



Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

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Monday, February 2, 2026

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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Work Session/Council Meeting

**Call to Order**

President Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**Roll Call**

All Council Members were present. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Christi Watkins, Stephanie Richardson, Taylor Davis, Taree Montere, Jane Tyler, Cindy Brother, Pam Harris, Jonathan Cottis, Bryan Battaglia, Logan Eberly, Jeff Lee, Terri Graham, Pete Lee, Gabe Lee, Jamie Smith, Angela Sherman, David Thompson, John Graham, Guy Busby, Zan Blue, Rafe Smith, Rachel Spear, Cian Harrison, Kevin Carnley, Joey Darby, Thurston Bullock, Wayne Dyess, Raven Roberts, Eddie Culpepper, Theresa Manning, and Buford King.

Present: 5 - Tim Lower, Roderick Burkle, Larry Engel, Wayne Trawick and Charles Ebert III

**Moment of Reflection**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing**

[26-0019](#)

Public Hearing to Consider An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21-2015, Impact Fees

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:01pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

**Presentation**

[26-0008](#)

Presentation: Recycling in Baldwin County presented by Terri Graham

Terri Graham presented updates on the Solid Waste Disposal Authority to Council.

## Work Session Discussion

### Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions or removals to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to carry-over Item 26-0007 from the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### Consent Agenda

[26-0003](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026

**Attachments:** [02-02-2026 Work Session Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0051](#)

Planning Commission Recommendation to approve Public Projects

**Attachments:** [PC Iberville Sq Turn Lane Project Conceptual](#)  
[Public Project Rec](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### Ordinances

[26-0007](#)

(First Reading) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NOT PRESENTLY NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF THE SAME TO AUTOWORX, LLC (D/B/A NAPA AUTO PARTS FOLEY)

**Attachments:** [NAPA Lease 2-2-26](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to carry-over Item 26-0007. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0049](#)

(First Reading) An Ordinance Accepting Public Rights-of-Way and Infrastructure Improvements in Multiple Subdivisions for City Maintenance.

**Attachments:** [DRH Request to Accept Public ROWs.07.21.25](#)  
[Primland Acceptance Request Letter](#)  
[Rosewood Acceptance Request Letter](#)  
[Peachtree Maintenance Bond release letter 1-22-2026](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the subdivisions included in this ordinance are Kensington Place, Peachtree Subdivision, Rosewood Subdivision, and Primland.

A motion was made by Council Member Charlie Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-2007-ORD

[25-0753](#)

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21-2015, Impact Fees

**Attachments:** [ORDINANCE 21-2015 Impact Fees \(3\)](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-2005-ORD

## Resolutions and Other Business

[26-0009](#)

A Resolution to Approve the First Amendment to the Professional Consulting and Project Services Agreement with EnCompass360 Inc.

**Attachments:** [Budget Increase Form](#)

Logan Eberly reported that Council previously approved this agreement in 2021, but due to a change in FEMA's requirements, it would make a budget increase of \$78,938.50 necessary to move forward. She also reported that this increase is 100% reimbursable by FEMA.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1025-RES

[26-0030](#)

A Resolution Approving the Capital Purchase and to Go to Bid for a New SUV for the Sports Tourism Department

**Attachments:** [Capital Item Budget Form](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that the Sports Tourism Department's current vehicle is a 2008 SUV that is beyond repair, and the department requests approval to purchase a new, reliable SUV.

**A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Enactment No: 26-1026-RES

[26-0031](#)

A Resolution to Apply for the USDOT's FY26 BUILD Grant

**Logan Eberly reported that staff requests permission to apply for a planning grant to install sidewalks along Highway 98 near the soccer fields.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Enactment No: 26-1027-RES

[26-0033](#)

A Resolution Approving the Transfer of funds between Department Categories - Police Personnel and Operational

**Attachments:**     [Service Agreement](#)  
                          [JOT form -01-14-2026](#)  
                          [Updated quote with Source Well Contract #](#)

**Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that the Police Department is requesting a transfer of funds between department categories to purchase a human resources software to streamline background investigations.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Enactment No: 26-1028-RES

[26-0034](#)

A Resolution to Waive the Fees for the Use of the Foley Civic Center

**Director of Senior Services and Municipal Complex Pam Harris reported that this is the Dream Center of Baldwin County's 5th Annual Charity Dinner and Silent Auction, and requested approval to waive the fees.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Enactment No: 26-1029-RES

[26-0035](#)

A Resolution Approving the Capital Purchase and to Go to Bid for a New SUV for the Senior Center

**Attachments:**     [Capital Item Budget Form](#)

**Director of Senior Services and Municipal Complex Pam Harris reported that the Senior Center is requesting approval to go with Sports Tourism to bid on two identical SUVs to get the best price.**

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1030-RES

[26-0038](#)

A Resolution Approving the Downtown Parking Lot Resurfacing Project, Appropriating Funds for Construction, and Requesting Permission to go to Bid.

**Attachments:** [Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(64\)](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the Engineering Department would like to begin resurfacing work on the downtown parking lots by the Holmes Museum and the lot north of Planning and Development Services which was originally budgeted under Public Works for their parking lot improvement project.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1031-RES

[26-0039](#)

A Resolution Accepting GeoCon's Professional Services Proposal for the First Responder Hurricane Safe Room Project (Shelter).

