

**June 2, 2025**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

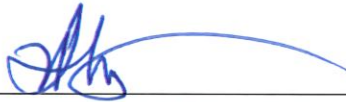
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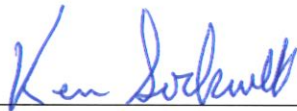
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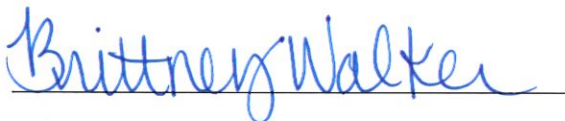


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COUNCIL MEMBER – PLACE FIVE

ATTEST:



Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA, HELD  
June 2, 2025**

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The City Council of Muscle Shoals, Alabama met at the Muscle Shoals City Hall auditorium in said City at 5:38 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2025 being the scheduled place for said meeting once the previously held work session ended. 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, DONNIE LINLEY  
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 present. Brittney Walker, City Clerk/Treasurer, was present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

The invocation was given by Jason Jones. President Ken Sockwell led in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Linley 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 May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and approved the minutes as written.

Mayor Lockhart thanked Terry Vickery for his 45 years of service.

Jason Jones presented a list of businesses with past due licenses and stated that letters have been mailed and in-person visits have been conducted by Building Department officials. He noted that the next step will be for the City Attorney to issue formal letters setting a payment deadline before the matter is referred to the Circuit Court.

Fire Chief Hyde submitted a proposal requesting a title change for the City of Muscle Shoals Fire Department's three shift commanders from "Captain" to "Battalion Chief". The proposed change reflects the level of responsibility these individuals carry, including command over all four fire districts during their shifts. Similar department sin Athens, Florence, Madison, and Decatur use the title "Battalion Chief" for equivalent positions. There will be no financial impact, as the change involves title only, not salary or benefits. Chief Hyde also noted a future consideration to assign Battalion Chiefs their own command vehicles to improve response efficiency.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was a public hearing for the Cornelius rezoning of commercial property on Gargis Lane from PU to B-2. Sonny Cornelius spoke in favor of rezoning four unzoned lots on Gargis Lane in Muscle Shoals to B-2 (General Business District). Several community members expressed opposition due to ongoing flooding concerns:

1. Jesse Young, 102 Dee Dr., Tuscumbia, AL
2. Terry Copley, 132 Jeff Dr., Tuscumbia, AL
3. Carlos Berry, 205 Carron Lane – stated that Mr. Cornelius has not addressed the flooding issues and requestion mitigation efforts before any rezoning

Mayor Lockhart noted that Mr. Cornelius will be deeding two tracts of land to the City of Muscle Shoals, which will assume responsibility for the retention ponds and make necessary flood mitigation improvements.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the hearing was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Roll call was given to record a vote, and the vote of each Council Member recorded as follows: Ordinance No. 1575-25

Council Member Hall:	YAY
Council Member Clark:	YAY
Council Member Thompson:	YAY
Council Member Sockwell:	YAY
Council Member Linley:	YAY

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was a public hearing for the issuance of a Lounge Retail Liquor-Class 1 License to Plush Sports Bar and Grill LLC located at 100 Airport Rd. No one spoke in favor or against the hearing.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the hearing was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Roll call was given to record a vote, and the vote of each Council Member recorded as follows:

Council Member Hall:	YAY
Council Member Clark:	YAY
Council Member Thompson:	YAY
Council Member Sockwell:	YAY
Council Member Linley:	YAY

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to set a public hearing for the rezoning of 4.5 acres on Woodward Ave from M-2 to B-2. The hearing was set for July 14, 2025.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to set a public hearing for the rezoning of 603 Pilgram Ave from R-3 to B-2. The hearing was set for July 14, 2025.

Jazmin Castro, Finance Officer, presented the mid-year budget adjustments, noting that the City has received several donations as well as additional revenue from the sale of City equipment. These funds were allocated to the appropriate departments and designated line items based on their intended use. She also noted that no further adjustments were necessary, indicating tat the City's budget is in good shape.

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was to appoint a member to the Civil Service Board. Roll call was given to record a vote, and the vote of each Council Member recorded as follows: Resolution No. 3372-25

Council Member Hall:	Ricky Williams
Council Member Clark:	Ricky Williams
Council Member Thompson:	Ricky Williams
Council Member Sockwell:	Ricky Williams
Council Member Linley:	Ricky Williams

President Sockwell announced that the next item of business was consideration of approving a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign land acquisition from Sonny Cornelius at Cornelius Landing. Council Member Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; Council Member Hall seconded that motion.

President Sockwell stated that approval of the motion and second was before the Council. Those in favor of the application would indicate so by voting aye and those opposed would indicate by voting nay. Upon said question being put to a vote, a roll call was had, and the vote recorded as follows: Resolution No. 3373-25

AYES: All

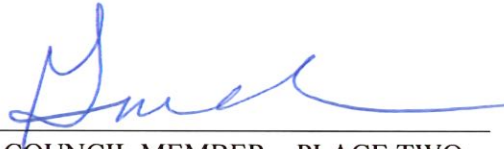
NAYS: None

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

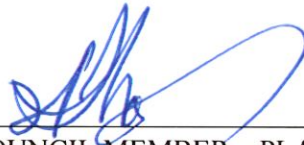
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