

MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2024

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members of Council were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Vickey Carter was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Attorney Jim McKoon, and City Clerk Shannon Davis.

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

Pastor Don Abrams of Trinity United Methodist Church delivered the invocation as listed on the agenda.

Mayor Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain and City Manager Wallace Hunter presented employee service recognitions to Bennie Cochran – 5 years, Joshua Smith – 10 years, Stephanie Legieza – 5 years, Antwan Booker – 5 years, Stacey Fluellen – 5 years, and Tracey Roberts – 25 years.

Mayor Lowe presented the regularly scheduled meeting minutes of the July 15, 2024 Work Session Meeting and July 16, 2024 Council Meeting for approval. Councilmember Day moved to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated there was no unfinished business to address at this time.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution 2024-143 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to hire Warr Grading Contractor Inc., to repair a portion of the 13th Place Sanitary Sewer Main.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-143

Councilmember Bailey moved to ratify the resolution which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented Resolution 2024-144 to be ratified in reference to authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program for a consultant to perform a planning study along the Crawford Road/13th Street Corridor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-144

Councilmember Day moved to ratify the resolution which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to approving and adopting the proposed budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-145

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice setting an Administrative Hearing for Revocation of Business License for Epic Sports Bar and Grill.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice setting a date for Public Hearing in reference to a request to vacate a portion of an unnamed street right of way located near the intersection of 11th Place and 28th Avenue.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Public Notice setting a date for Public Hearing in reference to a request to vacate a portion of the right of way of Mill View Drive.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the public notice, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to accepting a quote from C&G Heating and Air, LLC and authorizing the grant match increase with ADECA for the HVAC upgrades to the C-Club Gym.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-146

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a resolution in reference to authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Manager to sign engagement agreements with Maynard Nexsen for Arbitrage/Rebate Calculation services for the City's outstanding revenue warrants as needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-147

Councilmember Day moved to approve the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe stated that now was the time for a public hearing in reference to an ordinance to de-annex 30.36+/- acres of land located at 300 Colin Powell Parkway from R-2 Zone (Medium Density Residential District) to an M-1 Zone (General Manufacturing District), Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. owner. Mayor Lowe stated that anyone wishing to address council should come forward and do so at this time. Neither hearing nor seeing anyone come forward, Mayor Lowe declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Lowe presented for second reading an Ordinance to de-annex 30.36 +/- acres tract of land located at 300 Colin Powell Parkway from R-2 Zone (Medium Density Residential District) to an M-1 Zone (General Manufacturing District), Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. owner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

Councilmember Day moved to approve the Ordinance which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented a Statutory Review Request of Kevin Harris, Owner (Authorized Agent Troy D. McVey) to use property located at 1203-A 4th Place South for a telecommunications facility. Mayor Lowe called upon Engineering Director Angle Moore to explain what the statutory review entails. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the statutory review request, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Mayor Lowe presented two Itemized Statement of Expenses for Peyton Fowler of the Fire Department in the total amount of \$59.61. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expenses in the total amount of \$59.61, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented an Itemized Statement of Expense for Christopher Kimbro of the Fire Department in the amount of \$25.05. Councilmember Gordy moved to approve the Itemized

Statement of Expense in the total amount of \$25.05, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

Mayor Lowe presented three Itemized Statement of Expenses for Ryan Smith of the Fire Department in the total amount of \$107.46. Councilmember Day moved to approve the Itemized Statement of Expenses in the total amount of \$107.46, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Gordy. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmembers Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAINS: None. The motion passed.

City Attorney Jim McKoon presented a claim against the City of Phenix City, filed by Arthur Hatcher. Mr. McKoon stated that on July 10, 2024, a vehicle backed up and hit and damaged the claimants' mailbox. Mr. McKoon recommended approving the claim in the lowest estimate of \$1,250.00. Councilmember Day moved to approve the claim as presented, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Bailey. Upon said motion being put to a vote, the following vote was recorded: YEAS: Councilmember Day, Bailey, Gordy, and Mayor Lowe. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. The motion thus passed.

Councilmember Gordy encouraged everyone to be safe and mindful of traffic now that school is going to be back in session.

Mayor Lowe thanked Council, the Department Heads and the community.

There being no further business to address, the meeting thus adjourned until August 20, 2024.