Approved as presented to Council on 11/3/26.

MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2026

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building located 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 Jimmy Graham and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Reverend Dr. Richard Wright of Trinity Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

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

Mayor Lowe presented a proclamation recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION

Cheryl A. Johnson from West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition came forward to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Lowe presented the meeting minutes of the July 15, 2026 Budget Work Session Meeting and the July 30, 2026 Budget Public Hearing 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, Green, Bailey, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the October 5, 2026 Work Session Meeting and the October 6, 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, Florence, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe called upon Councilmember Day for unfinished business. Councilmember Day inquired about six police motorcycles stored at the police precinct. Chief of Police Joseph Weierick stated that they are surplus.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Columbus Water Works.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-310

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 the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed $35,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-311

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 accepting a bid and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Ben B. Gordy Construction Company, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-312

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 approving the Early Disbursement of Appropriation Funds to the City of Phenix City Tree Commission in an amount not to exceed $1,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-313

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 assessment upon the properties located at: 1108 20th Avenue South, 218 11th Avenue, and 400 11th Avenue. 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 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 special assessments upon the properties located at:

1. 1108 20th Avenue South

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-314

2. 218 11th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-315

3. 400 11th Avenue

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-316

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolutions, 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 Two 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. 1507 12th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-317
PUBLIC NOTICE

2. 1014 20th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-318
PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Day moved to approve the Resolutions and Public Notices, 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 the Memorandum of Understanding with BSI Engineering Surveying, Inc. for professional services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-319

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 rejecting the bid for Right of Way Maintenance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-320

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 and directing the Mayor and City Manager, as authorizing officials, and Joey Weierick, as Chief of Police, to enter into an agreement for the administration of SEARHSO-ESCC Community Traffic Safety Program Funds for the October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 funding period.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-321

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 items as surplus to be disposed of at the landfill, destroyed at the Auburn University incinerator facility, or relinquished to Property Room, Inc. to be sold at auction.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-322

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 authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to purchase sixty (60) APX N70 Radios under State Contract MA230000003341-2 from Motorola Solutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-323

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 for second reading an Ordinance to de-annex property out of the City of Phenix City, Alabama, a Tract of land lying in Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Russell County, Alabama, located at the intersection of Opelika Road and Gauntt Road, property owner Joe Crawford. Councilmember Green moved to deny 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 exempt certain items from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax during February 2027, referred to as the Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15

Councilmember Florence moved to approve the ordinance, 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 Itemized Statement of Expense for Ricky Carlson in the total amount of $20.02. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expense in the total amount of $20.02, 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.

Director of Utilities John Spraggins provided an overview of the water meter issue located at 20 Downing Drive. Mr. Spraggins stated that he discussed possible solutions with the home owner to replace the piping on his side of the water meter. Mr. Spraggins also stated that they brought in dirt to place on the City's side of the meter to protect it and recommended that the home owner do the same. Mr. Spraggins further stated that the home owner wants the City to lower the water meter which they cannot do.

Councilmember Green stated that she was proud to have participated in the All Class Homecoming Tailgate event that was held on Friday, October 16, 2026. Councilmember Green also stated that the event was inclusive to everyone and that is a goal for the community. Councilmember Green further stated that a dinner was held at the Trade Center on Saturday, October 17, 2026 and she thanked the committee that planned the events. Councilmember Green stated that it is all about supporting the children.

Councilmember Bailey stated that Parks and Recreations did a great job with the All Class Homecoming Tailgate event and thanked them for their hard work. Councilmember Bailey also stated that it was good to see such a wide range of ages enjoying the tailgating and that is what the community is made up of.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that there was some miscommunication on Facebook regarding the All Class Homecoming Tailgate event end time and it was stated that it would end at 10:00 p.m., when the actual end time was 8:00 p.m. Mr. Hunter also stated that the event was held at the Moon Lake Park which is next to a neighborhood. Mr. Hunter further stated that some of the classes were disruptive and there were several complaints of drugs and safety concerns. Mr. Hunter stated that the City wants to hold events for the community, however people need to be more respectful so that it can continue. Mr. Hunter also stated that the football game started at 8:00 p.m. and there has to be numerous police officers in the stadium and directing traffic to ensure safety and that tailgating should have been completed around the stadium.

Councilmember Day commended the Engineering and Public Works Department for their due diligence in fixing the downed stop sign on 7th Avenue that he called in to them on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Councilmember Day congratulated the Utilities Department on their recognition for their results of the AWOP – Area Wide Optimization Program Report.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Mayor Lowe stated that the community of Phenix City is a great place but that no place is perfect and they have to continue to put their best foot forward. Mayor Lowe thanked CTV Beam for bringing the meeting to the Citizens. Mayor Lowe stated that they pray and hope that all of the citizens will be a part of the solution and not the problem. Mayor Lowe thanked God.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until November 3, 2026.