

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JULY 14, 2026 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, July 14, 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 City Clerk 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
--	---

Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Ben Short City Attorney Chesley Payne City Clerk Dan Weinrib
--	--

The City Council reviewed the 10-item consent agenda and initially accepted it. At Councilor Horton's request, they added Cathy Freeman's Tree Commission appointment to consent; at Mayor Short's request, they added the 20% APPLE grant funds match to consent. They then reviewed the regular agenda and accepted all items as presented. Councilor Miller arrived a few minutes. Councilor Horton informed his colleagues and the public that he asked legal counsel to explore the idea of a temporary moratorium on residential demolitions within the Cahaba Project neighborhood, via ordinance. It is under legal review. He plans to discuss it at a future council workshop. Mayor Short & Councilor Horton gave Councilor Miller a briefing on additions to the consent agenda. President Anderson announced that the next city council meeting is rescheduled to July 30 from July 28. At Councilor Miller's request, the council agreed to move to the regular agenda the \$150,000 appropriation for police evidence storage.

With nothing left to review, President Anderson adjourned the workshop at 5:46 pm.

JULY 14, 2026 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026**, at 5:56 pm. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and City Clerk 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
--	---

Others present in their official capacity:	Mayor Ben Short City Attorney Chesley Payne City Clerk Dan Weinrib
--	--

Councilor Horton led the prayer. Mayor Short led the pledge.

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

President Jackson then introduced the consent & regular agendas. Councilor Farr moved & Councilor Miller seconded the motion to approve the 11-item consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Jackson then moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

During public comments, Richard Epstein made remarks about the non-working Loop Road traffic lights, then reiterated his suggestions for Valley Road & the Civic Center with a touch of his own humor.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Horton – himself an Eagle Scout - introduced a proclamation honoring Gold Award honoree Veronica Walker. He moved then Councilors Farr & Jackson jointly seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2026-18** After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Councilor Horton introduced a proclamation honoring Gold Award honoree Olivia Evans. He moved then Councilor Miller seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Proclamation No. 2026-19** Olivia Evans addressed the council & public about her community project. She & the council also posed for group pictures.

Both honorees had family members in attendance. Among them was former assistant Trussville Library director Katie Evans. Veronica Walker also addressed the council & public about her community project. Local Girl Scouts executive Barbara Hill also addressed the council & audience. Walker now attends Mississippi State University; Evans, University of Montevallo.

Councilor Jackson asked his colleagues to suspend the rules to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. **He moved & Councilor Miller seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS** Councilor Jackson then introduced an ordinance to annex the property located at 5374 Deerfoot Parkway. **He moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2026-015-ANX**

Councilor Jackson asked his colleagues to suspend the rules to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS** He then introduced an ordinance to annex the properties located at 6980 Advent Circle & 8228 Trails End Lane. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2026-016-ANX**

Councilor Farr asked her colleagues to suspend the rules to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. **She moved & Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS** She then introduced an ordinance to adopt the revised Rules & Regulations of the City Employee Civil Service Board. **She moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion for approval. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2026-017-ADM**

Councilor Miller asked his colleagues to suspend the rules to bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration. **He moved & Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS** Councilor Miller then introduced an ordinance to adopt the revised Salary Administration Guide & Pay Plan. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2026-018-ADM**

Councilor Horton then introduced a resolution to appropriate up to \$150,000 for the acquisition of & installation of Police Evidence Storage, as well as related building renovation improvements. There is no bidding required because the storage comes from the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative vendor & the renovation is under the \$100,000 Public Works spending threshold. **He moved & all councilors jointly seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2026-51**

During committee reports, Councilor Horton thanked Cathy Freeman for joining the Tree Commission. Also, he announced that Design Review approved the planned exterior for new construction at the former Marvin's location. Also, Trussville Utilities plans to move to its new home on Main Street sometime mid-to-late September, going by progress of construction. He then deferred his Public Safety report to Mayor Short, who shared that new paving is planned for Cooper Avenue, Taylor Lane, Branchville Road, Arnett Circle & a part of Palace Drive; also, they are considering new speed controls along Parkway Drive near the school, as well as Alabama Boulevard. Later, he thanked the Fire Department for their heroic actions rescuing injured travelers on I-59.

Councilor Jackson announced that the City has received many applications for two open spots on the Active Transportation Committee. He summarized the latest Planning & Zoning meeting, informing his colleagues & the public that the Commission will take up the proposed Cahaba Homestead Overlay District & new subdivision regulations during its August meeting. Also, the Downtown Redevelopment Committee is considering projects for Quad 2.

Councilor Miller thanked the Chamber, First Baptist Church, Police & Mayor Short for its successful July 4th parade. He announced that the opening night of ACTA's 1776 sold out. Also, he reported that James Spann spoke at the City Museum about the history of weather in Alabama, as well as respecting the polygon. He touted the importance of citizens having weather radios.

Councilor Farr gave a friendly shout-out to newly appointed IDA member Chris Leathers & reappointed member Chase Wright. Also, she reported that 35 senior center members qualified for the State master games in October. She mentioned by name three nonagenarians. Also, Trussville United is hosting over 80 teams for a 3-on-3 soccer tournament at the Sports Complex that upcoming weekend. Also, the Library board's next meeting will be July 28. The library is hosting a puzzle competition, phone zone party & laser tag events. Also, she promoted the Chamber's Dog Daze on August 1. They are looking for volunteers prior to & during the event. She also promoted the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 14.

Councilor Anderson acknowledged school board president Dr. Steven Ward. The schools' annual safety meeting is July 15; its annual institute, on August 4. Also, Leadership Trussville's executive board will meet on July 17 to select its fifth class. They received 58 applications for 30 roster spots.

Mayor Short thanked Trussville First Baptist, as well as Public Works, Fire & Police for the successful Freedom Celebration event at the Mall. He announced he would give the City his latest update soon on Tribune Unscripted

There were no audience comments. With nothing left on the agenda. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Weinrib', is centered below the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Dan Weinrib MMC
City Clerk