

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2024**

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, September 16, 2024, in the Council Chambers located within the Public Safety Building at 1111 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama 36867. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Councilmember Arthur L. Day, Jr., Councilmember Steve Bailey, Councilmember R. Griff Gordy, and Mayor Eddie N. Lowe. Councilmember Vickey F. Carter was not present. Also present were City Manager Wallace Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble, City Clerk Shannon Davis, and City Attorney Jimmy Graham. Department Heads in attendance: Economic Development Manager Shaun Culligan, City Engineer Angel Moore, Graduate Civil Engineer Chris Casey, Finance Director Labrita King-Copeland, Fire Chief Kris Kennedy, Human Resource Director Stephanie Chastain, IT Director Mike Bauer, Library Director Tammy Henry, Parks & Recreation Director Todd Hughes, Chief of Police George Staudinger, Public Safety Director Ray Smith, and Utilities Director John Spraggins.

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

Councilmember Day led the invocation.

Mayor Lowe called upon Michael Jones to address Council, as listed on the agenda. Mr. Jones came forward to address Council. Mr. Jones stated that his complaints are in regards to leaks in the road on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that the grass and upkeep are not being done on city owned property. Mayor Lowe stated that the City has a list of water leaks throughout the City, and are working on getting them prepared. Mayor Lowe thanked Mr. Jones for coming to address Council.

Mayor Lowe called upon Jamie Thomas, Enrichment Services Program, Inc., to address Council, as listed on the agenda. Ms. Thomas came forward to address Council. Ms. Thomas elaborated on what the Enrichment Services Program entails. Ms. Thomas stated that this year is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the program. Ms. Thomas also provided a brief description of what the Enrichment Services Program has to offer along with their vision and the mission for the community. Mayor Lowe inquired to Ms. Thomas if her program was part of the Russell Macon Community Action. Ms. Thomas stated that they are separate entities but work closely together for the good of the community. Mayor Lowe thanked Ms. Thomas 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 September 10, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Lowe called upon City Clerk Shannon Davis who discussed the following with Mayor and Council:

1. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street South Youth Center.
2. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
3. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 24 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
4. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

5. Informed Council that the United Way Lunch and Learn “Early Childhood Development” Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at the United Way Community Room.
6. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.
7. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building.
8. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
9. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold the Breakfast and Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
10. Informed Council that City Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 in observance of Columbus Day Holiday.
11. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Work Session to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Tuesday afternoon due to the Columbus Day Holiday.
12. Advised Council of a regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. This meeting will be held on a Wednesday morning due to the Columbus Day Holiday.
13. Advised Council that the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
14. Advised Council that the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
15. Advised Council that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.
16. Informed Council that the East Alabama Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
17. Reviewed upcoming Board Appointments.

Mayor Lowe went over the agenda items.

Mayor Lowe asked that Assistant City Manager Chan Gamble speak on the business and liquor licenses for Yavondria Johnson, TKJ & Companies, LLC dba Intuition Lounge. Mr. Gamble stated that Ms. Johnson has falsified some of the information on the application and provided details of the falsification. Mr. Gamble also stated that Chief of Police George Staudinger updated his memo and recommended denial of the business license.

City Manager Wallace Hunter stated that he is going to acknowledge some of the city's first responders at the regular council meeting on September 17, 2024 in honor of 9/11.

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

Council went into Executive Session at 4:08 p.m.

Council came out of Executive Session at 4:56 p.m.

Mayor Lowe stated that there being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2024.