APPROVED AS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 06/03/25

MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2025

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama, 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Green, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

Upon a quorum being established, Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Reverend Grant Parker of Epworth Global Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

Councilmember Day led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Professional Municipal Clerk's Week.

PROCLAMATION

City Clerk Shannon Davis, Office Manager Tonya Williams and Administrative Assistant Kaya Bass came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing the Glenwood School Baseball Team 2025 AHSAA Class 3A State Champions.

PROCLAMATION

Head Coach Tim Fanning, Assistant Coaches Phil Stillwell, Jesse Boyd, Andy Willis, and Tony Carbone and the team members of the Glenwood School Baseball Team came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the meeting minutes of the February 6, 2025 State of the City Address. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Bailey. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the May 5, 2025 Work Session Meeting. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the May 6, 2025 Council Meeting. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Gordy. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to sign the 2024-2025 Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System Permit Annual Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-92

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Addendum to the Video Services Agreement with DIRECTV, LLC, to extend the current term through December 31, 2029.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-93

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to purchasing nine (9) Field Sports Cluster System with Total Light Control (TLC) for LED Technology under Sourcewell Vendor from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $624,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-94

Councilmember Green moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to purchasing four (4) Field Sports Cluster System plus poles and parking Lot with Total Light Control (TLC) for LED Technology under Sourcewell Vendor from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $595,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-95

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to exempt certain covered items from the municipal sales and use tax during the third full weekend of July, 2025, referred to as the “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday. Councilmember Green moved to place the ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Letter of Recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to rezone 5.09+/- acres of land located at 222 Martin Luther King Jr., Parkway from an R-3 Zone (High Density Residential District) to a C-4 Zone (Highway Commercial District), Bobwhite Investments, LLC, owner.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

Councilmember Day moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice, and place the ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Letter of Recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to rezone 5.16+/- acres of land located on Opelika Road and Newsome Drive from an A-1 Zone (Low Density Residential and General Agriculture District) to an R-2 Zone (Medium Density Residential District), EEH Holdings, LLC, owner.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

Councilmember Green moved to accept the letter, approve the public notice, and place the ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an application for an On-Premise Beer License and an Off-Premise Beer License submitted by Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC dba Chipotle Mexican Grill located at 3535 US Highway 280, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approved the application, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and an Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 1 Inc., dba Food Mart 1 located at 3814 Opelika Road, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the application on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an application for an Off-Premise Beer License and an Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 4, Inc., dba Food Mart 4 located at 128 Highway 165, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the application on

first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Velneka Williams. Mr. Graham stated that the claim states that on April 28, 2025 Ms. Williams tire was damaged due to debris from where the City of Phenix City workman were cutting grass on the right of way. Mr. Graham also stated that the damage to the tire does not indicate that it was caused from debris from the grass. Mr. Graham's recommendation was to deny the claim. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone to remember that the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday represents a time that goes back to our founding fathers and to those that are serving today locally and in our own nation and outside at the borders. Councilmember Bailey stated that it is great to have a country that loves one another and comes together and remembers those that have passed on before them. Councilmember Bailey also stated that with all of the freedoms that they get to share which is freedom to choose what they believe and to worship their own God and that there are many people that have given the ultimate sacrifice to allow them to have those freedoms. Councilmember Bailey further stated that greatness is always lead by example and that they are following in those footsteps. Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone that for this weekend and every other day to take a minute to thank those that have placed themselves in those positions to serve. Councilmember Bailey stated that the future is always about the younger people and this Country is about how we leave it for them, better than we found it. Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone to love each other and continue to lift each other up.

Councilmember Day congratulated the 535 students that graduated from Central High School. Councilmember Day stated that he had the opportunity to attend the ceremony and it was a site to see. Councilmember Day congratulated the young men with the Glenwood School Baseball Team for winning the Class 3A State Championship. Councilmember Day stated to all of the community that when May 28, 2025 arrives, he hopes that everyone is safe and that they look out for one another. Councilmember Day also stated that he has a problem with the littering that is going on throughout the City and he encouraged every Citizen in all three districts to be mindful and not to litter as this is their City and he wants to keep it clean. Councilmember Day further stated that he visited the City of Huntsville while attending the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention and was impressed with how clean it was and wants Phenix City to be represented the same way.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that as schools are getting ready for summer break, there will be a lot of kids in the City's facilities and asked Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes to provide additional information on the status of the Lifeguards. Mr. Hunter stated that they will only open the pools when they have lifeguards because they will not put anyone's life in danger. Mr. Hughes stated that it has been a challenge to ensure that the City has enough Lifeguards during the summer months so this year he was able to work with Mr. Hunter to increase the pay for the Lifeguards just as Columbus, Georgia has done in order to attract more applicants to apply. Mr. Hughes also stated that they are hopeful to have the number they need to run the pools throughout the summer, with six returning lifeguards from last summer and 12 new applicants that are currently in training. Mr. Hughes further stated that the pools will open on

Friday, May 30, 2025 and will be open on Wednesday through Sunday's from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. throughout the summer. Mr. Hughes stated that they do offer after hour rental for the pools. Mr. Hughes also stated that the two out of three summer camps are at full capacity and Spencer Recreation has a few spots open and he asked that Citizens be mindful that the children will be out of school. Mr. Hunter inquired as to safely operate both of the City's pools, how many lifeguards does he need to have on staff. Mr. Hughes stated that he would need 18 lifeguards and that they are optimistic that they will have what they need. Mr. Hunter stated that they have numerous parks in the City and that they are the lively hood for the community. Mr. Hunter also stated that the City often will be criticized by some regarding the opening of the pools but that the safety of the Citizens is the priority. Mr. Hunter further stated that he spent many of his years in the Fire Department and that when they trained people, they were trained in order to be able to send them home safely. Mr. Hunter stated that it is about the safety of the community. Mr. Hughes stated that the Parks and Recreation Department will also have senior events and that anyone wanting more information may contact the Parks and Recreations Department or visit the City's website.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending and that they are all very blessed to be part of Phenix City and encouraged everyone to think of others before themselves. Mayor Lowe thanked CCTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens of Phenix City.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 3, 2025.