

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 17, 2017**

The members of the City Council of the City of Phenix City, Alabama met in a regularly scheduled work session at 3:00 pm, Monday, July 17, 2017 in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building located at 601 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Phenix City, Alabama. Upon roll call the following members were present: Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember 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 and City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kristen Kennedy, Assistant Library Director Reanna Ramsey, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police Ray Smith, and Utilities Engineer John Spraggins.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr.

Mayor Lowe called upon Christy Cahalan with AECOM to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Cahalan came forward to introduce herself and Planner Mandy Phillips to discuss the ADA Transition Plan. Ms. Cahalan stated that the ADA Transition Plan is a Federal Act that requires people with disabilities to not be discriminated against. Ms. Cahalan went over the Title 2 plan that goes along with the ADA Transition Plan which states that all cities or public entities with fifty employees must do a self-evaluation and prepare a transition plan to get all of the facilities services in compliance with the Act. Ms. Cahalan further stated that they concentrated on public rights-of-ways within the City of Phenix City roads, sidewalks, curbs and ramps. Ms. Cahalan stated that AECOM created an ADA Policy statement with the help of City staff. Ms. Cahalan advised that City Building Official Gil Griffith was named as the ADA Coordinator. Ms. Cahalan advised that the information as also been posted to the City of Phenix City website for viewing. Ms. Cahalan discussed that eventually the city will have to look at their services, programs, buildings and actual facilities as well to make sure there are no compliance issues. Ms. Cahalan stated that the ADA Coordinator Gil Griffith will be handling the grievance procedure. She explained that if a citizen within the City of Phenix City is aware of an issue that is not in compliance with the Act, if they have an issue it has to go through a process to file a complaint. She also stated that there is also a process on how the complaints are addressed; which is also listed in the plan. Ms. Cahalan went over the Field Inventory plan which she and her staff went out in the City of Phenix City area evaluating every sidewalk, curb and ramps for compliance. Mr. Cahalan informed council that there is now a layer in the GIS system and if someone calls in with a complaint the Engineering Department can pull up that layer and click on the actual point to view the area. City Engineer Angel Moore explained that the City of Phenix City has allocated \$100,000.00 a year strictly for improvements to the sidewalks. Mayor Lowe asked what was the timeframe on completing the areas and Ms. Cahalan stated that it will take about twenty years from 2017. City Engineer Angel Moore stated that her Department will

be focusing on the Government Buildings first starting with the Library area and Parks and Recreation. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Cahalan for coming to speak with council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to review the actions taken by the Planning Commission during the July 11, 2017 meeting.

City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich reviewed the July and August, 2017 calendars with council. Ms. Goodrich informed council that the Downtown Redevelopment Meeting that was scheduled for July 20, 2017 was cancelled due to no agenda items.

City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich reminded Council of the Grand Opening for the new section of the Zip Line on July 20, 2017. Ms. Goodrich went over the public hearing for the 2017-2018 budget meeting that will be held on August 10, 2017. Ms. Goodrich also informed Council that there will be a United Way Kick-Off Luncheon held on August 31, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Trade Center.

Ms. Goodrich also reminded Council of the Alabama League classes that will be held through the month of September.

City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich reviewed the upcoming Phenix City Public Building Authority expirations with council. Ms. Goodrich informed Council that Mr. Sidney Battle, Jr. would like to serve again.

Mayor Lowe discussed Agenda Items with Council.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed claims on the agenda with council.

City Manager Wallace Hunter went over the monthly utility rates in the surrounding area and the misinformation that has been sent out to the citizens from the Board of Realtors Association.

Utilities Director Steve Smith went over the ADEM report that shows the various water and sewer systems that are included in their study. Mr. Smith went over the bill comparison report from ADEM which stated that the City of Phenix City has among the lowest rates for water for high volume users in the State of Alabama. Mr. Smith stated that it is an economic development tool to bring jobs into the city.

Todd Hughes with Parks and Recreation discussed that the White Water Classic event held on September 9, 2017 will be filmed this year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2017.