

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 18, 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 Monday, May 18, 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, City Clerk Shannon Davis and City Attorney James Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Chief Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Chief Kristen Kennedy, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Chief of Police Joseph Weierick, and Director of Utilities John Spraggins. City Professional in attendance: Licensed Engineer Chris Casey.

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

Councilmember Bailey led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe stated that the Planning Commission Meeting for May 12, 2026 was cancelled due to no agenda items.

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, May 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026 has been cancelled.
3. Informed Council that the In Honored Remembrance-Memorial Day 2026 Ceremony will be held at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
4. Informed Council that the Pentecost In The Park will be held at St. John AME Church on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
5. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.
6. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
7. Informed Council that Parks and Recreation will hold a Summer Camp on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the Phenix City Youth Center and Roy Martin Center.
8. Informed Council that the Retirement Reception for Charlotte Baker will be held at the PubWorks meeting room on Thursday, May 28, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
9. Informed Council that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mental Awareness Walk will be held at the Russell County Activity Center on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
11. Informed Council that the Change of Command – US Army Garrison will be held at Marshall Auditorium on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
13. Informed Council that the Phenix City Russell County Library will hold the Unearth A Story-Summer Reading Program on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
14. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
15. Informed Council that the Phenix City Russell County Library will hold the Unearth A Story-Summer Reading Program Finale on Thursday, June 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
16. Informed Council that Parks and Recreation will hold The Summer Fun On 5<sup>th</sup> Event at the Phenix City Youth Sports Complex on Saturday, June 13, 2026 starting at 10:00 a.m.
17. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
18. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activities Center.
19. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026 in observance of Juneteenth/Freedom Day Holiday.
20. Informed Council that Parks and Recreation will hold the Core H.O.R.D.E Festival Revival on Friday, June 19, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. at the Phenix City Amphitheater.
21. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
22. Informed Council of the upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Councilmember Day stated that the road patch that was made on 7<sup>th</sup> Street has become loose again and needs to be fixed.

City Manager Wallace Hunter provided an update on the upcoming road constructions and paving projects for a total of 8.11 miles throughout all three districts.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that there were negative comments on a social media post in regards to the arrest made in the Art Park by the Phenix City Police Officers. Mr. Hunter also stated that Chief of Police Joey Weierick made a media release clarifying the actions taken by the officers and that the Police Department has recordings to prove the justification.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until June 1, 2026.