



AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2025

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Roll Call**
 - 3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 4. Approval of minutes:**
 - A. October 6, 2025
 - 5. Mayor's comments:**
 - A. Proclamation recognizing the 100th anniversary of Wilson Dam and honoring the Tennessee Valley Authority's service to the City of Muscle Shoals.
 - 6. Comments of the public:**
 - 7. Reports of Officers:**
 - 8. Hearing on petitions, applications, appeals communications, etc.:**
 - 9. Financial reports:**
 - 10. Resolutions, ordinances, orders & other business:**
 - A. Resolution – Asphalt (2025–2026): Adopt a resolution awarding the annual asphalt and binder bid for fiscal year 2025–2026 to Rogers Group, Inc. as primary and APAC-Alabama, Inc. as secondary
 - B. Resolution – Coarse Aggregates (2025–2026): Adopt a resolution awarding the annual coarse aggregates bid for fiscal year 2025–2026 to Rogers Group, Inc.
 - C. Resolution to appoint an individual to the Tourism Board to fill an expired term, with the new term ending October 2028
 - D. Resolution approving purchase equipment for Parks & Recreation, Cypress Lakes Golf Course, Public Works, and Storm Drainage totaling Mayor's Special Trust Account
- Next meeting:
- A. Special Called Meeting on October 30, 2025, at 3:30
Regular Scheduled Organizational Meeting on November 3, 2025

Any person wishing to appear at the meeting shall notify the Clerk's office by 3 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting of their intent to speak and the subject matter they wish to address at the meeting.

Appointed Vacancies:

BOARD VACANCIES	EXPIRED/UNEXPIRED	TERM ENDS

Applications are available at City Hall or on our website by going to Government and clicking on Board Information.

Work Session Agenda
October 20, 2025 5:00 PM

- A. Superintendent Dr. Chad Holden and Dr. Mallory Kincaid to present the State of the Schools
- B. Nathan Estates Residents (Fran Simpson) – to address the Council regarding landscaping and pond conditions in Nathan Estates, including dead trees, damaged fencing, and related safety and maintenance concerns.
- C. Agenda Items

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2025 – City Hall Council Chambers

Work Session: Began at 5:00 p.m. and concluded at 6:08 p.m.

Council Meeting: Began at 6:08 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Ken Sockwell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Council Members Hall, Clark, Thompson, Sockwell, and Linley.

Council President Ken Sockwell presided. Mayor Mike Lockhart was present. City Clerk Brittney Walker was present and recorded the minutes.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Dr. Chad Holden. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Ken Sockwell.

4. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Hall moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2025 meeting. Councilman Linley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Lockhart congratulated the City of Muscle Shoals on being recognized as one of the most affordable cities in Alabama, noting this recognition reflects the City's commitment to strong financial management and community service.

6. Comments of the Public

None

7. Reports of Officers

A. Court Clerk Jennifer Thorp was unable to attend due to illness. Her proposal to increase the Driving School program fee will be rescheduled.

B. City Clerk Brittney Walker presented a proposal to add a Pump and Equipment Maintenance Operator position in the Storm Drainage Department. Councilman Thompson moved to approve the new position, Councilman Linley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. City Clerk Brittney Walker, at the request of Council President Sockwell, presented an ordinance for the first reading to increase the municipal lodging tax from 3% to 10%. The ordinance will be considered on October 20, 2025, with an effective date of December 1, 2025.

D. Finance Officer Jazmin Casto presented the updated Financial Institution Council Report reflecting the 2025 analysis of the City's General Fund. The report was received for information; no action was taken.

8. Hearings, Applications, Appeals, and Communications

A. Set public hearing for rezoning Dalton Estates for November 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Set public hearing for ROW vacation for Wilson Dam Properties, LLC for November 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

C. A public hearing was held for Fuji 168, 2101 Woodward Avenue, Suite ___, for Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine licenses. No one spoke in opposition. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Hall – Aye

Clark – Aye

Thompson – Aye

Sockwell – Aye

Linley – Aye

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Financial Reports

None

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Resolution 3387-25 Authorizing Purchases for City Departments from the Mayor's Special Trust Account was presented. Councilman Thompson moved for approval, Councilman Linley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The total authorized purchases amounted to \$254,717.56.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on October 20, 2025.

Board Vacancies

Colbert County Convention & Tourism Board – 1 expired term (term ending October 2028). Applications are available at City Hall and on the City's website under Government → Board Information.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

A Municipal Corporation

Council Member – Place One

Council Member – Place Two

Council Member – Place Three

Council Member – Place Four

Council Member – Place Five

ATTEST:

Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Date: October 6, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Chris Hall, Gina Clark, Willis Thompson, Ken Sockwell, Donnie Linley

Absent: None

Council President Ken Sockwell presided. Mayor Mike Lockhart was present. City Clerk Brittney Walker was present and recorded the minutes.

A. Mr. Underwood requested to address the Council regarding the Sportsplex project, raising concerns about taxpayer funds, facility maintenance, and contract compliance, and questioning whether the Alabama Ethics Commission should investigate.

City Attorney Marcel Black recommended that Mr. Underwood not be allowed to speak due to his pending lawsuit against the City. Attorney Black requested a vote from the Council on whether to allow Mr. Underwood to address the Council. Upon vote, all Council Members—Hall, Clark, Thompson, Sockwell, and Linley—voted not to allow Mr. Underwood to speak on matters related to his ongoing litigation with the City.

B. Mr. Jerry Gandy discussed the possibility of live streaming City Council meetings, noting that neighboring cities such as Florence, Huntsville, and Decatur already broadcast their meetings. He estimated an equipment cost of approximately \$3,000 and offered to provide detailed pricing to the City Clerk. The Council thanked him for his presentation and agreed to consider the proposal.

