

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 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, July 6, 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 McKoon. Department Heads in attendance: Chief Building Official Ray Rogers, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore, Fire Chief Kristin Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Human Resource Specialist Eliza Phillips-Wyatt, Library Director Tammy Henry, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Kristi Goggans, Assistant Chief of Police Donnie Thomas, 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.

Mayor Lowe 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 23, 2026.

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, July 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
2. Advised Council that the Library Board Meeting will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Informed Council that Parks and Recreations will hold the Girls Flag Football Camp at Garrett-Harrison Stadium on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
4. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
5. Advised Council that the Budget Work Session will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
6. Advised Council that the Budget Work Session will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Martin Idle Hour Park Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7. 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 2:00 p.m.
8. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
9. Informed Council that Parks and Recreations will hold the Girls Flag Football Camp at Garrett-Harrison Stadium on Thursday, July 16, 2026 and Friday, July 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
10. Informed Council that Parks and Recreations will hold The Core: A H.O.R.D.E Festival Revival at the Phenix City Amphitheater on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

11. Informed Council that the 2026 CVCC Regional Reception will be held at the Cunningham Center on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
12. Informed Council that the Honorable Eddie N. Lowe will be recognized as a 2026 Diamond Award Laureate and recipient of the Crown Jewel Presidential Diamond Award for Transformational Civic Leadership, Economic Development, Community Empowerment, Humanitarian Service and Public Impact at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of The Academy of the Diamond Awards to be held on Friday, July 17, 2026 at the InterContinental Buckhead IHG, Atlanta, Georgia.
13. Informed Council that Councilmember Florence will be out of the office on Monday, July 20, 2026 through Friday, July 24, 2026.
14. 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.
15. Informed Council that Parks and Recreations will hold the Boys Flag Football Camp at Garrett-Harrison Stadium on Monday, July 20, 2026 through Friday, July 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
16. 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.
17. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
18. Informed Council that the Phenix City Mayor's Education and Charity Ball Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at the Martin Idle Hour Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
19. Advised Council that the Public Hearing for the Budget will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building.
20. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
21. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
22. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
23. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
24. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
25. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.
26. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
27. Informed Council of the upcoming Board Appointments.

Councilmember Green inquired about the status of the Thriving Community Grant and the Safe Streets Grant. Councilmember Green stated that some of the Citizens of District Two wanted to thank the City for all of their hard work and dedication in fixing the roads and improving the conditions for the Citizens. Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore provided an overview of both of the grants and explained how they are utilized. Ms. Moore also provided a status update on the requirements of the grants and the current timelines.

Councilmember Green inquired as to any updates on the 13th Street Corridor work. Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore provided a status update.

Councilmember Day inquired as to an update on the Downtown Lively District. Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan provided a status update and stated that plans have been submitted for review to ensure that the plans meet the cost projections for the project. Councilmember Day also inquired as to if the City can apply for grants to help with the costs. Mr. Culligan stated that it is possible and that they are in the process of researching grant opportunities.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the City and the Parks and Recreation Department for the Independence Day Celebration that was provided to the Citizens. Councilmember Bailey stated that it was a good show and that a lot of people were in attendance.

Councilmember Bailey requested a status update on the Miracle Field Project and the Moon Lake Project. Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Director Kristi Goggans provided a status update for both projects.

Councilmember Green inquired as to the law regarding fireworks within the City limits. Assistant Chief of Police Donnie Thomas stated that no fireworks are allowed within the City limits by Citizens. Chief Thomas also stated that the law is in place for the safety of the police officers as well as Citizens.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about an update to the 14th Street Project. Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore stated that they will be meeting with the City Manager on the offers that they have received and that the next steps would be negotiations with the property owners.

Councilmember Bailey stated that something needs to be done about trash along Riverchase Drive that is coming from the apartment complex when the residents are leaving the bags on their cars and it flies into the road. Councilmember Bailey inquired as to whether a camera could be placed to catch those that are littering. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that Stadium Drive has also gotten worst when it comes to the littering. Mr. Hunter also stated that cameras are something that they can look into to address the issues and that it is a City wide problem.

Councilmember Florence inquired about the Crowell Park Project. Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore provided a status update on the work that has been accomplished. Ms. Moore stated that the City is researching the possibility of applying for a FEMA Grant.

Councilmember Day inquired about the Arthur Sumbry Park Project. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that he has been working with the Building Department to downsize the project plan for the new building and will be bringing the updated information to Council soon.

Councilmember Day inquired about the American Legion Building. City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that the City is not responsible for the building and that he has spoken to several contacts that may be willing to take over the management and clean-up of the building. Mr. Hunter also stated that he wants to encourage local veterans to step up and work together to ensure the building is maintained.

Councilmember Day stated that there was a large hole and a water leak and bushes that are growing out onto 2nd Street and 14th Court. City Manager Wallace Hunter instructed the Public Works Department to research the issue.

Engineering/Public Works Director Angel Moore provided a review of the Resurfacing Project for Council. Mayor Lowe stated that the City has a Strategic Plan in place for repaving the roads.

Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation for 30 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Florence seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 4:49 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:17 p.m.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until July 20, 2026.