



SPECIAL WORK SESSION

Pelham Senior Center

February 22, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members of the Pelham City Council met February 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The special work session was held at 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 4:00 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

Media Present: None

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

Executive Session

Council President Mercer stated for the record the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation and to discuss with our attorney controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action. City Attorney Bent Owens stated the purposes of tonight's Executive Session are appropriate under Section 36-25-A-7(3) (a) and (3) (b) Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

A motion was made by Councilmember Coram to enter into an Executive Session of the city council for the stated purpose. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Wash. Council President Mercer asked the city clerk/treasurer for a roll call vote. The vote to adopt said motion was recorded as follows:

Maurice Mercer, Council President	<u>Yes</u>
David Coram, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Larry Palmer, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Rick Wash, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>
Mildred Lanier, Council Member	<u>Yes</u>

Council President Mercer asked the members of the city council, Mayor Gary Waters, City Manager Gretchen DiFante, City Attorney Bent Owens, City Clerk/Treasurer Tom Seale, Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas and Chris Cousins, Municipal Consultants, Inc., to attend the Executive Session. Council President Mercer stated he expected the city council to return from the executive session in approximately 30 minutes. The city council went into executive session at 4:02 p.m.

Councilmember Coram moved to adjourn the executive session. Said motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanier. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present, and the executive session was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Council President Mercer called the work session back to order at 5:13 p.m.

Old Business

1. Discussion/Update – Greenways Trail Project

Director of Development Services & Public Works Andre` Bittas gave a brief history and update of the 6 ½ miles of trails from Bearden Road to Oak Mountain State Park. He noted the need to finish the surveys and design to receive approval by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) in order to move forward with construction. Mr. Bittas discussed completing the trails project in phases. He explained the necessity to finalize the design documents and develop a timeline for construction and completion of the project within the next 12 to 16 months. Mr. Bittas said the council needs to agree on the alignment of the trails. He said he will bring a resolution for council consideration within the next 30 days.

New Business

1. Summer Place

Mayor Gary Waters explained having received a request from 100% of the residents of Summer Place to deannex their property from the City of Pelham. He said there is wide support among several county officials to deannex Summer Place. He explained Summer Place is located along Cahaba Valley Road which presents challenges with regard to public safety, public works and the Pelham Board of Education. Mayor Waters provided a brief overview of the history of the original annexation of Summer Place. He said the deannexation makes good sense.

2. Interviews – Commercial Development Authority (CDA) Board Appointments

Commercial Development Authority candidate interviews began at 5:40 p.m.

Andy Davis	(5:30 p.m.)
Darius Foster	(5:55 p.m.)
Tim German	(6:20 p.m.)
Matthew Jaeh	(6:45 p.m.)
Roberto Rodriguez	(7:10 p.m.)
Ron Scott	(7:35 p.m.)

Commercial Development Authority candidate interviews concluded at 8:26 p.m.

The city council briefly discussed the process in order to appoint three members to the Commercial Development Authority in March 2021. The mission, direction and communications with the CDA was discussed.

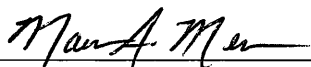
Adjournment

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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of February 2021,



Tom Seale, MMC, City Clerk/Treasurer



Maurice Mercer, President of the Council

