

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JUNE 23, 2026 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**, at 5:30 pm to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:	President Jaime Melton Anderson Councilor Kimberly Farr Councilor Ben Horton Councilor Brian Jackson Councilor Jim Miller
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Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Ben Short City Attorney Rick Stotser City Clerk Dan Weinrib
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The city council had just one consent agenda item & one regular agenda item to review. After Mayor Short explained that a \$30,000 grant will pay for upfitting a new police vehicle, to be purchased from the State's contract, the council readily agreed to keep the appropriation on the consent agenda. The one regular agenda item did not require any consideration or vote.

For discussion, Councilor Miller shared with his colleagues a draft resolution to impose a temporary moratorium on residential demolitions within the Cahaba Project. He stated his reasons for his request to add it to the regular agenda. His four colleagues took turns giving feedback. None of them endorsed his submitted idea. Miller responded, expressing disappointment in his colleagues. Mayor Short suggested that Miller meet with the city attorney to draft legislation that his colleagues could support. Miller accepted the suggestion on the condition that the other four work offer their suggestions in good faith to accomplish that goal. Otherwise, it would be fruitless. With Trussville now embarking on updating its comprehensive master plan, Miller floated the idea of another moratorium, this time on all rezonings until the city received its new master plan. He intends to bring it up at a subsequent council meeting.

With nothing left to review, President Anderson adjourned the workshop at 6:05m.

JUNE 23, 2026 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**, at 6:10 pm. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

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Councilor Horton led the prayer. Councilor Farr led the pledge.

President Anderson introduced the minutes from the previous council meeting. Councilor Miller moved & Councilor Jackson seconded the motion to approve the submitted minutes. **UNANIMOUS**

President Jackson then introduced the consent & regular agendas. Councilor Miller moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion to approve the one-item consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Miller then moved & Councilor Jackson seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Pelham city councilor Maurice Mercer introduced himself to the council & audience. He is a Democratic candidate, running in the 6th Congressional District.

Under the regular agenda, President Anderson recognized the Beautification Committee in attendance. In turn, they announced winners & runners-up in Best Use of Color, Best Home Landscape

Design, Best Home Overall, Best Business, Best Garden Home Design & Best Garden Home Overall. Some honorees were present & were recognized. After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Finance Director Joseph Calvert then gave his monthly budget report, covering the city's performance through May. Over the month of May, the City's expenses exceeded revenues by approximately \$750,000, exceeding the estimated \$700,000 gap. However, much of that May deficit is attributed to \$523,000 in approved equipment purchases for Public Works. In sum, the City continues to outperform its initial FY2026 budget estimates, taking in more revenues while spending less money. Already, the Inspections Department has realized more permitting fee revenues over the last eight months than its initial total projection for the entire budget year. This year's sales tax revenues continue to outpace this year's estimates & last year's actuals.

During committee reports, Councilor Horton announced that the Tree Commission is moving its meetings to Wednesdays. Also, the Utilities Board chose to absorb the increased costs of natural gas, rather than passing it along to its customers. Also, under Public Safety, Police are warning drivers to slow down & focus on driving, after some near-collisions with pedestrians on Parkway Drive, near Cahaba Elementary. Also, Design Review approved a sign for a storage business at the Stockton traffic light intersection.

Councilor Jackson summarized all decisions by Planning & Zoning at its last meeting. The Commission is still reviewing public feedback on the proposed Cahaba Homestead Overlay District. The Commission will discuss the proposal at its July 9th agenda workshop. The Commission voted to have separate meeting dates for its monthly workshops & regular sessions, like it had done in previous years.

Councilor Miller announced that the Veterans Committee has completed its plans for a July 4th parade, honoring our country's semiquincentennial.

Councilor Farr announced the IDA will meet on June 25th. Also, Parks & Recreation is hosting a rugby tournament at the soccer complex. Also, the City is hosting the district senior master games over July 7-9 at the Civic Center; its state tournament will occur in October. Repair work on the Civic Center roof is almost complete, with an inspection pending. Families can now register their kids for various fall sports, including football, baseball & soccer. Public Works department remains busy with their seasonal duties. They will soon add Parks Maintenance to its operations. Also, she promoted the Library's programs – Jim Phillips on June 25th as well as Anniston Museum of Natural History on July 1st.

Councilor Anderson reported that at its last meeting, the city school board honored the 7A state champion softball & baseball teams. Also, Leadership Trussville is in its final week of accepting applications for its fifth class.

Mayor Short apologized to the public, particularly Camp Coleman Road area residents, for the traffic disruption by Norfolk Southern. The railroad company started doing maintenance on its Camp Coleman crossing without giving the City any courtesy advanced notice. They did maintenance at other crossings over subsequent days. Mayor Short told the public he would talk to its leadership teams about the community's ongoing frustrations with them. Also, the City Splash Pad is temporarily closed. Parks & Recreation is waiting for a customized part to arrive from Texas, via two-day delivery. The City will credit back some money to families who bought all-summer Splash Pad passes.

During audience comments, Brian Bozeman (305 Brentwood Avenue) spoke against Councilor Miller's demolition proposal, stating it is unwarranted. He also opposed the proposed Cahaba Homestead Overlay District. He also opposes the Design Review Committee having any oversight of Cahaba Project residential construction plans.

President Anderson wished Mayor Short a happy birthday.

Councilor Jackson moved, then Councilors Farr & Horton jointly seconded the motion, to go into executive session to discuss a possible or potential real estate deal. **UNANIMOUS** The Council briefly recessed then convened in executive session. Once that ended, there was nothing left on the agenda. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib MMC
City Clerk