C. Building Inspector Jason Jones presented updates to the short-term rental (STR) ordinance and application process. He noted the addition of an application question confirming a property's good standing with the City, new enforcement language addressing breach of peace and safety concerns, and clarified zoning requirements. The Council took the report under advisement.

D. Mr. Ryan Swindle proposed adopting language requiring contractors on City projects exceeding \$1,000,000 to participate in certified apprenticeship programs. He cited examples from Tennessee and Georgia and highlighted workforce and economic benefits. The Council expressed support for further review.

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Council Member – Place Five

ATTEST:

Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer

STATE OF ALABAMA

COLBERT COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO._____

WHEREAS, advertisements for bids for the purchase of asphalt and binder for the 2025-2026 fiscal year were distributed, the bid opening set for the 16th day of October, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the City Hall of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at the appointed time and place, as specified above, the following bids were opened and tabulated as follows:

NAME OF BIDDER	424A-336 3/8" Asphalt / ton	424A - 340 1/2" Asphalt / ton	424A-341 3/4" Asphalt / ton	424B-636 1" Binder/ton
APAC-Alabama, Inc.	\$84.00	\$82.00	\$81.00	\$65.00
Rogers Group, Inc.	\$73.00	\$71.00	\$69.00	\$57.00

WHEREAS, that it has been determined that the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder submitting a bid is Rogers Group, Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid is hereby awarded to Rogers Group, Inc. as Primary and APAC-Alabama, Inc. as Secondary.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2025.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

Ken Sockwell, Council President

ATTEST:

Brittney Walker, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COLBERT COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, advertisements for bids for the purchase of coarse aggregates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year were distributed, the bid opening set for the 16th day of October, 2025 at 11:00am at the City Hall of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, at the appointed time and place, as specified above, the following bids were opened and tabulated as follows; and

BIDDER	Unit	No. 57	No. 78	Crusher Run	Rip Rap	Dense Graded Base
Rogers Group	Ton	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$15.50	\$23.00	\$15.50
Vulcan Materials Co.	Ton	\$23.35	\$27.00	\$16.00	\$26.25	\$16.00

WHEREAS, the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder has been determined as Rogers Group with a bid price of \$20.00 per ton for No. 57 coarse aggregate; \$21.00 per ton for No. 78 coarse aggregate; \$15.50 per ton for crusher run; \$23.00 per ton for rip rap; and \$15.50 per ton for dense graded base; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Rogers Group., is now awarded the bid for the purchase of coarse aggregates for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2025.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

Ken Sockwell, Council President

ATTEST:

Brittney Walker, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COLBERT COUNTY

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

WHEREAS, a term on the **Tourism Board** has expired, and the City Council is desirous of making the necessary appointment to said board;

WHEREAS, notice was given to the public of said pending vacancy and applications were solicited for a member to said board;

WHEREAS, the following individual made proper application and met the requirements for appointment, and is eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy:

Melanie Huguley

WHEREAS, a roll call vote was had by the City Council as follows:

Council Member Hall:

Council Member Clark:

Council Member Thompson:

Council President Sockwell:

Council Member Linley:

WHEREAS, Council President Sockwell announced that _____ had received a majority of the votes cast,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, that the following named person is hereby appointed:

APPOINTEE

BOARD

EXPIRATION OF TERM

_____ Tourism Board

October 2028

The Clerk is hereby directed to notify the above-named person of their appointment and to further notify the respective board of said appointment.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 20 day of **October 2025**.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

Ken Sockwell, Council President

ATTEST:_____

Brittney Walker, City Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA

COLBERT COUNTY

RES No. _____

Resolution Authorizing Purchases for City Departments from the Mayor's Special Trust Account

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department has requested the purchase of two Mower Super Z 60" FX1000 EFI units in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department (Cypress Lakes Golf Course) has requested a John Deere 4066M Compact Utility Tractor in the amount of \$47,539.91; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has requested the purchase of a Dump Truck (International HV607 SBA) in the amount of \$163,715.84; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Drainage Department has requested the purchase of a John Deere Gator XUV825M S4 in the amount of \$22,070.69 and two Veeder Root TLS-4B Tank Gauge Systems in the combined amount of \$37,701.40; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Mayor's Special Trust Account to cover these purchases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals that the purchases described above, totaling \$296,027.84, are hereby approved and shall be paid from the Mayor's Special Trust Account.

Adopted and Approved this 20th day of October, 2025.

Council President

City Clerk



City of Muscle Shoals

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Request to be Placed on the City Council Agenda

Today's Date: 10/15/2025

Time: 11:35 AM

Full Name: Nathan Estates Residents

Address: 231 Melissa Dr (Fran Simpson)

Phone Number: 256-710-6750

Email (optional): _____

Date of Council Meeting: next available- 10/20/25

Subject of Presentation:

Nathan Estates landscaping and pond. Trees are all dead and fence is damaged.

Residents want to know what/when things will be done to make our street safe and landscaped.

Specific Questions or Points to Address:

Why is the bid being "tabled"? If an agreement cannot be made due to "conflicts of interest" -

what is being done in the meantime to prevent property damage and safety concerns?

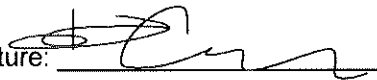
The first row of trees was removed December 7, 2021- now cannot see to turn on Isbell/Melissa

Why is the street department not handling the removal and clean up of the trees to save \$

Acknowledgment & Signature:

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- My presentation to the Mayor and City Council will not exceed 5 minutes.
- This completed form must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by 3:00 PM on the Friday prior to the scheduled

Signature: 
Date: 10/15/2025

Submission Instructions:

Please return this form to:

City Clerk

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