

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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 18, 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 James R. Mckoon Jr., Department Heads in attendance: Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Director of Engineering/Public Works 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. City Professionals in attendance: Deputy Building Official Ricky Carlson, Licensed Engineer Chris Casey and Assistant Police Chief Joseph Weierick.

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

Mayor Lowe 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 August 12, 2025 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon Doleta Crosby Chief Financial Officer of The Living Water Project, to address Council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Crosby came forth to address Council, which she called upon Sirvetus Crosby, Director of The Living Water Project to share information about their organization. Mr. Crosby stated that they want to be a staple to the community and want to be able to help people that have been released from prison or jail to get back on their feet. Ms. Crosby stated that The Living Water Project is looking for a building and financial support. Mayor Lowe inquired if The Living Water Project is a nonprofit organization. Ms. Crosby stated that they are a nonprofit organization. Councilmember Gordy inquired about the length of time the organization has operated in Phenix City. Ms. Crosby stated that they just moved to Phenix City in June and that they have been operating out of Columbus, Georgia. Councilmember Gordy inquired about how incarcerated people can get in contact with them. Mr. Crosby stated that they have partnered with the prisons to come in to speak with the inmates and they can also visit their website at <https://www.thelwproject.org/>.

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 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Wednesday August 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Informed Council that the testing of voting machines will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Old EMA Building
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

5. Advised Council that the Municipal Election and the Phenix City Board of Education Election will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.
6. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
13. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.
14. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

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