

**CALLED MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2017**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met for a called work session at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, the 17th day of April, 2017 in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12th Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Johnnie C. Robinson, Jr. was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham, City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich, Finance Director Steve Smith, City Engineer Angel Moore, Police Chief R.J. Smith. Phenix City Historical Commission Chairperson Steve Franklin was present. Members of the media were also present. The purpose of the meeting was to review Historic Preservation Maps.

There being a quorum present Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting by calling upon Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Steve Franklin. Mr. Franklin presented a map of Phenix City with the current Historic Districts marked as well as proposed new areas to include cemeteries and old confederate forts and Native American lands. There was discussion on various buildings in the Historic District.

City Engineer Angel Moore passed out the Comprehensive Plan Map that shows the Historic Districts that are recognized by the National Register of Historic Places and the Alabama Register.

Chairperson Steve Franklin asked that council approve the Historic Preservation Map as presented. Mayor Lowe asked Steve Franklin if all the places marked on the Comprehensive Plan Map were marked on the Historic Preservation Map that Mr. Franklin passed out. Mr. Franklin advised he was not sure.

Finance Director Stephen Smith arrived at 2:08 for the meeting.

Finance Director Stephen Smith advised an ordinance is already in place (Ord. No. 94-64) outlining the Historic District. Chairperson Steve Franklin advised he was unaware of the ordinance and he asked for a copy. Finance Director Stephen Smith advised he would get a copy of the Ordinance to council.

Finance Director Stephen Smith advised once property is declared in a Historic District, nothing can be changed without the Historic Preservation Commission's approval. Mr. Smith discussed restrictions on properties in historic districts.

Chairperson Steve Franklin advised he has gone house to house in the Historic District and spoken with the homeowners about their property lying in the Historic District and what that entails.

Finance Director Steve Smith suggested updating the ordinance prior to declaring an area a historic district.

City Engineer Angel Moore will gather all the Historical District data together and layer it on a map for council's review. City Engineer Angel Moore requested a copy of Mr. Franklin's map.

Chairperson Steve Franklin asked council for a permanent meeting location. He advised they need a permanent location to store their records. He asked for the city to provide the old band room at the Central Activities Center Annex Building. He advised he has already filled out Parks and Recreation Application for this location for May 3, 2017 from 2 till 3 and he advised them to bill the city for the rental fee. Mayor Lowe advised there is a correct process that needs to be followed. Mayor Lowe asked City Manager Wallace Hunter to look over this request.

Mayor Lowe thanked Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Steve Franklin for coming to speak with council.

Councilmember Griff Gordy asked to speak with council regarding an appropriation request from Ms. Gina Harper regarding the Miss Phenix City Scholarship Pageant. He passed out a letter and information regarding the organization and advised they are a 501(3)c and they need financial help. Finance Director Stephen Smith looked over the handout and advised he will add them to the appropriation requests for the upcoming 2018 Budget.

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting adjourned.