**Attachments:** [Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(66\)](#)  
[GeoCon Safe Room Agreement](#)

Director of Public Projects Buford King reported that this proposal is from a third-party testing service that is necessary for the Hurricane Safe Room Project.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1032-RES

[26-0041](#)

A Resolution Appropriating Funds and Approving the Purchase of two replacement HVAC Units.

**Attachments:** [Budget increase form](#)

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that the Foley Police Department is requesting to appropriate funds to purchase two replacement HVAC units. He reported that this purchase was previously approved for FY26 as a project in the amount of \$45,000.00, but no longer meets the amount required to be considered a project. The Police Department is requesting an increase of funds to the operational budget Buildings and Grounds account in the amount of \$45,000 in order to move forward with this purchase.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an

unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1033-RES

[26-0042](#)

A Resolution to Accept and Use Unbudgeted Money Received by the Foley Police Department.

**Attachments:** Receipt

[Lisa-Meredith-01-22-2026 \(1\)](#)

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that the Police Department recently collected and recycled brass from the firing range, and the department is requesting to accept the money and use it for arms-related expenses.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1034-RES

[26-0043](#)

A Resolution Approving the Capital Purchase and to Go to Bid for a Truck for the Horticulture Department

**Attachments:** [Capital Purchase Form](#)

City Horticulturist John Graham reported that the Horticulture Department requests permission to go to bid for a new work truck not to exceed the FY26 budgeted expense of \$65,000 under the Capital Purchase Account. He reported that this purchase will replace the current 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 that is currently having transmission issues. The Horticulture Department requests that this vehicle be declared surplus and approved for auction or disposal by the best means possible.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1035-RES

[26-0045](#)

A Resolution Approving to Modify the Performance Contracts with Baldwin County Board of Education for Foley High School Athletics

**Attachments:** [Budget Increase Form](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that his department is requesting an increase to their class instructor account due to a change in coaching staff at Foley High School. He requested Council approve modifying the budget as requested and authorizing the Mayor to execute the new performance contracts once finalized with Baldwin County Board of Education and Foley High School staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1036-RES

[26-0046](#)

A Resolution to Appoint Vera Quaites to the Planning Commission Board

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1037-RES

[26-0047](#)

A Resolution to Reappoint Thomas Gebhart, Jr. To The Planning Commission

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1038-RES

[26-0050](#)

A Resolution Approving the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation's Walk This Way - An 80's Tribute Parade

**Attachments:**    [Walk This Way – An '80s Tribute Walk \(parade route\)](#)  
[Walk This Way – An '80s Tribute Walk - After Party](#)  
[Walk This Way – An '80s Tribute Parade City Application](#)  
[2026 - Required Documentation for COF-Walk This Way – An '80s Tribute Parade](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that this is a new fundraising event held by the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, including both a parade and an after party. He reported that he consulted with Public Safety and they also recommend moving forward with the event.

South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Events and Finance Director Rachel Spear reported that this event will be a fundraiser for their education foundation. She also reported that the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation is the largest education foundation in Baldwin County, and supports 14 schools through grants and programs. She reported that she has also consulted with Darrelyn Dunmore of Foley Main Street to include downtown businesses in this event.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 26-1039-RES

## Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich reported that the Gumbo and Alabama Slammer Festival was rescheduled due to inclement weather and will be held on Saturday, February

7, 2026 from 10:00am to 6:00pm, and Sunday, February 8, 2026 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

He reported that the Library will be holding their annual book sale at the Foley Civic Center on Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Friday, February 6, 2026 from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

He also reported that the Library's children's programming has been well-attended, and he looks forward to seeing these programs at the new Library when it is completed.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the Mifflin Road Management Plan will begin soon, which will enhance traffic movement and lighting.

He also reported progress on the N. Cedar Street sidewalk project and hopes to begin work on the Mills Community Park sidewalk project soon.

He reported that there are many intersection upgrades happening in cooperation with ALDOT, with plans to upgrade 27 intersections in total.

Mayor Hellmich reported that construction on the Hurricane Safe Room Project should begin soon, and that the City has applied for a 2 year extension with FEMA for it to be completed.

He also reported that construction of a traffic circle at the Michigan St. and Cedar St. intersection will begin after the county is finished with their work at the Michigan St. and Hickory St. intersection.

Mayor Hellmich reported that enforcement of the sign ordinance continues to go well, and reiterated that the City did not make the sign ordinance stricter, they are only enforcing the existing ordinance.

## Visitor Comments

Bryan Battaglia, a resident at 2113 Bourbon Street, Foley, AL, in the Parish Lakes Subdivision, addressed the Council to express his concerns regarding solicitation in his neighborhood. He cited examples of solicitors who frequently violate solicitation ordinances, and requested suggestions for how to address this issue or prevent it in the future.

Mayor Hellmich advised Mr. Battaglia to contact the Police Department in the future, and that the City would consider alternatives to this issue that are more preventative than reactive.

Theresa Manning addressed the Council to apologize for her behavior at the past City Council meeting.

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.