

**December 15, 2025
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Ben Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Olen, Tommie Conaway, Ben Hughes, Oliver Roberts, Joel Coleman, Stephanie Messinger and Jennifer Green

Also Present: Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Captain Reggie Ardis, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Emmie Powell, Library; Troy Strunk, City Development; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Amber Lue, Junior City Councilmember; Isabella New, Junior City Councilmember; John Wallace Simpson, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Interim City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Ms. Mykell Hudson, City Hope Church.

2. RECOGNITIONS:

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune recognized the Daphne High School and Daphne Middle School Cheer Teams for their many accomplishments the 2025-2026 school year.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the Committee met earlier and the next meeting is January 20th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said the November new Construction and Building Report is in the packet and out of that there were 9 certificates of occupancy, 216 permits issued, 10 new residential home permits, totaling \$219,396.48. She said the minutes from the November 10th meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is January 12th at 5:15pm.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is January 12th at 4:30pm and the minutes from the November meeting are in the packet.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts said the next meeting is January 5th at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 5th at 5:15pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Troy Strunk said there will be a meeting on January 8th.

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B. Daphne Public School Commission

Council President Hughes said there will be no December meeting.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is December 18th at 5:30pm.

D. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is December 16th at 4:30pm.

E. Library Board

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is January 8th at 4:30pm.

F. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is December 18th at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is January 14th at 6pm.

H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is January 28th at 5pm and the minutes from the October meeting are in the packet.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:15pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public participation closed at 6:15pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune congratulated Code Enforcement Officers Christina Brazell and Alex Bischoff for recently being awarded the "Jill Robinson Award" by the Code Enforcement Officer Safety Foundation. He mentioned the City had the annual Christmas luncheon that past Friday and had a great time.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was a matter for Executive Session regarding a pending lawsuit and the Executive Session shouldn't take more than 20 minutes.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Captain Ardis, Police, mentioned "Cookies with a Cop" had a great turnout. He commended Jason Day and Toby Pearce for their work in collecting items for a stocking drive for children throughout Baldwin County. He said they collected enough items for 200 stockings. He commended East Shore Café for always taking care of the City and its employees.

Ange Baggett, Marketing/Tourism, said Skating with Santa if Thursday and Friday from 4:00 – 8:00pm.

Emmie Powell, Library, said they enjoyed hosting the craft station at the City's Tree Lighting and invited everyone to the Christmas movie/pajama party on Monday, December 22nd as well as the New Year's Celebration on December 31st.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, said the speed table on Deer Avenue is completed. He discussed a business called "Ransom Solutions" recently partnered with the City to help clean up some homeless encampments.

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Junior City Councilmember, Amber Lue, said the Junior Council is looking forward to volunteering at Skating with Santa. She encouraged everyone to donate animal shelter supplies at any of the three locations and reminded everyone the next Junior Council meeting is December 17th at 4:00pm

10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

11. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. 2025 - 70 - Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Municipal Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate for the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
- B. 2025 - 83 - Naming of Private Drives Off of U.S. Highway 98 - "Sea Cliff North and Sea Cliff South"**
- C. 2025 - 84 - Retaining Officers and Employees - City Prosecutor**

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolutions 2025-70, 2025-83 and 2025-84. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-70. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-83. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2025-84. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. 2ND READ ORDINANCES:

- A. 2025 - 22 - Ordinance Setting Forth the Authorization of Certain City Officials as Designated Signatories on Various Accounts of the City of Daphne**

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Ordinance 2025-22. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2025-22. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

- A. 2025 - 23 - Hotel Fortuna Project-TFH Daphne 2026-Limited Obligation Project Revenue Warrant-Not to exceed \$8 Million**

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- B. 2025 - 24 - Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Purchase and Development Agreement with Sisters (Baldwin), LLC for the Conveyance of Certain Real Property No Longer Needed for Public or Municipal Purposes.**

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Conaway thanked City staff for their work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Olen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and congratulated the Code Enforcement Officers.

Councilman Coleman thanked the Mayor and staff for a great Tree Lighting.

Councilman Roberts said it was a great Tree Lighting event and commended the Daphne High School and Middle School Cheer teams.

Councilwoman Messinger wished City staff a Merry Christmas and said she's enjoyed the Christmas events.

Councilwoman Green encouraged all to remember their "why" for the season and thanked City employees for their work as well as congratulating the cheer teams.

Mayor LeJeune thanked the City Staff for their work and the Council for their support.

Council President Hughes thanked the staff for their work at the Christmas events.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney certified that the Council should enter into an Executive Session concerning matters of pending litigation. He said it should take 20 minutes and the Council should have no reason to vote or return from the meeting so they could adjourn into executive session.

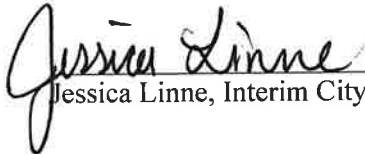
MOTION by Councilman Coleman to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.	
Interim City Clerk did a roll call vote.	
Councilwoman Conaway	Aye
Councilman Olen	Aye
Councilman Coleman	Aye
Councilman Roberts	Aye
Councilwoman Messinger	Aye
Councilwoman Green	Aye
Council President Hughes	Aye
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.	

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16. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessica Linne, Interim City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,



Ben Hughes, Council President