

**MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, HELD
July 6, 2021**

The City Council of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met at the Muscle Shoals City Hall auditorium in said City at 6:25 p.m. on the 6th day of July, 2021 being the scheduled time and place for said meeting. The meeting was called to order by Ken Sockwell, Council President. On roll call the following members were found to be present or absent, as indicated:

PRESENT: CHRIS HALL, GINA CLARK, WILLIS THOMPSON,
KEN SOCKWELL, DAVID MOORE

ABSENT: NONE

Ken Sockwell, Council President, presided at the meeting and declared that a quorum was present and that the meeting was convened and opened for the purposes of transaction of business. Mayor Mike Lockhart was also present. Ricky Williams, City Clerk, was present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

The invocation was given by Ricky Williams. Mayor Mike Lockhart led in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Clark and seconded by Council Member Thompson and unanimously adopted, the Council waived the reading of the minutes of the previously held regular meeting and work session of June 21, 2021, and approved the minutes as written.

Mayor Lockhart stated the Slim Chicken restaurant had broken ground in the Rural King parking lot. He also asked that the families of Phillip Wright and William "Smitty" Smith be kept in our prayers following their recent passing.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was discussion of Police Chief Clint Reck's request to add an additional lieutenant position from the current staffing in the police department.

Council Member Moore moved that the request be approved. Council Member Clark seconded the motion and upon said motion being put to a vote, all voted "AYE" and "NAYS" were none.

President Sockwell announced that the motion had been approved.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of a resolution to request additional funding from the Shoals Economic Development Fund for the street improvements on Sixth Street.

Council Member Moore introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COLBERT COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 3153 - 21
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING APPLICATION
FOR THE SHOALS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscle Shoals has made application for an Alabama Industrial Access grant to improve Sixth Street near the Shoals Research Airpark entrance, and

WHEREAS, construction engineering and inspection must be performed in association with the infrastructure improvements, and

WHEREAS, one of the stated purposes/uses of the Shoals Economic Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as “SEDF”) is “to foster activities and policies conducive to expansion of existing industries within either of the counties or any city or town therein”, and

WHEREAS, certain infrastructure improvements on Sixth Street are necessary to accommodate the continued operations of the various manufacturing facilities located in the Shoals Research Airpark, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS:

1. That the City of Muscle Shoals requests up to \$603,382.81 in SEDF funding for construction, engineering and inspection associated with the Sixth Street improvements and \$50,000 for raising the height of electric lines by the Muscle Shoals Electric Board;
2. That the Mayor is duly authorized to sign said application for and act on behalf of the City of Muscle Shoals and is further authorized to execute all other documents required for application or disbursement of SEDF funds for the City of Muscle Shoals.

Council Member Hall seconded the motion and upon said motion being put to a vote, all voted “AYE” and “NAYS” were none.

President Sockwell announced that the resolution had been approved.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of a resolution to request additional funding from the Shoals Economic Development Fund for the street improvements on Counts Drive.

Council Member Thompson introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COLBERT COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3154 - 21
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING APPLICATION
FOR THE SHOALS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

WHEREAS, On August 25, 2020 Dura Automotive announced their location in the Shoals Research Airpark with anticipated investment of \$64,000,000 in equipment, and

WHEREAS, one of the stated purposes/uses of the Shoals Economic Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as “SEDF”) is “to foster activities and policies conducive to expansion of existing industries within either of the counties or any city or town therein”, and

WHEREAS, certain infrastructure improvements on Counts Drive are necessary to accommodate the operation of of Dura Automotive at this location, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS:

1. That the City of Muscle Shoals requests up to \$470,646.85 in SEDF funding for construction, engineering and inspection associated with the Counts Drive improvements;
2. That the Mayor is duly authorized to sign said application for and act on behalf of the City of Muscle Shoals and is further authorized to execute all other documents required for application or disbursement of SEDF funds for the City of Muscle Shoals.

Council Member Moore seconded the motion and upon said motion being put to a vote, all voted AYE” and “NAYS” were none.

President Sockwell announced that the resolution had been approved.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of a resolution to approve a contract for services with the Shoals Area Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Thompson introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COLBERT COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3155 - 21

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, as follows:

- Section 1. The services to be provided pursuant to the attached Agreement between the City of Muscle Shoals and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to advertise and promote the City of Muscle Shoals serve a public purpose and confer a direct benefit of a reasonably general character to a significant part of the public in the City of Muscle Shoals.
- Section 2. The attached Agreement between the City of Muscle Shoals and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.
- Section 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest such Contract on behalf of the City of Muscle Shoals.

Council Member Clark seconded the motion and upon said motion being put to a vote, all voted AYE” and “NAYS” were none.

President Sockwell announced that the resolution had been approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon the motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.

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:

CITY CLERK