



WORK SESSION
Pelham Senior Center
March 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members of the Pelham City Council met on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The regular work session was held in the Pelham Senior Center and was open to the public.

Call to Order

The work session was called to order by Council President Mercer at 6:00 p.m.

Record of Attendance

The following elected officials were present:

Council President Maurice Mercer
Councilmember David Coram
Councilmember Larry Palmer
Councilmember Rick Wash
Councilmember Mildred Lanier
Mayor Gary Waters

The city clerk/treasurer noted for the record all members of the city council were in attendance and a quorum was present. Mayor Waters and City Manager DiFante were also in attendance.

Media Present: None

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Wash to approve the February 15, 2021 Regular Council Work Session Minutes and the February 22, 2021 Special Council Work Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Coram and passed by unanimous voice vote of those members present.

Old Business

1. Deannexation Request – Summer Place and Brook Ridge Subdivisions

Mayor Waters addressed the city council regarding the requests for deannexation of the Summer Place and Brook Ridge subdivisions located along Cahaba Valley Road.

Lindsay Allison, Shelby County Commission District 7, spoke to the city council and gave a brief history of the annexation of the subdivisions. She stated the county officials do not have a problem with the city deannexating the two subdivisions. She said this request makes sense from an efficiency standpoint. Randy Cole, Director, Shelby County Highway Department, was also in attendance. Fire Chief Mike Reid and Police Chief Pat Cheatwood answered questions from the city council regarding response times and mutual aid in this area. Mayor Waters explained the Shelby County Probate Judge makes the final decision regarding deannexation.

2. Presentation – Campus No. 124

Randy Schrimsher, Campus No. 124, was unable to attend tonight's work session and asked to reschedule for March 15, 2021. City Manager Gretchen DiFante stated Campus No. 124 has prepared a presentation which will be forwarded to the city council this week. She stated the presentation addresses questions previously asked by the city council.

3. 2021 American Legion Regional Baseball Tournament

Council President Mercer asked the city council to review the proposed 2021 American Legion Regional Baseball Tournament funding request. City Manager DiFante provided information to the city council regarding the financial impact to the city. She asked for direction from the city council in order to move forward.

Alan Phillips, representing the American Legion, thanked the city council for allowing him to speak two weeks ago. Mr. Phillips briefly provided an overview of the proposed American Legion Regional Baseball Tournament scheduled for August 2021 at Pelham High School. Councilmember Coram stated the \$5,000 funding request was a bit high when considering the additional staffing costs the city would incur. Mayor Waters informed the city council the city contributes approximately \$4,200.00 to the annual high school bowling tournament. Council President Mercer reviewed the amount being asked from the city to support the tournament. Councilmember Lanier expressed her support for the baseball tournament. City Manager DiFante stated the request is not in the FY2021 budget. She suggested establishing a process to address these type requests in the future. Chief Reid and Chief Cheatwood confirmed the estimated fire and police personnel costs. It was the consensus of the council to support a donation of \$2,500.00 plus the cost of city provided services. Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer to prepare a resolution for the March 15, 2021 meeting for city council consideration.

New Business

1. Discussion – Commercial Development Authority Appointments

Council President Mercer stated the council had the opportunity to interview many fine candidates for the three positions on the Commercial Development Authority. He asked the council how they wished to proceed. Councilmember Coram suggested the council rank their top three candidates. It was the consensus of the city council to appoint Ron Scott, Darius Foster and Matthew Jaeh to the Commercial Development Authority. Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer to reach out to all the candidates and thank them for their interest in the city. Each member of the city council thanked the candidates for their interest and participating in the interview process. The candidates not selected were encouraged to apply for other board appointments.

2. Discussion – Set Date and Time for Pelham Board of Education Interviews

Council President Mercer discussed possible location, dates and times to hold a special council work session to conduct interviews to appoint a member to the Pelham Board of Education, Place No. 3.

It was the consensus of the city council to hold a special work session to conduct said interviews at the Pelham Senior Center on March 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer to contact the applicants in order to schedule the interview times.

Review of March 1, 2021 Council Agenda

Council President Mercer and City Manager DiFante reviewed the March 1, 2021 city council agenda.

F. Public Hearing – None

G. Mayor's Comments

H. Proclamation(s) by the Mayor – None

I. Report of the City Manager

J. Request(s) to Address the Council – None

K. Old Business / Resolutions / Ordinances / Orders and Other Business – None

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1. **Resolution 2021-03-01-01** for consideration to authorize an agreement with Alabama Power Company to convert existing company owned streetlights to LEDs

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas stated Alabama Power Company owns approximately 1,400 lights fixtures in the city. He said replacing these lights in the neighborhoods and along secondary streets will be Phase 1 of the project. He said the second phase will be the replacement of lights along Highway 31 with the final phase replacing lights at city owned facilities.

2. **Resolution 2021-03-01-02** for consideration to enter into agreements with Shelby County Park and Recreation Authority and C&W Concrete to address drainage issues and safety modifications on Hole No. 11 at Ballantrae Golf Club

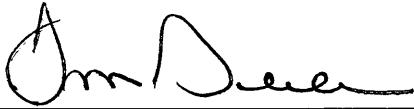
Mr. Bittas said drainage issues on Hole No. 11 at Ballantrae Golf Club have developed over the years resulting in runoff onto adjacent properties. In addition, a gravel extension of the cart path was built and is adding to the drainage problems. Mr. Bittas explained how the drainage problems would be addressed and resolved. Councilmember Palmer asked and Mr. Bittas confirmed funds were in the FY2021 budget for this repair project.

(End of March 1, 2021 Agenda Review)

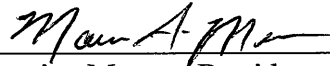
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the work session was made by Councilmember Coram and seconded by Councilmember Wash. 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 1st day of March 2021.



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

