

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 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, November 2, 2020, at the Central Activity Center located at 1500 14th 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 Clerk Melony Lee, City Attorney James McKoon, and Acting City Manager Chief Ray Smith. City Manager Wallace Hunter and Assistant City Manager Stephen Smith were not present. Department Heads in attendance by video conference were: Building Official Gil Griffith, City Engineer Angel Moore, IT Manager Mike Bauer, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Golf Manager Mike Barber, Library Director Michele Kilday, Municipal Court Clerk Ruby White, Parks & Recreation Director Todd Hughes and Director of Human Resources Stephanie Chastain.

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

Mayor Lowe led the invocation.

Steve Pace led Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lowe called upon Steve Pace to address council, as listed on the agenda. Mr. Pace came forward to address Council. Mr. Pace stated that on behalf of the Phenix City Housing Authority and the Board of Directors, he is proud to present the new Executive Director Dr. Jason T. Whitehead. Mr. Pace also stated that Dr. Whitehead has been with the Phenix City Housing Authority since September of this year and is very excited and looks forward to working with Mayor and Council for the betterment of all of Phenix City. Mr. Pace further stated that Dr. Whitehead has many years of experience in public housing authority. Mayor Lowe gave Dr. Whitehead a point of privilege to speak. Dr. Whitehead stated that he wants to collaborate with council and create a wonderful community and quality of life. Dr. Whitehead thanked Council and looks forward to working with each of them. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Pace for coming to speak with Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Angel Moore, City Engineer, to discuss the actions taken by the Planning Commission at their October 27, 2020 meeting.

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

1. Advised Council that the Newly Elected School Board Swearing in Ceremony will be held on November 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Advised Council that City Offices will be closed on November 11, 2020 in observance of Veterans Day.
3. Reminded Council that the next regular scheduled Work Session will be held on November 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. by Zoom Video Conferencing.
4. Reminded Council that the next City Council Meeting will be held on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom Video Conferencing.
5. Reminded Council that the National League of Cities Convention Virtual Summit will be held November 18, 2020 through November 21, 2020.

6. Advised Council that City offices will be closed November 26, 2020 and November 27, 2020 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holidays.
7. Reminded Council that the regular scheduled Work Session held on November 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. will be by Zoom Video Conferencing.
8. Reminded Council that the City Council Meeting held on December 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. will be by Zoom Video Conferencing.
9. Reminded Council that the regular scheduled Work Session held on December 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. will be by Zoom Video Conferencing
10. Reminded Council that the City Council Meeting held on December 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. will be by Zoom Video Conferencing.
11. Advised Council that City Offices will be closed on December 24, 2020 and December 25, 2020 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.
12. Reviewed upcoming board appointments.
13. Discussed with Council an Ordinance in reference to the 2021 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday. Council advised to place the Ordinance on the November 17, 2020 Council agenda.

Councilmember Day inquired about the reopening of Arthur Sumbry Park. Todd Hughes, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that he is unsure of exactly when the park will reopen but repairs are being made and the estimated time of reopening is next year.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

City Attorney James McKoon reviewed agenda claims with Council.

City Attorney James McKoon asked for an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation for 30 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn.

Councilmember Day moved to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation for 30 minutes, from which the meeting would adjourn. Councilmember Gordy seconded said motion. All were in favor.

Council went into Executive Session at 3:37 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:07 p.m.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2020.