

MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 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 Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney James McKoon and City Clerk Shannon Davis. City Manager Wallace Hunter was not in attendance.

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

Elder Lilly Wyatt, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

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

Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented an employee service recognition to William Threatts – 5 years, Angela Harrison – 25 years, Michael Harrison – 25 years. Ms. Chastain stated that, Lisa Williams – 10 years, Mackenzie George – 5 years, Donnie Slaughter – 15 years and Jeffrey Carter – 20 years were not in attendance.

Mayor Lowe called for a point of privilege. Mayor Lowe thanked Phenix City Board of Education Superintendent Nathan Walters for all of his supportive and collaboration with the City. Mayor Lowe also called on Parks and Recreations Director Todd Hughes. Mr. Hughes informed Council that the Phenix City 12U Baseball Team was having a send off, for them to attend the Regionals Playoff in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mr. Hughes also informed Council that Georgia was sending a team as well.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 20, 2026 Work Session 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, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Florence. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 21, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Green 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: Councilmember Florence. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute a settlement agreement in the matter of Jorge Borboa and Tonia Borboa v. the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-235

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 to approve and execute the Local Government Participation Agreement and the Settlement Agreement with Publix Super Markets, Inc. as it relates to ongoing Opioid Litigation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-236

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 approving and adopting the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-237

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

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

1. 823 ½ 13th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-238
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 800 16th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-239
PUBLIC NOTICE

3. 604 Dillingham Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-240
PUBLIC NOTICE

4. 518 11th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-241
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions and public notices, 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 various items listed on attachment entitled "Exhibit A", "Exhibit B", and "Exhibit C" as surplus to be sold as scrap or be disposed of at the City Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-242

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 accept and sign Proposal from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation for the purchase of Salsco HP-11: III 3- Roll Gas Roller w/ 13 HP Electric Start Honda Engine and Transport Trailer in an amount not to exceed \$29,679.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-243

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 and City Manager to accept and sign a proposal from Columbus Tape and Video for the purchase of a replacement and upgraded sound system at Garrett-Harrison Stadium in an amount not to exceed \$94,752.27, to be split in equal parts with Phenix City Board of Education.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-244

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 declaring personal property as surplus and disposing of for the consideration of the nominal sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations to Michael Harrison in recognition of his 25 years of public service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-245

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 declaring various vehicles labeled "Exhibit A" as surplus to be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction or sold as scrap, if no one purchases them.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-246

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police, Joseph Weierick to sign and enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Auburn, Alabama for professional services utilizing both Police Departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-247

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 Letter of Recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice, and Ordinance to annex 1.62 +/- acres of land lying in section 30, Township 18 North, Range 30 East, Lee County, Alabama into a C-4 Zone (Highway Commercial District) located at 20354 US Hwy 280 E Phenix City, Alabama, Timothy O. & Jene' J. Greer, 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 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 Letter of Recommendation from the Planning Commission, Public Notice and Ordinance to rezone 52 +/- acres of land located on US Highway 280 East from an R-3 Zone (High Density Residential District) to a C-4 (Highway Commercial District), 5B, LLC, owner.

LETTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE

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

Mayor Lowe presented an opening on the Downtown Redevelopment Board. Councilmember Green moved to appoint Gloria Cooper 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 an opening on the Industrial Development Board. Councilmember Florence moved to appoint Shakea Miller 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 Personnel Review Board. Mayor Lowe stated that current member, Jim Holt is willing to serve another term. Mayor Lowe called for a motion. Councilmember Bailey moved to reappoint Jim Holt, 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 Andrew Field. Mr. McKoon stated that the claim alleges that the City of Phenix City is liable for the damages to Mr. Field's rear fender of his vehicle. Mr. Koon also stated that the Public Works Department was mowing when debris hit Mr. Field's vehicle. Mr. Koon recommended approving the claim in the lowest amount of \$196.51. Councilmember Day moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation to approve the claim of \$196.51, 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.

Councilmember Day encouraged all of the Citizens to be aware that schools will be starting back and to be safe while driving through school zones.

Parks and Receptions Director Todd Hughes informed Council that the Phenix City Boys 12U Baseball Team will be playing in the regional playoffs at 7:00 p.m. in Warner Robins, Georgia that evening.

Mayor Lowe congratulated the Phenix City Boys 12U Baseball Team for making the regional playoffs and wished them the best of luck. Mayor Lowe thanked the Department Heads and Council. Mayor Lowe also thanked God and the Citizens of Phenix City. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to be part of the solution and not the problem. 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 18, 2026.