

MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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 Jasponica G. Florence, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Councilmember Bailey delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the May 4, 2026 Work Session and the May 5, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. 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, Florence, 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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2025 Local Formula Solicitation. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning this grant should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Green moved to approve the public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

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Mayor Lowe declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of a special assessments upon the properties located at: 915 8th Avenue, 808 13th Court, and 1108 17th Avenue. Mayor Lowe stated anyone wishing to address Council concerning these resolutions should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearings closed.

Mayor Lowe presented three resolutions in reference to the fixing of costs incurred by the City of Phenix City for the removal of substandard structures and the establishment of a special assessment upon the properties located at:

1. 915 8th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-146

*1- Vote note needed for Public Hearing

2. 808 13th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-147

3. 1108 17th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-148

Councilmember Bailey moved to approve the resolutions, 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, Florence, 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 and sign a proposal with Abel Electric in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 to replace the generator at the Phenix City Municipal Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-149

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to granting a tax abatement to Daechang Alabama, Inc. Expansion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-150

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into agreement with Alabama Power to replace six (6) existing 207 Watt Roadway Street Lights (27,001 - 34,000) Lumens –Type III – Black 4000K Non-ALDOT locations and thirty-three (33) existing 207 Watt Roadway Street Lights (27,001 - 34,000) Lumens –Type III – Gray 4000K several Non-ALDOT locations converting customer owned fixtures to APC LED lighting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-151

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and enter into agreement with Alabama Power to install one (1) 53 Watt LED Street Light (5,001 – 8,500) Lumens – Type II – Gray 4000K on Knowles Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-152

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase II General permit renewal in an amount not to exceed \$1,385.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-153

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign, and the City Clerk to certify, the 2025-2026 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Annual Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-154

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in Reference to authoring the Mayor and City Manager to accept an estimate from Shine Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed 90,800.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-155

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to a one-time compensation for fulltime and part-time employees in consideration of the recent increase in fuel, grocery, and other daily living expenses.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-156

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to adopting the City's Credit Card Usage and Travel Policy amendments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-157

Councilmember Bailey 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to declaring various X26 tasers and X26 taser batteries as surplus to be traded in for new tasers as part of the five-year agreement with Axon Enterprises.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-158

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief to sign and enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$180,923.80.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-159

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting the lowest responsible bid from Thornton, Musso & Bellem, Inc. for Copper Sulfate, an amount not to exceed \$4.56 per dry lb. through September 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-160

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) 2025 Annual Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-161

Councilmember Green 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, Florence, 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 0.35 +/- acres of land lying in Section 33, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Russell County, Alabama, into an R-1 Zone (Low Density Residential District) located at 2309 12th Street South, Cleve Huckaby, Stanley Huckaby and Steve Huckaby. 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 annex 0.35 +/- acres of land lying in Section 33, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Russell County, Alabama, into an R-1 Zone (Low Density Residential District) located at 2309 12th Street South, Cleve Huckaby, Stanley Huckaby and Steve Huckaby.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

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

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Chapter 82 Utilities, Article II Water and Sewer Rates and Charges, Section 82-20 Water Charges, C - Wholesale Water to other Utility Systems.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

Councilmember Day 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Chapter 82 Utilities, Article II Water and Sewer Rates and Charges, Section 82-22 Payment of Bills, by adding D - Prorating Bills.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

