

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2026**

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 Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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 Jasponica G. Florence, 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 Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Chief Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore, Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Director Mike Bauer, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Assistant Chief of Police Donnie Thomas, and Director of Utilities John Spraggins. City Professionals in attendance: Licensed Engineer Chris Casey.

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

Councilmember Florence led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Jennifer Davidson to address Council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Davidson thanked the City of Phenix City for allowing them space to hold their Extension Programming for the community. Mr. Mitch Carter provided an overview of the Thriving Communities Active Transportation Plan which is a plan to assist Citizens to walk and ride more safely around the City. Mr. Carter discussed the planning process and the various funding efforts that they have taken for the plan. Mr. Carter provided copies of the plan to all Councilmember's for review. Mr. Carter wanted to bring awareness to the City Council of the plan and what steps they have taken so far in the process. Councilmember Green stated that she would like to schedule some time with them to discuss in more detail and possible collaboration efforts. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Davidson for bringing this before Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken at the Planning Commission Meeting for February 10, 2026.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Shannon Davis who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Advised Council of a scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on Wednesday due to the President's Day Holiday.
2. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Informed Council that the Elected Officials Luncheon will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
5. Advised Council that the Alabama League of Municipalities CMO Regional Training will be Wednesday, February 26, 2026 in Montgomery Alabama.

6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
7. Advised Council of a scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Informed Council that the Mayor's Unity Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.
10. Advised Council that the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference will be held March 16-18, 2026 in Washington DC.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center.
13. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
14. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
15. Informed Council of the upcoming Board Appointments.

City Clerk Shannon Davis reviewed deadline for the upcoming Back to School Sales Tax of April 17, 2026. Ms. Davis advised Council that a voting delegate for the upcoming Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities scheduled for April 28, 2026 needed to be decided.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the City has received numerous questions regarding the Piggly Wiggly store that has announced its closure and that the shopping complex is privately owned and the City has nothing to do with the property.

Mayor Lowe stated that if they were a piano player that they could not play the white keys without playing the black keys and vice versa. Mayor Lowe also stated that in this community regardless of the ethnicity we will continue to have respect and dignity for one another. Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to treat people with respect.

Councilmember Green stated that she believes that they live in one of best cities in the United States. Councilmember Green also stated that so much has changed and that they should look into programs that only enhance what they already have in place and that it should start with children at the elementary level. Councilmember Green congratulated Lorretta Rose for receiving a reward at the Black History Breakfast. Councilmember Green thanked her for her continuing support as a liaison between the City and the Community.

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Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until March 2, 2026.