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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2025

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 Monday, March 19, 2025, 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. The following member was not present at roll call, Councilmember Vickey Carter Green. Councilmember Vickey Carter Green arrived at 3:29 p.m. 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: Chief Building Inspector Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering Angel Moore, Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Chief Kristin Kennedy, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief George Staudinger, and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Jimmie Dickey with Integrea Community Mental Health System to address Council as listed on the Agenda. Mr. Dickey came forward and thanked Council for allowing him the opportunity. Mr. Dickey stated that he wanted to follow-up with Council based on the last meeting he attended where he introduced himself and the purpose of the Integrea Community Mental Health System. Mr. Dickey also stated that he the facility is not a State agency or private non-profit but rather a political subdivision of the County and City's that have incorporated them, which includes Phenix City. Mr. Dickey further reviewed with the Council the three members of their broad from Phenix City. Mr. Dickey stated that they were previously East Alabama Mental Health Center and that the only thing that has changed, is the name. Mr. Dickey also stated that the name change was to ensure that Citizens knew that they were not part of the hospital. Mr. Dickey further stated that the difference in their services verses the hospitals is that they provide all services to include Clinical Services, Counseling, Physiatrist Services, 24 Crisis Services and inpatient care, community based case management and they are in schools and literally everywhere. Mr. Dickey stated that they need Phenix City's partnership and that he wants to strengthen the relationship with the City. Mr. Dickey also stated that he is eager to come back and present more information on who they serve and more data as needed. Mr. Dickey further stated that in the Legislative Session, they advocated progressively for expand crisis care especially for Russell County. Mr. Dickey stated that their main center is located across from Chattahoochee Valley Community College and that it is their most comprehensive location. Mr. Dickey provided the Council with data on who they serve in the 11 municipalities and counties with Phenix City at top with 12% and they serve 1,628 Phenix City Citizens. Mr. Dickey stated that 17% of their services are for Phenix City Citizens. Mr. Dickey reviewed additional information on the information provided to Council. Councilmember Gordy inquired as to how they receive referrals for their services. Mr. Dickey stated that they receive them through referrals from law enforcement contacts, emergency rooms, and schools. Councilmember Day inquired as to how long they kept the person in their services. Mr. Dickey stated that it depends on the services that they require but that they receive continued ongoing support. Councilmember Day inquired as to how many volunteers that they have. Mr. Dickey stated that only the board members were volunteers and that all staff are paid. Councilmember Day inquired as to whether they received

grants and Mr. Dickey stated that they do not. Councilmember Bailey inquired as to which age group typically receives the most assistant. Mr. Dickey stated that the 18-50 age group was the most impacted. Councilmember Bailey inquired if people can check themselves in and out of the facilities. Mr. Dickey stated that they do have patients to check themselves and then they evaluate them once in their services. Councilmember Bailey stated that there is a lot of need for these types of services that are not offered anyway else and there is little to no insurance coverage.

Mayor Lowe called upon Katherine Scott to address Council as listed on the Agenda. Ms. Scott stated that she wanted to bring to the attention of the Council her concerns regarding the about a turning lane coming into the St. Andrews and Summerville Subdivisions off Summerville Road. Mr. Scott provided examples of how dangerous and congested in lanes and that something needed to be done for safety. Councilmember Gordy inquired if there was any room to expand on the road. Director of Engineering Angel Moore provided an overview of the evaluation process that they have performed in order to address the issue to determine if it was possible. Councilmember Bailey stated that he would like to see the best option for the safety of everyone that on that road. Mayor Lowe stated that the City Engineer would review the area to determine what the best option will be based on what they can do and the safest alternative.

Mayor Lowe called upon Director of Engineering Angel Moore, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their May 13, 2025 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 Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that Vision Forward will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ladonia Pavilion.
3. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
7. Informed Council that Troy University will hold their Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Informed Council that Parks and Recreations Department will hold the Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo on Thursday, June 12, 2025.
10. Informed Council that the Mayor’s Ball Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025.
11. Advised Council that Fort Benning will hold the Maneuver Centre of Excellence Army Birthday Ball on Saturday, June 14, 2025.
12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
13. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activity Center.

14. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, May 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
15. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
16. Informed Council that the Mayor's Ball will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trade Center.
17. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
18. Advised Council on the upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Green stated that a Citizen in District Two asked her to communicate to Council and the City their appreciation for adding new sidewalks as she is handicap and it is so much easier for her to get around.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 2, 2025.