

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2024

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time for the regularly scheduled Work Session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Vickey F. Carter was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Clerk Shannon Davis, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering Angel Moore, Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Councilmember Bailey led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no Request to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their August 27, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Shannon Davis who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the Labor Day Holiday.
2. Informed Council that the United Way Kickoff Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 10 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
5. Advised Council that the Phenix City / Russell County Library Board will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5th Street South Youth Center.
8. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
9. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 24 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
10. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

11. Informed Council that the United Way Lunch and Learn “Early Childhood Development” Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the United Way Community Room.
12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
13. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
14. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
15. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
16. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 in observance of Columbus Day Holiday.
17. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Tuesday afternoon due to the Columbus Day Holiday.
18. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the Columbus Day Holiday.
19. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
20. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
21. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
22. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
23. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Bailey inquired to Engineering Director Angel Moore about the 14th Street Project and if there was an estimated date of completion. Ms. Moore stated that there are a lot of moving parts on the project and that she would notify Council when it was close to completion.

Councilmember Bailey inquired to Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes if there was any update on Moon Lake. Mr. Hughes stated that a resolution will be presented before Council at the next Council Meeting to hire Gullate Associates Inc., to assist in the design and construction process..

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the back steps on the utility building being closed off and if that is why the driveway is closed to pull in to pay your water bill. Building Official Ray Rogers stated that the driveway is closed because they are replacing the speaker. Councilmember Bailey inquired what is happening with the steps that are blocked off. Mr. Rogers stated that the plan is to re-do the steps and add on to the building because the Utilities, Finance and City Manager’s Departments need more space.

Councilmember Day inquired about the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble stated that a discussion on the Waste Water Treatment Plant would take place at a later date.

Councilmember Day inquired about how Edmond's Cemetery is coming along with the addition. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that it is going good and everything is being cleared out now and there is currently a contractor surveying the area.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the lot that is located behind his car lot and if it was just going to be a green area. Shaun Culligan, Economic Development Manager, stated that the City has ideas and wants public investors' ideas as well on how to utilize the space.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Councilmember Day inquired if the resource officers go to a special training every year. Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick explained the training frequency and process.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter called upon Building Official Ray Rogers, to discuss the Zoning Ordinance Draft Review. Mr. Rogers stated that there is a lot of work involved and gave a brief overview of what will be in the ordinance.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2024.