

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

MAY 22, 2025 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Thursday, May 22, 2025**, at 5 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Ben Short presided over the meeting and Stacy Frazier served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows: Council President Ben Short
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Perry Cook
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in their official capacity: Mayor Buddy Choat
City Attorney Chesley Payne

Those absent: Councilor Lisa Bright
City Clerk Dan Weinrib

The City Council determined the order of consideration. Consulting accountant Brian Barksdale updated the City Council on all active incentive agreements with various businesses. He assured the elected leaders that Trussville & its tax base are better off because of these 11 & other past agreements. Councilors Cook & Short updated the council on matters involving their respective committee assignments. Mayor Choat brought up a prospective amendment to the City's agreement with the Cahaba Solid Waste Disposal Authority. Instead of adding it to this agenda, Councilor Short requested a few days to review the drafted agreement, even if it meant calling a special meeting. A separate vote regarding garbage fees would take place at a subsequent council meeting – June 10 at the earliest. With nothing left to review, President Short adjourned the workshop around 5:24 pm.

MAY 22, 2025 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Thursday, April 22, 2025**, at 5:30 pm at the City Hall Annex, with Council President Ben Short presiding and Stacy Frazier serving as recording secretary. Originally set for Tuesday, May 27, this meeting was rescheduled by mutual consent because of the Memorial Day vacation holiday week.

President Short called the meeting to order. Councilor Anderson led the prayer; Councilor Taylor led the pledge.

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They reviewed the minutes from the May 8 agenda workshop & May 15 regular session. Councilor Taylor moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **UNANIMOUS**

President Short then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Anderson moved & Councilor Cook seconded the motion to approve the one-item regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Utilities General Manager Mike Strength showed the Council pictures of damaged metal light posts, to refute a citizen's contention at the prior meeting that Utility contractors had damaged the posts; he used the photographs to prove that those posts had already suffered from 24/7/365 weather exposure, before contractors started their work.

Under the regular agenda, **Councilor Cook moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to bring a proposed ordinance up for immediate consideration. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Cook then introduced a proposed ordinance to annex the city-owned properties located at 409, 413, 425 & 429 Alabama Boulevard. **He moved & Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2025-009-ANX**

During committee reports, Councilor Anderson solicited applications for the Historical & Cemetery committees. Also, the Beautification Board is accepting nominations for various awards through the end of May. Also, she promoted the annual Memorial Day commemoration event at the Fallen Warriors Memorial. She thanked Chad Carroll & Linda Burns for their service; both are rolling off the Veterans Committee. Councilors Taylor & Short too praised and thanked Carroll & Burns.

Councilor Cook thanked Public Works, on behalf of his colleague Councilor Bright. He then reported that local girls and boys scouts planted 2500 flags at the Jefferson Memorial cemetery. Also, the Seniors Center will be receiving new gym equipment in two weeks. The Center is planning a trip to Italy in March 2026. Already 18 people have applied for the trip. Its annual Independence Day celebration will be June 26 at the Civic Center. Also, the Masters Games are coming to Trussville October 6-8. A third party is organizing the competitions; Trussville is providing the venue.

Councilor Taylor thanked Police & Fire departments for their public safety work after storms caused traffic problems. Later on, he announced, on Councilor Bright's behalf, that Lady Huskies basketball coach Tonya Hunter is now promoted to assistant athletic director.

Councilor Short reported that the Active Transportation Committee has submitted its proposed citywide sidewalks plan to the Greater Birmingham Regional Planning Commission, with the hope of obtaining a matching grant.

Mayor Choat thanked Police, Fire, Public Works & Parks & Recreation departments for their efforts to clean up the city and manage public safety after recent storms. He acknowledged National Public Works Week. At Mayor's request, consulting accountant Brian Barksdale informed the public about all active incentive agreements with various businesses and the impact on city finances.

During audience comments, Richard Epstein (4742 Boulder Drive) mentioned lights for Valley Avenue. He also spoke in favor of garbage fees, contending that the city should have kept residential garbage fees in place. Tree Commission member Ralph Mitchell (510 Rockridge Avenue) re-stated his contention that the county's contractor had damaged the Cahaba District light posts during construction.

With nothing else to review, President Short adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk Dan Weinrib CMC