

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2017**

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 Tuesday, September 5, 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 were present: Councilmembers Arthur L. Day, Jr., Steve Bailey, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember R. Griff Gordy was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy McKoon and City Clerk Charlotte L. Goodrich. Department Heads in attendance were Chief Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, Interim Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Rescue Service Chief Kristin Kennedy, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Library Director Michelle Kilday, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, and Chief of Police Ray Smith.

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

The invocation was led by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe called upon Ms. Latonya Conway to address council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Conway and her husband were present to request to be annexed into Phenix City, specifically to allow her child, who is attending South Girard, to be picked up by the school bus at (or nearer to) her home. Ms. Conway resides in Misty Forest Subdivision. Ms. Conway explained the bus stops one street over from her home and her child has to walk to the bus stop and wait alone for the bus. Her child is the only one on the street on that bus at that time and she is concerned for the safety of her child waiting at the bus stop alone. Mayor Lowe stated that at this time there is a moratorium on annexations and he advised Ms. Conway contact the Superintendent at the Phenix City Board of Education to speak with Mr. Wilkes about the bus route. Council thanked Ms. Conway for coming to address council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Tim Simpson with Barrett-Simpson Engineering to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Simpson spoke to council on behalf of a request to de-annex submitted by Mr. Colby Rasmus. Mr. Rasmus owns 22 acres of land and is requesting to de-annex to house his farm animals. City Engineer Angel Moore stated the Engineering Department has no objection to Mr. Rasmus request to de-annex. Mayor and Council advised Mr. Simpson to get with the Engineering Department to start the process. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Tim Simpson for coming to address council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer/Public Works Director Angel Moore to review with Council actions taken during the August 22, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Charlotte Goodrich to review the September and October, 2017 calendars with Council and the Board Appointments. Ms. Goodrich reminded council of the September 19, 2017 council meeting being held at 5th Street South Youth Center at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Goodrich reviewed with Council the expired terms of Ryan Hope with the

Housing Abatement Board. Ms. Goodrich also advised council of the upcoming expiration of the Improvement District Brickyard Project, Improvement District Grand Reserve Project and the Tree Commission with council.

Councilmember Day asked about the progress of 5th Street South. City Engineer Angel Moore stated that the Right-of-Way Bureau and ALDOT have sent out evaluations and the city is hoping that there will be a response to either donate the property for the value that the city has come up with. Ms. Moore further stated that if that does not work the next step is condemnation process.

Councilmember Bailey asked Utility Director Stephen Smith to update him on the Boring Project on Riverchase Drive. Mr. Smith stated that there will be pipes inserted and tested and the project should be finished in about three weeks.

Councilmember Day asked for an update on the property flooding in St. Andrews. City Engineer Angel Moore stated that an undersized pipe, 18" pipe, was tied into a 42" pipe which inserted causing the overflow/flooding issue. Ms. Moore further stated that no water entered the home, but that is an issue that will have to be corrected. Ms. Moore stated the city is continuing to try to resolve some of the flooding issues in Crowell Park as well.

Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor presented the Lakewood Golf Course Departmental Review for council. Ms. Taylor discussed the composition of the department, the direction, and the services the Golf Course offers.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes informed council of the scheduled WhiteWater Classic Press Conference with Tuskegee and Albany University that will be held on September 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Lowe next began a review of the agenda items with council.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Monday, September 18, 2017.