

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 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, July 14, 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, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Clerk Shannon Davis, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Chief Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore, Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Chief Kristin Kennedy, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief George Staudinger and Utilities Director John Spraggins. City Professionals in attendance: Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick.

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

Councilmember Green led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Director of Engineering/Public Works Angel Moore, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their July 8, 2025 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called for a Point of Privilege. Mayor Lowe stated that there will be a reception for the Mayor's Ball Scholarship recipients on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin-Idle Hour Park Community Center.

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, July 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Informed Council that the Parks and Recreation Department will be holding the Fall Sport Registration on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 through August 15, 2025.
3. Advised Council that the Budget Work Session Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 and Thursday, July 17, 2025 at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center at 9:00 a.m.
4. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
5. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
6. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
7. Informed Council that Food Truck Friday will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025 at Phenix City Lively District located at 1101 5th Avenue, Phenix City.
8. Informed Council that the Parks and Recreation Department will hold their Summer Fun On 5th on Friday, July 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 1505 5th Street South, Phenix City.

9. Informed Council that NAACP will hold their meet the Candidate Forum on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Nichols Chapel AME Church.
10. Advised Council that the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing Budget Work Session will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Public Safety Building.
11. Advised Council that the Housing Abatement Board meeting will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 9:00 am.
12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session meeting to be held on Monday, August 4, 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, August 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
14. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
15. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session meeting to be held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
16. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
17. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
18. Advised Council that the Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.
19. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
20. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the Crowell Park issue is becoming political and that Councilmembers are being verbally attacked because it's election time. Mr. Hunter also stated that the City is doing everything that is within the City's control.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham asked for a verbal Declaration and to go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation for 60 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation for 60 minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. All were in Favor.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 4, 2025.