

MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 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, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney James McKoon, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Reverend Karen Seifert, Summerville United Methodist Church, delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe called for a Point of Privilege to address an issue with a WTVM News Reporter that accidentally reported on the incorrect report from the Work Session Meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2026 in reference to the 1996 report published by the Phenix Citizen titled "Forward, A Comprehensive Report on a city in crisis". Mayor Lowe stated that the reporter apologized for the mistake and they have retracted the article and published and reported on the correct information. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to read the 1996 Report "Forward" because it shows how far the City has come and the positive impact the leaders have made. Mayor Lowe stated that they, as a City Council, are blessed to be able to make a difference in the growth of the community.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that he provided a report to the City Council at the Work Session on the 1996 report published by the Phenix Citizen titled "Forward, A Comprehensive Report on a city in crisis" in order to show the difference from 1996 to the upcoming anniversary of the City. Mr. Hunter also stated that the reporter took the information and provided it to another person with the news station to report on the information and that it was mistakenly reported as current news. Mr. Hunter further stated that the City received the audit report recently that stated that the City had 94 million dollars and is by no means a City in financial crisis as it was back in 1996. Mr. Hunter encouraged the Citizens not to believe social media and to read the facts as presented by the City.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and HR Specialist Eliza Phillips-Wyatt presented the employee service recognitions to Yancy Evans – 25 years and Wallace Hunter – 40 years. Ms. Phillips-Wyatt stated that Jeri Ritter – 10 years was not able to attend.

Mayor Lowe called upon Chief Mark D. Jones of the Headland Police Department to present the Accreditation Certificate to City Manager Wallace Hunter, Chief Joseph Weierick and Captain Cayla Heeger.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the May 18, 2026 Work Session and the May 19, 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 presented Resolution No. 2026-162 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor to sign the submittal of the FY26 SS4A Demonstration Grant application documents.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-162

Councilmember Florence 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: 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 a quote from Great Southern Furniture, for the demolition of the structure located at 1208 8th Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$6,425.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-163

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 declaring two (2) office chairs as surplus to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-164

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 declaring one (1) 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Pick Up as surplus to be sold as scrap or disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-165

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 the purchase of one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab, under State Contract #MA240000004917 from McSweeney Auto Group in an amount not to exceed \$44,092.12.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-166

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 the purchase of one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4WD Regular Cab, under State Contract #MA240000004917 from McSweeney Auto Group in an amount not to exceed \$46,032.78.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-167

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 and directing the Mayor, to execute, on behalf of the City, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Alabama Historical Commission and the Phenix City Housing Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-168

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 adopting the final East Alabama Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-169

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 price of \$15,183.55 from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. for the Seek Pro 300, Seek Pro 200 Thermal Imaging Cameras, and charging stations, as well as lanyard, provided it meets the required specifications.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-170

Councilmember Florence 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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Master Project Agreement with Core and Main LP for the provision and installation of an advanced metering infrastructure system.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-171

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Advanced Meter Infrastructure Services Agreement with the Alabama Power Company for the provision of advanced metering infrastructure services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-172

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 an opening on the Personnel Review Board. Mayor Lowe nominated Ray Smith. There were no other nominations. Councilmember Florence moved to appoint Ray Smith, 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 James McKoon presented a notice of claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Morgan & Morgan on behalf of Beatrice Hall. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim does not state what allegedly happened but that it does state that the loss occurred at the metal detectors on 14th Street. Mr. McKoon also stated that the location of the metal detectors is located at the county court house and is not operated by the City. Mr. McKoon recommended to deny the claim. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to deny the claim, 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.

City Attorney James McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Haley N. Myers. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is responsible for damages to the driver's passenger window from an accident that occurred at Highway 80 Westbound/JR Allen Parkway while the Public Works Department's crew was working at the location. Mr. McKoon recommended approving the claim in the amount of \$820.00. Councilmember Florence moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim in the amount of \$820.00, 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. Motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor Lowe stated that they are grateful for the community and that they are heading in the right direction. Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for being a part of the collective duty and responsibility that they have to the Citizens of Phenix City. Mayor Lowe also thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe stated that they are thankful for living in Phenix City and to have the opportunity to continue to advance the City. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to continue to pursue with boldness and righteousness and with love.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 16, 2026.