

MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 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, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Jasponica G. Florence was not in attendance. 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 Dr. Richard Wright with Trinity Methodist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 6, 2026 Work Session and the July 7, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, 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, 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. 2026-216 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and submit a FY24 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant to reduce or eliminate risk of repetitive floods at Cochgalechee Creek.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-216

Councilmember Day moved to ratify 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2026-217 to be ratified in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and the City Manager to enter into a contract with Three Notch Group, Inc., to approve cost Proposal # 1 for preliminary investigation and secondary plan development.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-217

Councilmember Green 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, 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 make application for the Delta Regional Authority for funding assistance from the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) Grant program for the repair of water leaks at locations within the City's water jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-218

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rescinding Resolution No. 2026-196 dated July 7, 2026, which awarded a bid for demolition of structure located at 801 4th Place South to Elite Hauling & Landworks, in the amount of \$4,233.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-219

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

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to rejecting bids received for the demolition of property located at 801 4th Place South.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-220

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

Mayor Lowe presented Three Resolutions and Public Notices in reference to setting public hearing dates and fixing demolition costs associated with the following properties located in Phenix City:

1. 100 14th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-221
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 1820 6th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-222
PUBLIC NOTICE

3. 1005 15th Place

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-223
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions and public notices, 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: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign Change Order No. 7 contract document with Ben Gordy Construction Company, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-224

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, 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 enter into a license agreement with Advan Research Corporation, LLC for Real Estate Intelligence (REI), including five (5) named users, for a one-year license period commencing July 21, 2026, at an annual fee of \$11,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-225

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, 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 accept a contract with Uptown Whitewater Management for marketing services for RushSouth Whitewater Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-226

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, 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 a service agreement with Dak Dynamics, LLC, for professional electronic recycling services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-227

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, 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 make application to The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for funding assistance from the States Economic Assistance Program (SEDAP) for the lining of failing stormwater pipes for (3) three locations within the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-228

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, 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 renew the contract for Bid Number E24-02 Traffic Striping and Markings with Ozark Striping Company, LLC at the 2024 contract unit prices to August 21, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-229

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, 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 Chief of Police Joey Weierick as authorizing officials to accept a bid from Buster Miles Chevrolet in the total amount of \$40,711.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-230

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, 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 and enter into an agreement with 120Water for the annual customer notification letters and customer requested water test in an amount not to exceed \$32,414.24.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-231

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, 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 approve payment to Southern Rewinding and Sales and to declare the pump replacement an emergency at Cedardell Lift Station in an amount not to exceed \$31,192.73.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-232

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, 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 and accept quote to hire Jim House & Associates, LLC, to repair Recirculation Pump 1 (Flygt Pump) in an amount not to exceed \$28,946.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-233

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

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Article 5 – Nonresidential and Mixed-Use Districts, Section 5.03.02 Table 5-1 Dimensional Regulations for Nonresidential Districts in a C-4: Highway Commercial District – Maximum Building Area.

ORDINANCE

Councilmember Day moved to place the ordinance on first reading, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. (Councilmember Day inquired about a Public Notice; however, the vote preceded as usual.) Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, 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 annex 0.12 +/- acres of land lying in section 28, Township 18 North, Rang 30 East, Lee County, Alabama into a R-2 Zone (Medium Density Residential District) located at 2060 Lee Road 427 (Pierce Road) and 5302 Wilma Avenue Phenix City, Alabama, James Hall, 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 Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Green, Bailey, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

City Clerk Shannon Davis asked Mayor Lowe and Council to revisit the prior Ordinance regarding the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (Article 5 – Nonresidential and Mixed-Use Districts, Section 5.03.02 Table 5-1 Dimensional Regulations for Nonresidential Districts in a C-4: Highway Commercial District – Maximum Building Area) She advised that Councilmember

Day's inquiry regarding a Public Notice needed to be addressed; there is a Public Notice that should be read.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mayor Lowe stated the prior vote taken that placed the Ordinance on First Reading should have also included Approval of the Public Notice. All of Council agreed that the motion be amended to reflect the change. Mayor Lowe stated there was no need to take another vote, and all of Council agreed.

City Attorney James McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Antonio Ware. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is liable for the damages to Mr. Ware's tire and rim after hitting a pot hole on 1st Place and 14th Court. Mr. McKoon also stated that the Public Works Department was not aware of the pot hole at the time of the incident; therefore, the City is not liable. Mr. McKoon recommended denying the claim. Councilmember Green 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to appointing James R. McKoon Jr. as temporary City Attorney to serve in the absence of James P. Graham Jr. due to medical recovery.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-234

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

Mayor Lowe called upon City Manager Wallace Hunter to discuss the 2026 Water Filtration Sanitary Survey Results from ADEM. Mr. Hunter stated that the results of this survey are very important for the Citizens of Phenix City and that these results are from the authority and are the facts. Director of Utilities John Spraggins provided Council with an overview of the justification for the annual survey. Water Filtration Plant Superintendent Barrett Crain provided a detail description of the process that ADEM performs when surveying the water plants. Mr. Crain stated that ADEM goes back 10 years in the water plant records to evaluate. Mr. Crain reviewed the results of the Sanitary Survey Memo that outlined the Utilities Department had no significant deficiencies and no minor deficiencies identified and that the average water loss for the last 12 months (at the time of the survey) was only 18% which is close to the 15% recommendation. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the 2026 Water Filtration Sanitary Survey Results from ADEM will be posted on the City's website and through local news media outlets. Mayor Lowe stated that these results are outstanding and that it is a great opportunity to set things straight. Mayor Lowe also stated that there have been several false comments on social media and that the City can push back on those comments with the facts. Mayor Lowe further stated that one individual in particular has been spreading false comments and that the City will always take the high road and continue to be transparent and provide the facts to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe asked that this information be publicized for the Citizens. Mayor Lowe stated that if anyone has questions to please come to them and let them know in order to get the correct information. Councilmember Bailey inquired as to how long ADEM was onsite. Mr. Crain stated that they were onsite the entire day to survey. Councilmember Bailey stated that the City has been working diligently to fix the

issues and has admitted to any mistakes that may have been made and have worked to correct them. Councilmember Bailey thanked the Utilities Department for their work and dedication. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that it is refreshing to have a Utilities Director and his team that are dedicated to making sure the City is being taken care of and that they are honest people that are doing things for the right reasons. Mr. Hunter also stated that he truly appreciated everything that they do and for their due diligence in planning for the future. Mr. Hunter further stated that the information on the survey results will be posted on the City's Transparency Portal on the website for all Citizens to review.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and Council. Mayor Lowe also thanked God and the Citizens of Phenix City. Mayor Lowe asked God to continue to give them the knowledge and strength to keep moving forward. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens as it gives them an opportunity to hear of all of the things that the City is doing for the community.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 4, 2026.