

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2026 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, August 25, 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:	Council 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 reviewed the proposed regular agenda, which originally had a proclamation and two ordinances for consideration. Industrial Development Authority Chairwoman Lisa Bright Mayor answered Councilor Miller's question about an appraisal on the former Gold Kist chicken plant property, as well as the availability of the related sales agreement with the purchaser. Weinrib confirmed that he had circulated it to the councilors & uploaded it to the city website earlier that day. Mayor Short confirmed that the only change to the updated agreement was removal of all references to escrow, which is not a material change to the offer. Mayor Short then asked the council to add to the agenda a resolution (**Resolution No. 2026-55**) authorizing him to make the vacant city-owned property located at 171 Will Street available to interested buyers. The councilors agreed after he explained its history. The city had acquired it for the Loop Road Project. Milam & Company had used it for staging. Now that the project is over, the City no longer needs the remaining lot. Councilor Horton then broached the topic of a temporary moratorium on new mini warehouses/storage units, following the most recent Design Review meeting. Discussion ensued. The councilors agreed to add a temporary moratorium resolution (**Resolution No. 2026-56**) as a consent agenda item and requested the city clerk draft it prior to the regular session. President Anderson reminded her colleagues of the Committee of the Whole meeting set for August 28 at 8:30 am, to discuss their own orders of procedure, including for appointing school board members.

Councilor Miller asked the city clerk whether he updated the public agenda packet with the Milam purchase offer. The clerk answered yes, he had.

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

AUGUST 25, 2026 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026**, at 6:02 pm. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and City Clerk 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 Jackson moved & Councilor Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes, as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson then introduced the one-item consent agenda, which was the temporary moratorium on mini warehouses/storage facilities. Councilor Horton made a motion to amend the consent agenda item to add car wash establishments to the temporary moratorium. Councilors Farr & Miller seconded the amending motion. **UNANIMOUS** Councilor Miller then moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda itself. **UNANIMOUS**

President Anderson then introduced the regular agenda. Councilor Farr moved & Councilor Jackson seconded the motion to approve the regular agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

There were no public comments.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Horton introduced a proclamation honoring Jenna Polk Jones for her work on the Tree Commission. After five years of dedicated volunteering, she resigned. **He moved & Councilors Jackson & Miller jointly seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS** Mayor Short and councilors took turns praising her & thanking her. After a brief recess for group pictures, President Anderson resumed the meeting.

Next, Councilor Jackson introduced a proposed ordinance to declare two acres of city-owned property located at 150 Watterson Parkway surplus, then authorize a purchase-&-sale agreement with Actus Development, LLC. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval.** During discussion, Councilor Miller expressed his opposition because he wanted an appraisal. Councilor Horton commented, expressing his support. **Upon roll call, 4-1 APPROVED (Miller dissenting) Ordinance No. 2026-025-ADM**

Next Councilor Farr introduced a proposed ordinance to declare certain IDA property surplus & subsequently approve an agreement with B4 Development, LLC. **She moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval.** During discussion, Councilor Miller stated his preference to table the matter, since he wanted to give citizens time to review the buyer's terms of purchase. President Anderson asked the city clerk for Roberts rules guidance. Weinrib advised that Councilor Miller could move to table as an amending motion; however, it requires a second from another councilor. When she offered, **Councilor Miller moved to table the ordinance. Since nobody seconded, his motion died.** During discussion, Mayor Short pointed out that the public did have advanced notice of the offer and that the change removing references to escrow is immaterial to the terms. Councilor Miller disagreed with the mayor's statement. When Mayor Short posed the question to the city clerk, Weinrib said he would have to check when he did. **Upon roll call, 4-1 APPROVED (Miller dissenting) Ordinance No. 2026-026-ADM**

Next, Councilor Miller introduced a proposed resolution authorizing Mayor Short to make the city-owned property located at 171 Will Street available for sale. Mayor Short would then report back to the city council for its consideration. **He moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval. UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2026-55**

Next, Finance Director Joseph Calvert gave his monthly briefing on the City's budget performance through July. In sum, the City continues to stay ahead of revenue estimates while keeping expenses under control. Over the month of July, the City ran an operational deficit of \$1.1 million; original estimates had the July deficit at \$1.4 million. Monthly & annual sales tax revenues remain ahead of initial projections. Year-to-date, the City is \$1 million ahead of its FY2025 actuals. Assuming the City can maintain its numbers through September, Calvert stated, the City could finish the year with a \$3.1 million surplus & increase its fund balance to \$12.1 million, up from approximately \$9 million.

During committee reports, Councilor Horton once again thanked Jenna Paul Jones for her service. He gave generous praise. He then explained the existence of & purpose behind cisterns in the Utility Board's campus on Main Street, which is under renovation. For Public Safety, he admonished the public to slow down, put down their cell phones and share the road with others. There had been incidents involving motorists and cyclists. Most notably, a Mountain Brook resident riding his bicycle on Crestwood Boulevard in Irondale died from injuries sustained from a collision with a motorist. Also, Design Review approved new signs for the incoming Culver's restaurant & Home-2-Suites hotel.

Councilor Jackson reported that the Redevelopment Authority met to discuss a prospective connector in Quad 1 to the future citywide pedestrian greenways system, a project championed by Active Transportation. Also, Redevelopment is recruiting downtown businesses for the annual Christmas lights glow-up.

Councilor Miller deferred his reports. He mentioned Historical Committee Chairman and local author Gary Lloyd's Deep Roots and Hidden Stories event at Ferus Artisan Ales.

Councilor Farr promoted the fifth annual Friends of the Library 5k run on October 10. The public can register online. Also, the Seniors Center is having its 27th anniversary celebratory luncheon on August 27. Also, Parks & Recreation is hosting a corn hole contest between the Irondale & Trussville police departments. It's a fundraiser for Spina Bifida, occurring at the Civic Center. Also, the Chamber of Commerce's annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on August 14 was well attended. At its September 17 luncheon, Chamber members will learn how technology is helping keep the community safe. She praised Public Works & Director Justin Ferguson for their ongoing work throughout the city.

Councilor Anderson reported that Leadership Trussville Class 5 had a successful kick-off event at Maple Avenue Coffee House. Alumni from the previous classes also attended. Their next event will be an overnight retreat. Also, she promoted the 1-0 Huskies' upcoming home opener against Hillcrest. The Huskies Hall of Fame will welcome its newest class of honorees, including David Dobbs – of blessed memory -- & wife Anita Dobbs, that evening at Husky Stadium.

Mayor Short told the public he would soon get the proposed FY2027 budget to the council for its consideration over September. He warned the community that Police will give out citations for irresponsible driving, following a recent incident an underaged golf cart operator. He thanked the Chamber for the successful Prayer Breakfast. He also mentioned that despite a lightning strike, most lights at the City soccer fields are functioning.

There were no audience comments. With nothing left on the agenda. President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weinrib MMC
City Clerk