MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 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 J. Brady Baird of First United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

Mayor Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

City Manager Wallace Hunter and Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain presented an employee service recognition to Yolanda Phillips – 10 years and Richard Carlson – 20 years. Ms. Chastain stated that Cassandra Bryan – 10 years was not in attendance.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the August 17, 2026 Work Session Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: Councilmember Green. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the August 18, 2026 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Green moved to approve the minutes, 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: The motion thus passed.

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

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution No. 2026-263 to be ratified in reference to the purchase of a 2026 Ford Transit Van from Stivers Ford Lincoln for the Building Department in an amount not to exceed $51,194.60.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-263

Councilmember Day 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 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund, Inc. (MWCF).

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-264

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, City Manager, and Police Chief to make application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2026 Local Formula Solicitation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-265

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 satisfaction of a special assessment on property located at 1013 15th Avenue, property owner Lucinda Griffin Wiggins Attn: Vincent B. Wiggins.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-266

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 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: 823 ½ 13th Court, 604 Dillingham Street, 518 11th Avenue South and 800 16th Street. Mayor Lowe stated that 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 Four 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 assessments upon the properties located at:

1. 823 ½ 13th Court

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-267

2. 604 Dillingham Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-268

3. 518 11th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-269

4. 800 16th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-270

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions, 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 purchasing a Pipe Trekker A-200X Pipe Crawler robot package under Sourcewell Vendor from Deep Trekker, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $85,045.38.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-271

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 presented a resolution in reference to declaring the installation of Inserta Valves on the Broad Street Water Main an emergency and authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to hire and pay Barfield Underground for said installation in an amount not to exceed $52,780.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-272

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 declaring the cleaning, bypass pumping and process startup of equipment at the Waste Water Treatment Plant an emergency and authoring and directing the Mayor and City Manager to pay Div46 LLC for said services in an amount not to exceed $32,800.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-273

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 declared that now was the time and place for a public hearing in reference to 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. Chief Building Official Ray Rogers addressed Council and provided an overview of the justification for

this ordinance. Councilmember Bailey stated that it would make better sense to make the adjustment to allow for building a structure instead of a parking lot. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second 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 NO. 2026-08

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. ABSTAIN: 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 0.12 +/- acres of land lying in section 28, Township18 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. Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works Chris Casey addressed Council and provided an overview of the justification for this ordinance. Fire Chief Kristin Kennedy provided her concerns regarding adequate fire hydrants in the new annexed area. Councilmember Bailey stated that Chief Kennedy's explanation clarified his understanding. Councilmember Florence inquired as to whether a discussion was held with owner as to why the entire property was not be requested for annexation. Chief Kennedy stated there was not discussion with her department. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

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Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to amend Section 4.16-C of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

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

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading Ordinance to amend Section 9.01 of the Merit System Rules and Regulations of the City of Phenix City, Alabama.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

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

Mayor Lowe presented for first reading an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, Chapter 38 – Health, Article II – Smoking in Public Places, Sec. 38-21 – Definitions. Councilmember Day moved to 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 for first reading an Ordinance granting a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Troy Cablevision, Inc. for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a fiber-optic infrastructure network within the public rights-of-way within the City of Phenix City, Alabama. Councilmember Bailey moved to 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 an opening on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Day moved to reappoint Annie Lindsey, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Florence. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Councilmember Florence thanked the Phenix City Parks and Recreations Department for the planning and implementation of the welcome home celebration for the Phenix City Boys 12U Baseball Team from the Southeast Regional Playoffs.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending. Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for being a part of the solution instead of the problem. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV for bringing the meeting to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe stated that they love the community and encouraged everyone to share the same love for the community.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until September 15, 2026.