlay Drive at Oak Mountain State Park

President Hayes noted this was a formality and ALDOT was going through the necessary protocol because the work will be done within the Pelham city limits. Mayor Waters had no concerns with the resolution.

5. **Resolution 2017-06-05-05** for consideration to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for resurfacing U.S. 31 from 200 feet north of County Road 68 to the Bishop Creek Bridge

President Hayes again noted this was a formality and ALDOT was going through the necessary protocol because the work will be done within the Pelham city limits. Mayor Waters had no concerns with the resolution.

(End of June 5, 2017 Agenda Review)

Old Business

1. Discuss the next step for the City Manager finalists selection and interview process

The council agreed to interview three finalists. President Hayes suggested having one interview per specified date with the inclusion of the department heads. The main goal is to have the candidates get to know Pelham and its employees. He suggested scheduling the interviews for June 19th, June 20th, and June 21st. The council asked Human Resources Director Ty Story about the possibility of reimbursement for travel expenses for the candidates. Mr. Story said he had been looking into the matter and would have a definitive answer in the coming days.

2. Discuss proposed City Hall funding for renovations to improve customer service

Paula Holly presented the quotes she received for paint and new flooring to the council. Building Official Bob Miller presented the quotes he received for the construction. Council President Hayes asked Mrs. Holly and Mr. Miller to combine their quotes and formulate a single list of prices and estimates.

3. Revisit the renaming of Belle Vista Road

President Hayes asked the council to send their suggestions for a new name for Belle Vista Road so that the options could be discussed during the June 19th work session. With regard to Old Ashville Road, Village Place, and Court Way, he suggested naming these combined roads the same name, Village Place, to eliminate any confusion or inconvenience for the citizens of Pelham.

Mayor Waters commented that he would like to see a historic marker made for Old Ashville Road.

4. Update on the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena's Main Arena renovations

President Hayes said he and Mayor Waters have been meeting with architects over the past several weeks and have come up with three possible options. Option A would require taking all the concrete bleachers out and completely rebuilding the seating structure. Option B would leave the west concrete bleachers, build on top of them, and remove all other remaining concrete bleachers. Option C would be to build on top of the existing east and west concrete bleachers. Council President Hayes said the timeframe of Option A is not ideal and would be difficult to complete the project before the start of the Birmingham Bulls season. Options B and C could both be completed in time. The Council President and Mayor both expressed that they thought Option B was the best option available.

New Business

1. Thank you tour for support of UAB football, bowling and rifle programs – Tim Alexander

Mr. Alexander thanked the council for their support and aid in getting the UAB football, bowling and rifle programs back. He stated in order to get the youth around the City of Birmingham excited for UAB Football, they are asking cities to purchase season tickets that could then be offered to the students as an incentive program.

2. Update on the Pelham Palooza – Paula Holly

This was reported earlier in the work session.

3. Status on conversion to VoIP phone system – Dell Ann Holly

This was reported earlier in the work session.

Announcements

1. The Cahaba Valley Elks Lodge and the City of Pelham will host a Flag Day Celebration at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena this coming Sunday, June 11th, at 2:00 p.m. The special guest speaker will be Noah Galloway.

2. The City of Pelham will host the annual, "Fire on the Water," fireworks display on July 3rd at Oak Mountain State Park.

3. Pelham City Offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

4. The Pelham City Council July meetings and work sessions have been rescheduled to July 10th and July 24th related to July 4th holiday events.

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 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of June, 2017,

Marsha Yates, MMC, City Clerk

Rick Hayes, Council President

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