

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 2, 2018**

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, April 2, 2018 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 Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter, City Attorney Jimmy Graham and City Clerk Melony Lee. Department Heads in attendance were: Building Official Gil Griffith, Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, Engineering Director Angel Moore, Utilities Director Stephen Smith, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Manager Julie Taylor, Library Director Michele Kilday, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Personnel Director Stephanie Chastain, Chief of Police R. J. Smith, Utilities Engineer John Spraggins, Municipal Court Deputy Clerk Ruby White, and Administrative Assistant Shannon Davis.

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

The invocation was led by Councilmember Gordy.

Mayor Lowe called upon Dewayne Richardson to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Richardson came forward to address council as listed on the agenda. Mr. Richardson discussed the public dedication of Richmond Park Drive to make way for the Homeownership Conversion Plan for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. Mayor Lowe advised Mr. Richardson that his name was not on any paperwork so Mayor Lowe was not going to discuss the program any further. Mr. Richardson could get back with Mayor and Council when the other persons were present to answer any questions that might arise. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that the Planning Commission had advised back in 2004 that the roads did not meet city requirements. City Engineer Angel Moore advised that the Richmond Park Drive project and the added sewage were not dedicated to the public. Councilmember Day added that the city would not accept a concrete street. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised that all the housing was built on dirt roads. The street is not built to the specifications of the city. City Engineer Angel Moore advised that the Planning Commission meetings advised that the streets in questions did not need to be dedicated to being a city street. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised the original plans did not have the street ever being dedicated to the city. City Engineer Angel Moore advised that the concrete roads are very hard to maintain or repair. Mr. Richardson asked Mayor and Council what it would take for the road to be dedicated to the city. City Engineer Angel Moore advised that the roads must be constructed per the city requirements. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised Mr. Richardson to build the road to the city's specifications and the street could be dedicated like it was supposed to be done. Mayor Lowe thanked Dewayne Richardson for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Engineer Angel Moore to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their March 27, 2018 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Melony Lee to review the March and April calendars with Council. City Clerk Lee also advised Mayor and Council of the following:

1. Amended Agenda for April 3,2018:

- a. minutes correction for March 20, 2018 City Council meeting.
  - b. Two resolutions added under Administration.
  - c. Peach Engineering has wrong amount listed.
2. Gave out Parks and Recreation tickets to Mayor and Council
  3. Asked if anyone needs help with their Economic Interests Forms.
  4. Gave out new name tags.
  5. Advised of the Ribbon Cutting for the Riverwalk Restrooms directly after tomorrow's City Council meeting.
  6. Advised of the upcoming Phenix City Housing Authority Board Appointment (in May) of Steve Pace.
    - a. Council asked the Clerk's Office to contact Mr. Pace to see if he would like to serve again.
    - b. Mayor Lowe asked that Council turn names into the Clerk's Office for interviews.

Mayor and Council discussed with City Manager Wallace Hunter the city policy on constructing public roads and the proper way to make sure that they are done correctly as per city codes and regulations.

Councilmember Johnson discussed the following:

1. Building Department - was there an increase in inspections? Building Official Gil Griffith advised that it will increase due to the buying and selling of houses. City Manager Wallace Hunter advised Mayor and Council it depended if the buyer wanted an existing home or a new home.
2. Update on the Highway 80 project.
3. Applying online when doing an employment application. Human Resources Stephanie Chastain advised that an individual could already apply online.

Councilmember Gordy discussed the following:

1. Riverchase traffic signal.
2. Handicap rails at the golf course.

Councilmember Day discussed the following:

1. Number of condemned housing.
2. The Cutrate Road project.
3. The Highway 431 project.
4. Last hearing on the demolition properties.
5. The Splash Pad at Southside Park.
6. The update of various parks in District Three.

Councilmember Bailey discussed a letter from the Mayor of Smiths Station sent out to Lee County Residents. Councilmember Bailey discussed grease trap letter questions from restaurant owners.

Council took a 5 minute break.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

Fire Chief Kris Kennedy advised Mayor and Council of the classification from ISO. The City of Phenix City is now a 2/9 split classification.

Mayor Lowe advised Council needed to enter into Executive Session for good name and character and possible litigation for 45 minutes, Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Day. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2018.