

Approved as presented to Council on 07/07/26

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 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, June 15, 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 McKoon. 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 Kristen Kennedy, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, Library Director Tammy Henry, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Assistant Chief of Police Donnie Thomas, and Director of Utilities John Spraggins. City Professionals in attendance: Deputy Building Official Ricky Carlson and Licensed Engineer Chris Casey.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe advised that there were no Requests to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken at the Planning Commission Meeting for June 9, 2026.

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

1. Advised Council that the District Two pre-meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Activities Center.
2. Advised Council that the District Two Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Activities Center.
3. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026 in observance of Juneteenth/Freedom Day Holiday.
4. 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.
5. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
6. Informed Council that the VIP Reception for the Phenix City Mayor's Education and Charity Ball will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
7. Informed Council that the Phenix City Mayor's Education and Charity Ball will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the Columbus Trade Center at 7:00 p.m.
8. Advised Council that the City Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.
9. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

10. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
11. Advised Council that the Library Board Meeting will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
12. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
13. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
14. Informed Council that the Phenix City Russell County Library will hold the Unearth A Story-Summer Reading Program Finale on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
15. Informed Council that Councilmember Florence will be out of the office on Monday, July 20, 2026 through Friday, July 24, 2026.
16. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
17. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
18. Informed Council that the Phenix City Mayor's Education and Charity Ball Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Lowe advised that the date is now Thursday, July 30, 2026.
19. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
20. Informed Council of the upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore to provide Council with an overview of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

City Manager Wallace Hunter reviewed information from the Russell County Commission pertaining to budget responsibilities between Phenix City and Russell County for the Russell County/Phenix City Library. Mr. Hunter stated that they have had previous discussions with the Russell County Administration on their lack of appropriate funding of the Library as Phenix City has been funding the majority of the library's expenses and programs. Mr. Hunter also stated that Russell County has benefited from the City's financial success and through the additional gas tax from new businesses within the City as well as additional benefits through the hotels with tourism as the City holds events. Mr. Hunter further stated that they have submitted some support; however, funding from their portion of the library is critical and they have not upheld their financial obligations. Mr. Hunter stated that he will be putting together a plan of action to bring to Council.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Manager Wallace Hunter provided an overview of the pilot Phenix City Summer Youth Career Program that kicked off over the weekend. Mr. Hunter stated that it was a success and that they had eight children start the program and it was a positive experience.

Mayor Lowe encouraged Council to attend the VIP Reception for the Phenix City Mayor's Education and Charity Ball to help thank all of the contributors that have donated to help support these scholarships for the youth.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until July 6, 2026.