

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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, August 4, 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, 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 and Utilities Director John Spraggins. City Professionals in attendance: Licensed Engineer Chris Casey and Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Licensed Engineer Chris Casey, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their July 22, 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, August 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Informed Council that the Poll Worker Training class will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
3. Informed Council that the Testing of the Voting Machines will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
5. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, August 18, 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, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
7. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Advised Council that the Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.
10. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on Tuesday evening due to Labor Day Holiday.

12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on Wednesday morning due to Labor Day Holiday.
13. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
14. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, September 15, 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, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5th Street South Youth Center.
16. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
17. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
18. Informed Council that there were no upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Green inquired about an update on South Railroad Street construction. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that South Railroad Street would remain closed due to weather conditions. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the Police Department would maintain school traffic control Thursday morning. Chief of Police George Staudinger stated that in the morning and afternoon they will have police to direct traffic this week and the following week.

Councilmember Green inquired about placing speed limit signs on Ingersoll Drive. Chief of Police George Staudinger stated that he would look into placing a digital speed sign in that area.

Councilmember Bailey congratulated Golf Manager Mike Barber on all the wonderful upgrades to the Golf Course. Councilmember Bailey stated that the staff is doing a great job.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about an update on Moon Lake. Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes stated that the project is in the contractor negotiations phase.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about 14th Street/Streetscapes. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that right now they are in the process of getting with all the property owners to see if they want to donate easements or be compensated for their property.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the grass being cut on the North Bypass in Phenix City. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that they will have the City employees, to go out and clean in that area.

Councilmember Day inquired about an update on Knowles Road. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Public Works Department is working on getting everything cleaned up.

Councilmember Day inquired about an update for the Crowell Parks subdivision and the clean up from the flood that occurred on April 14, 2025. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that everything that can be done by the City has been completed and the area did not flood after the heavy rain last week.

Councilmember Day inquired about the clean up of dumped tires near Mother Mary Mission on South Seale Road. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the citizens in Phenix City have

to request for the tires to get picked up. Licensed Engineer Chris Casey stated that the Public Works Department is doing its best to keep up with it.

Councilmember Day inquired about an update on Austin Sumbry Park. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the Austin Sumbry Park project would take some time or maybe years to complete.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes provided a status update on the Miracle Park Project. Mr. Hughes stated that the work on the new field has begun.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the Food Truck event that was held on July 25, 2025. Director Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan stated that everything went wonderful and we received great feedback from the community.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 18, 2025.