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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 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, June 2, 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 Vickey Carter Green, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, City Clerk Shannon Davis, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble was not present. Department Heads in attendance: Chief 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 Kristin Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief George Staudinger, Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Director of Engineering Angel Moore, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their May 27, 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, June 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that the Library Lunch & Learn - Creating a Habitat Garden with Native Plants will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 12:00p.m.
3. Advised Council that the Troy Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:15p.m.
5. Advised Council that the Parks and Recreation Annual Youth Fishing Rodeo on June 12, 2025 at 5p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
6. Informed Council that the Mayor's Ball Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025.
7. Advised Council that Fort Benning will hold the Maneuver Centre of Excellence Army Birthday Ball on Saturday, June 14, 2025.
8. 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. Councilmember Gordy out of office on June 16, 2025
9. 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.
10. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

11. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
12. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
13. Informed Council that the Mayor's Ball will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trade Center.
14. 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.
15. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday July 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
16. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day Holiday
17. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
18. Advised Council that the Phenix City / Russell County Library Board will meet on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm.
19. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session meeting to be held on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
20. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
21. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Asso, will meet on Thursday July 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
22. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
23. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Green stated that she will host the Annual District Two meeting prior to the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Green also stated that the Beautification Acknowledgement awards will be preset for Residential, Church and Business of the month District Two;

Councilmember Green, inquired about the status on 13th Street Corridor? Engineering Director Angel Moore stated that everything is going very well at this point and she will give Council updates as the project continues.

Councilmember Green inquired about the status of the railroad tracks up keep on South Railroad Street. Councilmember Green also inquired about the status of the City putting flags up on the light poles. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the railroad is not maintained by the State. City Manager Wallace Hunter also stated that the street light poles aren't capable of holding flags because a special bracket must be placed on the poles.

Councilmember Green inquired as to whether there were any community gardens in Phenix City. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that community gardens are ran by private owners or organizations.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the sidewalk near the old soccer and baseball field on South Railroad Street and if there was a pipe that may be running beneath it. Engineering Director Angel Moore stated that a contractor is addressing the problem.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the River Walk repairs. Engineering Director Angel Moore stated that the project completion is delayed by two weeks due to unforeseen circumstances;

Councilmember Bailey inquired about an update on the 14th Street project. Engineering Director Angel Moore stated that they sent certified letters to residents regarding a delayed project, awaiting more equipment;

Councilmember Day inquired about Sierra Pacific. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that they were in the process of hiring.

Councilmember Day inquired about an update on Raceway Martin Luther King Jr Highway Phenix City, AL 36869. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that it's doing very well at this point and it doesn't seem to need any updating at this moment;

Councilmember Day inquired about an update on the LED lights on Knowles Road. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes stated that the new LED lights are being installed on the baseball field, replacing old unusable ones.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 16, 2025