Councilmember Florence 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Industrial Development Board. Mayor Lowe stated that current member, Willie Thomas is willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Willie Thomas, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Zoning Adjustment and Appeals Board. Mayor Lowe nominated Patricia Alexander. There were no other nominations. Councilmember Day moved to appoint Patricia Alexander, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading applications for an On-Premise Beer License, On-Premise Wine License, and On-Premise Whiskey/Wine License submitted by Saborcito Mexican Cocina, Inc dba Saborcito Mexican Cocina located at 3462 Crosswinds Drive Suite C, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Florence moved to approve the applications, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading applications for an Off-Premise Beer License and Off-Premise Wine License submitted by ASN3424 LLC dba Circle K #722 located at 3424 Crosswinds Drive, Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Green moved to approve the applications, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Bence Law Firm on behalf of Kayla Kerr. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that Ms. Kerr was involved in a traffic accident involving a Utilities Department employee on August 15, 2025. Mr. Graham also stated that based on the report, it was not clear that the traffic accident caused enough damage to the car to require replacement of any parts. 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 Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Bence Law Firm on behalf of Onessa Brooks. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that Ms. Brooks sustained injuries and property damage from an accident involving a Phenix City Employee on March 16, 2026. Mr. Graham also stated that based on the Police report Ms. Brooks was listed as the primary contributor to the accident therefore the City is not liable and recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Green moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Bence Law Firm on behalf of Allison P. Jordan. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that Ms. Jordan sustained injuries from an accident with a school bus. Mr. Graham also stated that the City does not operate school buses therefore recommended to deny the claim. Councilmember Florence moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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, Florence, and

Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Jeffery Davis. Mr. Graham stated that the claim alleges that Mr. Davis's vehicle was damaged on March 13, 2026 due to driving across a section of 10th Avenue where a previous water leak repair was damaged. Mr. Graham also stated that the City was not aware of any damage in the road therefore the City is not liable and recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Councilmember Green congratulated all of the graduates for 2026 from pre-k to high school seniors. Councilmember Green stated that the community is blessed to have an education system in place to produce productive citizens.

Councilmember Bailey stated that as the United States is coming up on the 250th year of their independence, he encouraged everyone to remember the sacrifices of so many of our men and women for the freedom that we all enjoy today. Councilmember Bailey stated that we have many freedoms to be thankful for and encouraged everyone to use those freedoms in the right way. Councilmember Bailey also stated that we all have our rights and that each and everyone should respect the rights of others. Councilmember Bailey further stated that people of all cultures and religions have the right to live in peace. Councilmember Bailey stated that God loves all of them and sees them as the same. Councilmember Bailey encouraged everyone to remember the different sacrifices made as they walk in freedom and celebrate Memorial Day.

Councilmember Day stated that with all of the current events happening across the world that so many things have changed and that they need to pray. Councilmember Day also stated that where ever they go, they should also treat people the way that they want to be treated. Councilmember Day encouraged everyone to be careful and safe during the Memorial Day Holiday. Councilmember Day also encouraged the Citizens of Phenix City to continue to help keep the City clean by not throwing out trash on the streets.

City Manager Wallace Hunter encouraged everyone to exercise their right and go out and vote. Mr. Hunter stated that the tax renewal for the School System is critical to continuing to support the local schools. Mr. Hunter also stated that the School System has been getting the tax for 30 years and it needs to continue in order to support the rising costs associated with running the schools and education. Mr. Hunter further stated that decisions that are being made with the Federal Government and State Governments will eventually make their way to the City and will impact everyone. Mr. Hunter stated that many of the decisions are changing our Country and causing more division between colors. Mr. Hunter also stated that he believes in treating people the way he would like to be treated. Mr. Hunter encouraged the Citizens to educate themselves on what is going on at the State levels that will not have a positive impact on future generations.

Mayor Lowe stated that Councilmember Bailey prayed for a divine team as a Council and as employees and Citizens of Phenix City, they want to have a divine purpose for Phenix City. Mayor Lowe also stated that they all realize in order to have this, they must rely on a divine power and that they are not ashamed of their faith. Mayor Lowe further stated that the City will continue to progress due to the divine power that they all rely on. Mayor Lowe stated that he wants everyone to realize that they are a team in Phenix City. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to cheer for their favorite football team and as they do, realize that there are different types of

ethnicities and cultures on the team and celebrate when they all win. Mayor Lowe stated that if they can celebrate for the their favorite football team, they can certainly do the same for Phenix City. Mayor Lowe also stated that as a Council they will push back on anyone attempting to divide them as a Council. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to look at Phenix City as their favorite team and cheer for the team even though they may make mistakes, they will not be intentional. Mayor Lowe thanked the Council, Department Heads and Citizens of Phenix City. Mayor Lowe stated that may God continue to bless them individually and collectively.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 2, 2026.