

**CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 17, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

The Muscle Shoals City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Council President Donnie Linley presided. City Clerk Brittney Walker recorded the minutes.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Linley called the Regular Meeting to order.

**2. ROLL CALL**

- Chris Hall – Council Member, Place 1 – Present
- Gina Clark – Council Member, Place 2 – Present
- Willis Thompson – Council Member, Place 3 – Present
- Kenneth Sockwell – Council Member, Place 4 – Present
- Donnie Linley – Council President, Place 5 – Present

A quorum was present.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of November 3, 2025

Motion to approve by Willis Thompson.

Second by Kenneth Sockwell.

Vote: All Ayes – Minutes approved.

B. Minutes of November 12, 2025

Motion to approve by Willis Thompson.

Second by Kenneth Sockwell.

Vote: All Ayes – Minutes approved.

**4. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation delivered by James Vance.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Linley.

**5. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Billy Hudson:

- Congratulated the Muscle Shoals Police Department on receiving accreditation.
- Thanked the Fire Department and Public Works Department for their continued efforts.
- Reminded the public of the Christmas Parade on December 4, 2025.
- Recognized local media representatives in attendance.

## 6. COMMENTS OF THE PUBLIC

Public comments were received during the Work Session held immediately prior to the Regular Meeting.

## 7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS – ELEVATOR PHONE LINE / COST SAVINGS

Kym Osborn presented a cost-savings recommendation related to the Avalon Avenue Overpass elevators, stating:

- Elevators have been shut down since May 2024 and are inoperable.
- Emergency analog phone line is no longer necessary due to shutdown and locked access.
- Canceling the line would save approximately \$24,000 annually.
- ADA compliance remains through crosswalk and traffic-stopping signage.

Council discussed and expressed agreement with discontinuing the phone line.

## 8. HEARING ON PETITIONS / APPLICATIONS

### A. Set Public Hearing – Rezoning Request

The Council set a public hearing for December 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for the rezoning request submitted by Randal Fuller for property located at the southwest corner of Puritan Avenue and Glendale Avenue, from R-1 to R-2/PRD.

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### A. Consideration and Approval of FY 2025–2026 Budget

Finance Officer Jazmin Rodriguez Castro presented the proposed FY 2025–2026 budget and final adjustments, including:

- Health insurance set at \$2.9 million (health only).
- New GL account created for the Fire Department burn-building training grant.

- At the direction of Mayor Billy Hudson, the blower for Cypress Lakes Golf & Tennis was added to Capital Outlay (Capital Funds).
- All capital-fund allocations were made at the direction of Mayor Hudson.

Motion to approve budget by Chris Hall.

Second by Gina Clark.

Vote: All Ayes – Budget approved.

## 10. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Resolution No. 3398-25 – Sale of Surplus Equipment

Motion by Willis Thompson.

Second by Kenneth Sockwell.

Vote: All Ayes – Resolution No. 3398-25 adopted.

### B. Resolution No. 3399-25 – Approve/Ratify Municipal Depositories

Motion by Willis Thompson.

Second by Kenneth Sockwell.

Vote: All Ayes – Resolution No. 3399-25 adopted.

### C. Ordinance No. 1584-25 – Short-Term Residential Rental Regulations (Second Reading)

This ordinance had been introduced and discussed at a prior meeting; therefore no suspension of the rules was required.

Motion by Chris Hall.

Second by Gina Clark.

Roll Call Vote:

- Hall – Yes
- Clark – Yes
- Thompson – Yes
- Sockwell – Yes
- Linley – Yes

Ordinance No. 1584-25 adopted.

### D. Resolution No. 3400-25 – Drainage Pipe Bid Award

Resolution awarding the FY 2025–2026 drainage pipe bid to ADCO Pipe & Supply, LLC.

Motion by Kenneth Sockwell.

Second by Willis Thompson.

Vote: All Ayes – Resolution No. 3400-25 adopted.

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Linley announced:

- Next Council Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2025
- Board applications accepted through Friday, November 28, 2025 for:
  - Zoning Board of Adjustments (term exp. Dec. 2028)
  - Recreation Board (term exp. Nov. 2030)
  - Library Board (term exp. Nov. 2029)
  - Electric Board (term exp. Feb. 2029)

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Gina Clark.

Vote: All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FOUR

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ATTEST:

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Brittney Walker, City Clerk

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## CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

November 17, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

A Work Session of the Muscle Shoals City Council was held on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Council President Donnie Linley called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. City Clerk Brittney Walker was present and recorded the minutes.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Linley called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### 2. PRESENTATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

Police Chief David Davis, Fort Payne Police Department, appeared on behalf of the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program to present the Accreditation Certificate to the Muscle Shoals Police Department.

Chief Davis reported:

- The statewide accreditation committee established uniform standards for professional law enforcement practices across Alabama.
- The Muscle Shoals Police Department met all required standards in management, administration, operations, and support services.
- Accreditation is granted for a five-year period, effective November 13, 2025.

Chief Davis presented the certificate and commended Chief Clint Reck and the department for their work. The Mayor and Council congratulated Chief Reck and the department.

#### 3. POLICE DEPARTMENT – CASH ADVANCE REQUEST

Police Chief Clint Reck requested a \$300 cash advance for Officer Antonio Patterson for meal expenses during attendance at the lateral police academy. The Council acknowledged the request; no vote was taken in the Work Session.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL

A. Ms. Eileen Nunnelly – The Caring Place of the Shoals (Absent)

Council President Linley called for Ms. Eileen Nunnelly, listed on the agenda to speak on

behalf of The Caring Place of the Shoals. Ms. Nunnelly was not in attendance, and no presentation was made.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT – COMMISSIONER TOMMY BARNES

Tommy Barnes, Colbert County Commissioner, addressed the Council regarding:

- Proposed renaming of Garage Road to Independent Way at the request of Bank Independent, noting TVA approval and that final action will proceed through E-911/EMA.
- Appreciation for Council appropriations supporting Keep the Shoals Beautiful, and a request for continued support in future budgets.

The Council thanked Commissioner Barnes for his comments.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT – MR. BILLY UNDERWOOD

Mr. Billy Underwood addressed the Council regarding:

- Sportsplex-related expenditures and contract concerns.
- Requests for greater financial transparency and documentation of project payments.

Council President Linley thanked Mr. Underwood for his comments.

## 7. PUBLIC WORKS – STREET SWEEPER DEMO & LEAF/YARD WASTE UPDATE

Butch Fleming, Public Works, reported:

- A street sweeper was demonstrated earlier in the day on Sixth Street and in Jackson Heights. The unit effectively cleaned gutters, curbs, and a catch basin and includes suction capability beneficial for stormwater work. Additional demonstrations and quotes will be gathered before any purchase recommendation.
- Crews operate west to east across the City. Holiday yard-waste volume may slow collection schedules. Residents should not place debris in the roadway due to safety hazards. Public Works will continue pickups throughout all neighborhoods.

The Council thanked Mr. Fleming for the update.

## 8. FINANCE REPORT – FY 2025–2026 BUDGET UPDATES

Finance Officer Jazmin Rodriguez Castro presented budget updates, noting:

- Health insurance adjusted to \$2.9 million (health only).

- A new GL account created for the Fire Department burn-building training grant.
- At the direction of Mayor Billy Hudson, the blower for Cypress Lakes Golf & Tennis was added to Capital Outlay (Capital Funds).
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There being no further business, the work session adjourned.

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