

The City Council of the City of Robertsdale, Alabama met Monday, July 5, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Robertsdale City Hall, that being the date, time and place for such meeting.

Upon roll call, the following members of the Council were found to be present: Mayor Murphy, Councilmember Kitchens, Cooper, Grant, Kendrick, and Hollingsworth. A quorum being present the meeting proceeded with the transaction of business.

Mayor Murphy presided over the meeting. Shannon Ellison served as secretary. Ken Raines, City Attorney, was also in attendance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Grant, seconded by Councilmember Kitchens, with unanimous approval to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Mayor Murphy called for questions regarding the bills presented for approval. There being no questions, motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval to accept the bills as presented.
APPENDIX I

Mayor Murphy informed the Council that there will be additions to the agenda. A presentation from Lamar Sign Company and Councilmember Cooper would like to discuss the City trash Ordinance.

Mayor Murphy introduced Mr. Troy Tatum with Lamar Sign Company. Mr. Tatum came before the Council to discuss the possibility of the City passing an ordinance to control billboards inside the planning jurisdiction. He was under the impression that that the new highway which will run from Interstate 10 to the Foley Beach Express will contain property located in our planning jurisdiction. He explained the problems with the billboards on the Foley Beach Express and stated that the City of Fairhope has an ordinance that our City might consider. Councilmember Grant stated that he was not against billboards, but agrees that if considered, the City will need to start making preparations before the road is constructed. Mr. Tatum stated that some property owners along the proposed roadway may want to rent their land for billboard sites.

Mayor Murphy stated there are pros and cons to allowing billboards. Advertisements from local businesses, churches and the property owners renting space could benefit. Councilmember Hollingsworth suggested the City study a plan that works from another municipality. Mr. Tatum agreed that information can be provided to the Council. Mayor Murphy suggested that Mr. Tatum come back to a workshop meeting or Council Meeting at a later date to discuss this issue further. Mayor Murphy stated the City will need to create a workable plan. Councilmember Hollingsworth suggested maybe setting up a committee. Mayor Murphy suggested holding the August workshop meeting with the Planning Commission. Attorney Ken Raines reminded the Council any decisions made should not be vague.

Mr. Tatum then mentioned possibly changing the billboard located at Memorial Park to a tri-vision sign. The tri-vision sign contains rotating panels which changes the advertisement every six seconds. Mr. Tatum stated if their company was allowed to change that billboard style, the City would be allowed to advertise year round on one slot at no charge, with no additional cost to change the advertisement once a year.

Mayor Murphy presented the Council with a copy of the draft letter from Attorney Ken Raines in reference to the definition of "Rubbish" contained within the "Littering" Section, Code 9-20, page 458.2. Attorney Ken Raines suggested expanding the definition of "Rubbish" in the ordinance by including the additional information he provided. Councilmember Cooper stated that statement that Attorney Raines has provided, will help when residents have the tendency to accumulate items in their yard. Councilmember Grant asked if this would just be an addition to the existing ordinance. Attorney Raines confirmed that it would be added to the existing definition.

Councilmember Cooper stated that without this clarification, there is nothing the City can do to correct this problem. Attorney Raines stated that the term "General Litter" is vague. Councilmember Hollingsworth wanted to know if the Chief of Police was in agreement. Councilmember Cooper stated that a copy of this letter had been sent to him. Mayor Murphy agreed and stated that this will be on the August 15TH agenda.

Mayor Murphy called for old business, and stated a decision needed to be made on the "DROP" plan offered by Retirement Systems of Alabama. Mayor Murphy explained the program and expenses to the Council and asked if there were any questions. Councilmember Kitchens questioned the amount per year. Councilmember Hollingsworth wanted to know if the City had an employee interested in the program, and Mayor Murphy informed the Council that in fact there is an employee wanting to join. Councilmember Hollingsworth stated that this program will entice experienced employees to remain with the City past retirement age. Councilmember Cooper agreed. Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilmember Cooper to approve participation of the "DROP" program. Those in favor: Mayor Murphy, Councilmember Kendrick and Councilmember Grant. Opposed: Councilmember Kitchens. Motion carried. APPENDIX II

Mayor Murphy stated next on the agenda is the petition to surrender the right-of-way for Mr. W.G. Linton. David Kilcrease, Public Works Director, stated that he had checked with the Electric Foreman, Scott Williams, and the alleyway is clear of utilities. Motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Hollingsworth, with unanimous approval to approve Resolution 16-05 for the City to vacate this alleyway. APPENDIX III

Mayor Murphy questioned David Kilcrease concerning the bids for storm debris. Mr. Kilcrease informed the Council that all bids piggybacked last year will not be accepted this year. The City will be allowed to accept bids for a two year period. Mayor Murphy asked Mr. Kilcrease when the City will solicit these bids. Mr. Kilcrease stated he will try for August. Mayor Murphy asked Bert Campbell, Purchasing Agent, when he could have the information ready. Mr. Campbell informed the Council they would have the information as quickly as possible. Mayor Murphy stated the bid opening will be at 2:30 p.m. on August 11, 2005 at City Hall. Mayor Murphy explained that the information will need to be ran in the newspaper by July 23, 2005. Mayor Murphy informed the Council that the bid decision will be made at the August 15, 2005 Council Meeting. In agreement with this decision, motion was made by Councilmember Kitchens, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval. Motion carried.

Mayor Murphy stated the next on the agenda was the travel Resolution 17-05, for Brad Kendrick. Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilmember Cooper, with unanimous approval, to approve Resolution 17-05. Abstaining: Councilmember Kendrick. Motion carried. APPENDIX IV

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilmember Grant, with unanimous approval to adjourn. Motion Carried.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2005

SECRETARY

MAYOR