APPROVED AS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL 07/01/25

MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2025

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activity Center located at 1500 14th 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 Jacquelyn Bowie Hayter, Nichols Chapel AME Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the June 3, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the June 4, 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, Gordy and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2025-113 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Eco-Tech to repair and/or replace the valves for Sediment Basins 3 & 4 at the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed $27,459.14.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-113

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to renewing the tax structure of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, for the tax year beginning October 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-114

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

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice setting an Administrative Hearing for the Revocation of Business License for Smiley's Appliance Repair.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember 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 enter into and sign an agreement with LexisNexis, a division of RELX, Inc., for an online service in an amount not to exceed $3,588.00 for the first year with an increase of 5% annually for a term of three (3) years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-115

Councilmember Green 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: Councilmember 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 enter into an agreement for services with B&B Beverage Management allowing them to obtain a 140-Special Retail License at the Phenix City Lively District for an event held on July 25, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-116

Councilmember Day 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: Councilmember 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 enter into an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc., to perform geotechnical engineering services at Austin Sumbry Park in an amount not to exceed $10,600.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-117

Councilmember Day 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: Councilmember 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 enter into an agreement with Whitfield Contractors to perform emergency work on the culvert underneath South Railroad Street adjacent to the Phenix City Intermediate School running track in an amount not to exceed $98,617.57.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-118

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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring several items as surplus to be disposed of at the landfill, destroyed at the Auburn University incinerator facility or relinquished to Property Room, Inc., to be sold at auction.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-119

Councilmember Green 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: Councilmember 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 enter into and sign Task Order Number Three (Phase 3) with Hazen and Sawyer for the assessment of the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed $95,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-120

Councilmember Day 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: Councilmember 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 enter into and sign Task Order Number Four (Phase 4) with Hazen and Sawyer for the assessment of the Water Filtration Plant in an amount not to exceed $57,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-121

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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring items surplus to be disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-122

Councilmember Green 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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe present a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into and sign an agreement with Ixom Watercare for a free 30- day trial of an aerator mixer and to purchase said aerator mixer in an amount not to exceed $3,727.00 if suitable for the application.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-123

Councilmember Gordy 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: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to an Ordinance to rezone 10.29+/- acres of land located at 1007 25th Avenue from a C-4 Zone (Highway Commercial District) to an R-3 Zone (High Density Residential District), Neil Koon, owner. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this ordinance should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to rezone 10.29+/- acres of land located at 1007 25th Avenue from a C-4 Zone (Highway Commercial District) to an R-3 Zone (High Density Residential District), Neil Koon, owner. Councilmember Gordy moved to deny Ordinance which motion was seconded by Councilmember Green Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to an Ordinance to rezone 3.20+/- acres of land located at 1003 25th Avenue from a C-4 Zone (Highway Commercial District) to an R-3 Zone (High Density Residential District), Snead Alabama, LLC and Snead Properties, LLLP, owners. Mayor Lowe state anyone wishing to address Council concerning this ordinance should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing now seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

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Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance establishing the use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the ordinance, 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 for the Planning Commission and Ordinance to annex into the City of Phenix City, Alabama, 0.431 +/- acres of land located at 3794 US Hwy 280/431, BC Stone Homes, LLC (Bryan Stone) 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 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 for first reading an application for an Ordinance to amend sections 1.0441 and 1.0443 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance on first, 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 second reading for an On Premise Beer License, and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 2 Inc., dba Food Mart 2 located at 3930 Highway 80 West, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the application 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 Off – Premise Wine License submitted by Nadipineni 3, Inc., dba Food Mart 3 located at 3717 US Highway 431 South, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the applications, 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

Councilmember Green thanked the people that came out for the Beautification award presentation for District Two meeting.

Councilmember Day encouraged citizens to keep the city clean.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that we need the public to help the councilmembers and the city to keep it clean.

Angel Moore City Engineer gave an update on the neighborhood access equity grant for the Crawford road 13th street corridor. Ms. Moore also stated the project is in the public engagement stage. Ms. Moore further stated that there was a survey on the cities website for the citizens input and the next meeting for public engagement will be held on Tuesday, July 8th for the public safety meeting. She also stated Safe Street is also in the public engagement immediately following the public stage meeting on July 9.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending and that council is 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 unit July 1, 2025.