

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2020

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, March 16, 2020, 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 Vickey Carter Johnson, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Steve Bailey was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace B. Hunter and City Clerk Melony Lee. City Attorney Jimmy Graham was present by the way of conference call and live stream via City Website. 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 Kris Kennedy, Golf Course Director Mike Barber, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks & Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Police Chief Ray Smith, Graduate Engineer John Spraggins and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Charles Woody. Department Heads in attendance by the way of live stream via City Website were: Finance Director Labrita King Copeland, Human Resources Director Stephanie Chastain, and Library Director Michele Kilday.

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

The invocation was led by Mayor Lowe.

Mayor Lowe advised there were no Requests to Address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Angel Moore, City Engineer, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their March 10, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Melony Lee who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Reminded Council that the March 17, 2020 Council Meeting will be held at Martin Idle Hour Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
2. Informed Council that the Alabama Bicentennial Statue Dedication at Troy University on March 27, 2020 has been postponed due to Coronavirus Outbreak.
3. Advised Council that Mayor Lowe's "Thank you" Luncheon will be held on April 23, 2020.
4. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.

Mayor Lowe called upon the City Clerk Melony Lee and Chief of Police Ray Smith to go over the Items for Discussion regarding Public Records Request. Ms. Lee stated that several public record request have been coming through the City Clerk's office requesting Police Records and information. Ray Smith, Chief of Police stated that there is a misconception that all Police records are public records. Chief Smith also stated that 911 tapes, investigated reports, investigated files, court recording and some court documents and day to day finance records are all protected by law and cannot be released without a subpoena. The Proposed Resolution will update Resolution No. 2018-300 and identify the records that are not public record. Council advised to place the resolution on the April 7, 2020 Council Agenda.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham reviewed agenda claims with Council.

Angel Moore, City Engineer, stated that starting March 17, 2020, 5th Street South will be closed to through traffic. Ms. Moore also stated that residence of 5th Street South can park on one side of the road to obtain access to their homes while the other side of the road is being paved.

Angel Moore, City Engineer, stated that the Opelika Road Bridge Project will begin March 23, 2020. Ms. Moore also stated that the bridge will be closed for approximately nine months. Ms. Moore further stated that detours and alternate routes are listed on the City's website.

City Attorney Jimmy Graham asked for an Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character for 45 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn.

Councilmember Gordy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character for 45 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Day seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 3:45 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:22 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020.