

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2026
Location: Muscle Shoals City Hall Auditorium

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Date: February 16, 2026

Time called to order: 5:30 p.m.

Time adjourned: 5:41 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Council President Donnie Linley presided. Mayor Hudson was present. City Clerk Brittney Walker was present and recorded the minutes.

Discussion Items

A. Presentation by Scott Clayton, General Manager of Cypress Lakes, regarding the proposed High School Team Practice and Play Agreement, with discussion and possible action.

Mr. Clayton presented a High School Team Practice and Play Agreement outlining scheduling, communication expectations, and seasonal fees for participating schools. Discussion was held regarding fees, membership status, junior rates, and course use during the season. No formal action was taken in Work Session.

B. Update from Kym Osborn regarding the Police Department Training Center Project.

Ms. Osborn provided an update on the Police Department Training Facility project budgeted at \$280,000 with additional grant funding. CREATE Architects is preparing specifications with an architectural fee of 7.1%. A potential overage of approximately \$28,400 was discussed depending on final grant amounts and bid pricing. Timeline estimates were discussed for completion of plans and bidding.

Additional Update: Nathan Estates Retention Pond Sod

Ms. Osborn reported three quotes were obtained for sod for the Nathan Estates retention pond area, with the lowest quote approximately \$11,300 for sod only; Public Works would provide labor. This was not included in the current bid project.

C. Council discussion concerning correspondence sent to consultants by Lee Birchall related to the Sportsplex project.

Discussion was held regarding prior correspondence to consultants related to the Sportsplex project and the status of pausing work and payments. Council discussed amending proposed resolution language from “terminate” to “pause.”

D. Discussion regarding the reassignment of Assistant City Clerk duties.

Discussion was held regarding removing Assistant City Clerk responsibilities from the HR Director position and reassigning them to the Finance Officer position. It was noted there were no internal candidates for the HR Director position. The request included consideration of aligning the role with finance training responsibilities.

E. Presentation by Dawn Woodall regarding amphitheater policies.

Ms. Woodall discussed establishing a formal written policy for amphitheater use, noting the amphitheater has historically been used for City and school-sponsored events. Discussion included staffing needs, liability considerations, insurance, vendor requirements, and maintaining consistency with City-sponsored programming.

F. Discussion regarding the potential conveyance of the Webster property to the Muscle Shoals Board of Education.

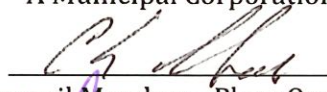
Discussion was held regarding the City-owned Webster property and potential conveyance to the Muscle Shoals Board of Education. Council requested that the site plan be provided to members for review. It was noted there may be related streets/alleyways requiring vacation.

Pool Discussion (Cypress Lakes Municipal Pool)

Ms. Woodall presented information regarding the municipal pool resurfacing/renovation bid and additional options including a more extensive rebuild and filtration system replacement. Council discussed warranty terms, leak concerns, and long-term options.

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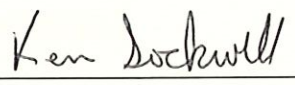
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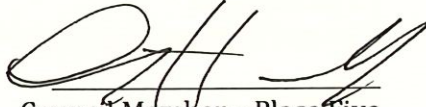
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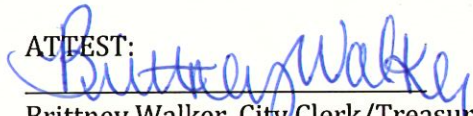


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Brittny Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2026
Location: Muscle Shoals City Hall Auditorium

1. Call to Order

Council President Donnie Linley called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Hall – Present

Mrs. Clark – Present

Mr. Thompson – Present

Mr. Sockwell – Present

Mr. Linley – Present

Absent: None

3. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation led by: James Vance

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Council President Linley

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from the February 2, 2026 and February 9, 2026 meetings.

Motion made by: Gina Clark

Second: Willis Thompson

Vote: Unanimous

5. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hudson had no comments.

6. Financial Reports

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit by Dennis Norton.

Mr. Norton presented highlights of the FY 2024 audit including net position and revenue/expense trends. Discussion was held regarding audit notes, pension/OPEB information, fixed asset reporting timelines, and related compliance disclosures.

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders & Other Business

A. Consideration of approval of an unbudgeted expenditure in the amount of \$12,000.00 to Tree Professional, Inc. for removal of trees and grinding of stumps along the fence line in the back corner of the Brown Street Retention Pond.

Motion made by: Ken Sockwell Second: Willis Thompson

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

B. Consideration of Resolution regarding Sports Facilities Management, LLC

Motion to amend the wording of the resolution from "terminating" to "pause" was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0).

Motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0).

C. Consideration of Resolution regarding Strategic Construction Solutions, LLC

Motion to amend the wording of the resolution from "terminating" to "pause" was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0).

Motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Gina Clark and seconded by Chris Hall.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0).

D. Council discussion regarding the possible purchase of real property, with possible Executive Session pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Motion made by: Willis Thompson Second: Gina Clark

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Time entered Executive Session: 5:52 p.m. Time returned to Open Session: 6:22 p.m.

E. Consideration of approval of the proposal from CREATE Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$22,100.00 for architectural and engineering design services for the Muscle Shoals Ring of Honor project.

Motion made by: Willis Thompson Second: Ken Sockwell

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

F. Consideration of Resolution declaring two obsolete fuel pumps (one gasoline and one diesel) as surplus property and authorizing their disposal.

Motion made by: Gina Clark Second: Chris Hall

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

G. Consideration of approval of a Construction Agreement with Pierce and Allred Construction, Inc. for municipal pool renovations, not to exceed \$111,757.00.

This item was tabled.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

H. Consideration of Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment through TAC Auction, with proceeds to be returned to the originating departments.

Motion made by: Ken Sockwell Second: Willis Thompson

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

I. Consideration of Resolution authorizing the transfer of a 1995 GMC Topkick Dump Truck from the Public Works Department to the Storm Drainage Department.

Motion made by: Gina Clark Second: Chris Hall
Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

J. Consideration of Resolution authorizing the Council President to identify and select an independent outside investigator to review a formal grievance filed against the Mayor, and authorizing payment of reasonable fees associated with the investigation.

Motion made by: Willis Thompson Second: Ken Sockwell
Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Other Business

City Attorney announced his retirement effective February 27, 2026, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City.

Next Meeting

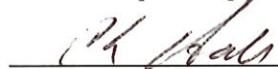
The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2026.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by: Willis Thompson

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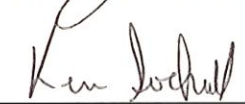
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