

**MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2025**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 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 C. 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 Dr. Rich Wright of Trinity Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe requested a Point of Privilege to present Councilmember R. Griff Gordy with a plaque recognizing his achievements and service to the City as a City Councilmember for the City of Phenix City Alabama. Councilmember Gordy and his family came forth to accept the plaque.

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Help the Hooch Days.

PROCLAMATION

Stacey Mote from Keep Columbus Beautiful Executive Board and Pamela Green Thomas came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes to the October 6, 2025 Work Session Meeting and the October 7, 2025 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Green moved to approve the minutes, 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 stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2025-250 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to accept Change Order No. 1 with Warr Grading Contractors, Inc., for the 4th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project for the additional amount of \$11,953.00 and a total amount not to exceed \$287,759.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-250

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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 rescinding Resolution No. 2025-240 in reference to asbestos abatement and demolition of the structure located at 1700 21st Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-251

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to accept a quote from The Eshelman Company, Inc., to purchase digester mixing pumps and recirculation pumps for the Waste Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$132,956.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-252

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to an Ordinance to annex 2.73 +/- acres of land lying in section 28, township 18 North, Range 30 East, Lee County, Alabama, into a C-3 Zone (Neighborhood Commercial District) located at 5409 Lee Road 248, T. Bruce Wade II, owner. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented an Ordinance to annex 2.73 +/- acres of land lying in section 28, township 18 North, Range 30 East, Lee County, Alabama, into a C-3 Zone (Neighborhood Commercial District) located at 5409 Lee Road 248, T. Bruce Wade II, owner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

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 for first reading a Letter of Request from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to annex 2.44 +/- acres of land lying in Section 28, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, Lee County, Alabama, into an R-1 Zone (Low Density Residential District) located at 4435 Lee Road 248, Jaxson Dyer, owner.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

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

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance Granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Southern Light, LLC ("Franchisee"), Its Successors and Assigns, for the purpose of Constructing, Operating, and Maintaining a Fiber-Optic Infrastructure Network within the Public Rights-Of-Way in the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the ordinance, 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. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Councilmember Green left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble stated that Alabama Law states that a synopsis of an Ordinance may be provided in place of reading the entire Ordinance. Mr. Gamble provided the synopsis for the Ordinance's related to the agreements with Southern Light, LLC and Uniti Fiber Gulfco, LLC.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Right-Of-Way only Small Cell Master Access Agreement with Southern Light, LLC ("Grantee"), its Successors and Assigns, to allow the Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Small Cell Wireless Facilities and Related Communications Equipment within the Public Rights-Of-Way in the City of Phenix City, Alabama. 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance Granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Uniti Fiber Gulfco, LLC ("Franchisee"), Its Successors and Assigns, for the purpose of Constructing, Operating, and Maintaining a Fiber-Optic Infrastructure Network within the Public Rights-Of-Way in the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Day moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Right-Of-Way only Small Cell Master Access Agreement with Uniti Fiber Gulfco, LLC ("Grantee"), its Successors and Assigns, to allow the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Small Cell Wireless Facilities and related Communications Equipment within the Public Rights-Of-Way in the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Application for an On-Premise Beer License, On-Premise Wine License, On-Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Kramers Sports Bar, LLC, dba On Cue Billiards Room located at 3211 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway South, Unit B and C , Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Gordy moved to place the application 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Application for an Off- Premise Beer License, Off-Premise Wine License and Off-Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Om Mojila 2022, Inc. dba Happy Hour Wine and Spirits located at 3462 Crosswind Drive Suite B, 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, 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, On-Premise Wine License and On Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Varsity Sports Bar Grill dba Varsity Sports Bar Grill, LLC located at 3745 Highway 80 West, 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, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a claim filed against the City of Phenix City by Angela Perry-Ned. Mr. Graham stated that Ms. Perry-Ned alleges that on April 29, 2025 as she was driving in Phenix City, she struck a manhole cover causing damage to her tire. Mr. Graham also stated that based on review, it appeared that the vehicle in front of Ms. Perry-Ned hit the manhole causing the cover to hit the car behind them. Mr. Graham further stated that the City was not notified until after the incident that the manhole was uncovered. Mr. Graham stated that Alabama Law requires that the City is not liable if they are not aware of the issue prior to the damage. Mr. Graham recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy, which upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Councilmember Bailey thanked and acknowledged Councilmember R. Griff Gordy for his many years of dedication to the Citizens of Phenix City. Councilmember Bailey stated that 12 years ago Councilmember Gordy co-founded the Concerned Citizens Group for Phenix City where he along with other members came together to address issues and took action for the betterment of the City. Councilmember Bailey also stated that he was raised to love thy neighbor and to care about one another and that those are traits that Councilmember Gordy has also shown within his profession, community and the Council. Councilmember Bailey further stated that Councilmember Gordy is not only a good leader but an excellent role model for his children.

Councilmember Day stated that it has been his pleasure working with Councilmember R. Griff Gordy and that he is a fine man. Councilmember Day also stated that Councilmember Gordy has always been respectful and kind while working with the Council and the Citizens of Phenix City.

Councilmember R. Griff Gordy thanked the Council for their kind words. Councilmember Gordy stated that he was very thankful for the years that he has spent on the Council while building the relationships with all of the Council and City Manager Wallace Hunter and his team. Councilmember Gordy also stated that while they did not always agree, they always did what was right. Councilmember Gordy further stated that while he is grateful to be recognized, he has done

what he loves to do. Councilmember Gordy stated that having the best attitude is so important in anything we do and that helping to educate our children to do the same and have good attitudes is very important to the future.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that he could not say enough positive things about Councilmember R. Griff Gordy and that it has been his pleasure and honor to have had the chance to work with him and build a relationship over the past years. Mr. Hunter also stated that he will be missed.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Council for all that they do and stated that he appreciated all of their hard work and dedication. Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and the City Employees.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until November 4, 2025.