

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 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 Monday, November 6, 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: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember Griff Gordy and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham and Acting City Clerk Melony Lee. 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, Fire Rescue Service Chief Kristin Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Library Director Michelle Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Pam Jarrell, Human Resources 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 Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe called upon Sam Singer to address Council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Singer came forward to introduce Mobility Worldwide of East Alabama and West Georgia. He advised it is a nonprofit organization that uses public and private partners to produce mobility carts that are hand powered. He further explained that the organization distributes the mobility carts free of charge to those in developing countries. He presented a short video for council to view that showed the mobility carts helping people. After the video, Mr. Singer asked the city for help by providing a place to have a woodworking class so that the organization's volunteers would have a place to make the wooden parts for the mobility carts. Mayor Lowe advised that the partnerships the city enters into have been for Economic Development. He further explained that the city would have to consider the liability of such a partnership. After some discussion, it was suggested to Mr. Singer to contact Mr. Jason Sassor with Central High School's vocational shop. Mr. Singer thanked Council for their information. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Singer for coming.

Mayor Lowe called upon Alla Lopez to address Council as listed on the agenda. Ms. Lopez came forward with her complaint of the traffic situation on Iona Drive. She explained her main concern is for the safety of her children when they are outside playing. She advised there is a blind curve and a steep hill. Ms. Lopez passed out a hand drawn map of the area discussed. She requested speed bumps, sidewalks, and a reduction in the speed limit to 10 mph from 30 mph. Mayor Lowe called upon Police Chief Ray Smith. Chief Smith advised that Iona Drive is in the Leisure Village area. He advised that speed bumps are on private drives. He further advised that in the last five years only one accident with injury involving a mailbox has been reported. The few other accidents involved vehicles backing out and hitting parked vehicles. Only five traffic citations have been written and four complaints of speeding in the

area. He advised the area does not get a lot of through traffic. He recommended reducing the speed to 25 mph. He advised he would get with Engineering to do a traffic study for the need of a stop sign. The police will patrol more often and use radar. The most traffic flow is in the morning and evening when people are coming/going to work. Ms. Lopez advised this is a temporary solution. Mayor Lowe asked Ms. Lopez to give the Police Chief's suggestions a chance to work. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Lopez for coming.

Mayor Lowe recognized Mr. Robert Faherty, with the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth League Organization, and called upon him with council's consent to address council. Mr. Faherty advised he is here to answer any questions council may have regarding the contract between the city and the league. He advised how he heard of Phenix City and how impressed he was with the city. He advised that all the teams in the playoff will stay in Phenix City and visit the restaurants in the city as well. He explained the contract and what is expected from the City and what is expected from the League. He further advised that the games are live streamed. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Faherty for coming.

Mayor Lowe advised there was no Planning Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Mayor Lowe called upon Acting City Clerk Melony Lee to review the November and December, 2017 calendars with Council. Ms. Lee reminded council of the School of Instruction for Poll Workers to be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017; the voting machine testing on Thursday, November 9, 2017; Veteran's Day Holiday on Friday, November 10, 2017; and the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

The following items were discussed:

1. Update on the Village at Crosswinds.
2. Update on the Riverchase Project.

City Manager Wallace Hunter called upon Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan. Mr. Culligan advised council that JVL Laboratories, Inc. had sent a letter to the state and copied it to the city, asking for a time extension on their tax abatement; nothing else had changed.

City Manager Wallace Hunter called upon City Engineer Angle Moore. Ms. Moore advised that the Delta Regional Authority had an audit conducted and they needed the city to confirm that grant funds were received. Finance Director Steve Smith advised that the city did receive the grant funds.

Mayor Lowe discussed agenda items with council.

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

Chief of Police Ray Smith advised that the observance of Halloween will be October 31, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Mayor Lowe called for an Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss Economic Development and good name and character from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Bailey made a motion to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:00pm.

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:47pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2017.