

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2026 AGENDA WORKSHOP

The City Council met in an **agenda workshop** on **Tuesday, October 13, 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:	City Attorney Rick Stotser City Clerk Dan Weinrib
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Those absent:	Mayor Ben Short
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The City Council reviewed the proposed one-item consent agenda and decided to keep it as presented. They then reviewed the regular agenda. All three proposed ordinances remained on the agenda. Despite explanations from Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy board member Nick Miles, which satisfied the other four councilors, Councilor Miller opposed unanimous consent to consider immediately an ordinance levying an addition \$20 to residential building permits to fund the Academy. Miller made it known that he would oppose the ordinance at the next council meeting. The second ordinance had already been introduced at the previous council meeting. Dobbins Group's Eric Morrison & Cadre Engineering's Brian Hatcher answered council's questions. The council mutually agreed to consider immediately the third ordinance, approving a property swap between the City & Trussville Utilities.

The two proposed resolutions originated from attorney Heyward Hosch on behalf of his client, Tapestry Village developer Harris Doyle. The first resolution would confirm three directors for the Tapestry Village Improvement District; the other would have approved the district's petition to place assessments on sold residential lots to pay for capital improvements. Without an improvement district, the subject property on Service Road would not have adequate fire flow. Consequently, the prior city council included stipulations as part of **Ordinance No. 2024-028-PZ**, necessitating the creation of an improvement district. In January 2026, the current city council passed **Resolution No. 2026-06**, which appointed three members to the Tapestry Village Improvement District, with staggered terms ending in 2029, 2030 & 2031. By 5:51 pm, Hosch & Brooks Harris took the public podium to answer questions about the resolutions. Discussion ensued. Councilors had issues with both resolutions. The prospective **Resolution No. 2026-64** would have re-set the same appointees' staggered terms to 2030, 2031 & 2032. By the end of that topic, Hosch acknowledged this proposed resolution was no longer necessary. Question time switched over to the prospective **Resolution No. 2026-65** Once again, discussion ensued. Councilor Jackson made known his issues with Hosch's drafted resolution. He pointed out that the developer had not obtained all final approvals from the City or Planning & Zoning on its plans & related permits, yet the drafted resolution presumes that the developer had done so. He also objected to Article 3(b)(3) compelling the city council to take certain actions again on land assessments for the developer. He also objected to the resolution compelling the city council to accept the transfer of the Village's improvements, regardless of any compliance with subdivision regulations or construction codes. Piggybacking on the last point, Councilor Horton pointed out that the Trussville Utilities - not the City - is in the water utility business. He wanted the resolution to compel the developer to build its water system to the Trussville Utilities' standards, since it is higher than the industry's standards, prior to turnover. At Brooks Harris' request, the council tabled the public hearing and related resolution. *City Clerk's note – Consequently, Resolution #s 64 & 65 became available for other council legislation.*

With nothing left to review, President Anderson adjourned the workshop at 6:42 pm.

OCTOBER 13, 2026 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026**, at 6:47 pm. Council President Jaime Melton Anderson presided over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib served as recording secretary.

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Others present in their official capacity: City Attorney Rick Stotser
City Clerk Dan Weinrib

Those absent: Mayor Ben Short

President Anderson led the prayer. Councilor Farr led the pledge.

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

President Anderson then introduced the one-item consent agenda. Councilor Horton moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. **UNANIMOUS**

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

There were no public comments, since resident Dennis Blass chose to delay his remarks.

Under the regular agenda, Councilor Farr gave an introductory first reading to a proposed ordinance levying an additional \$20 on residential building permits.

Next, Councilor Jackson introduced a proposed ordinance to declare 12 acres within the larger parcel associated with 525 Main Street as surplus, then authorize Mayor Short to sign a purchase and sale agreement with TDG Development Company, LLC. **Councilor Jackson moved & Councilor Farr seconded the motion for approval, with the stipulation that the recording deed memorialize the 55+ age restriction for residential development. Upon roll call, APPROVED 4-1 (Miller dissenting)**

Next, Councilor Miller introduced a proposed ordinance to authorize Mayor Short to sign a property swap agreement with the Trussville Utilities Board. **Councilor Miller moved to suspend the rules & bring an ordinance up for immediate consideration; Councilor Jackson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS Councilor Miller then moved & Councilor Horton seconded the motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Upon roll call, UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2026-032-ADM**

During committee reports, Councilor Horton expressed his & the City's gratitude for the six-member Trussville Fire & Rescue Water Rescue Unit Task Force 2. They, along with units from other cities in our region, assisted Baldwin & Mobile counties with emergency services as Hurricane Isaias was about to make landfall. The Trussville unit stayed at an armory in Foley. They had only one call, since Isaias made landfall in Destin, Fla. Also, Arbor Week is coming up February 21-27. He encouraged residents to water their trees.

Councilor Jackson reported that the Redevelopment Authority is working with downtown businesses on Light Up Trussville, occurring in December. Also, Active Transportation is working in its APPLE study and branding for its trails system. They now have a comprehensive plan. Also, the Planning & Zoning Commission will consider a revised draft of the Cahaba Project Overlay District ordinance, now that the councilors gave their feedback. The Commission will also consider new subdivision regulations. State law empowers the Planning Commissions, not city councils, to enact subdivision regulations. The last time Trussville updated its regulations was in 1978.

Councilor Miller reported that the History Fair at the Civic Center was well attended. The Historical Board's next meeting is on November 2. The City Museum will be open on November 14. UAB history instructor Beth Hunter is its featured speaker. The Historical Board is obtaining landscaping quotes for its historical trail. Also, he promoted ACTA's upcoming productions, *The Lightning Thief* & *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Councilor Farr announced that the Library's upcoming Bookin' It 5K run is rescheduled to October 17. Kids in grades 2-6 can participate in the Scarecrow Stroll competition. The Library is having its annual Trick or Treat on October 29. Also, she noted Public Works remains busy with its seasonal work. It recently fixed a sinkhole on Brentwood Avenue and removed a large wasp's nest from Heritage Hall. Also, the City just opened its own fleet maintenance garage. Also, she promoted the State of the City luncheon, carnival and other Chamber of Commerce events. Also, the Miracle League just started its fall season. The Masters Games here in Trussville hosted hundreds of senior citizen competitors from across the state. Later this month, the Soccer Club is hosting the Revolution Cup. The annual North Polar Express occurs November 13-15 at the Civic Center.

Councilor Anderson acknowledged school board member Kim DeShazo in the audience. The school board's next meeting is on October 19, the same day as its biannual all-day workshop. Kids just

returned from fall break. Anderson reminded the public that in 2027, the city council will conduct an open search for its next school board appointment. Incumbent, Dr. Steve Ward, can still apply for reappointment. Also, Leadership Trussville had its Gateway to Happy Living Day on the previous Thursday.

During audience comments, Dennis Blass (221 Calumet Place) criticized the Council's decision to sell the 12 acres located at 525 Main Street, admonishing "I think y'all made a mistake."

With nothing left on the agenda, President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Weinrib".

Dan Weinrib MMC
City Clerk