

**March 16, 2026  
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 Benjamin Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tommie Conaway, Steve Olen, Stephanie Messinger, Benjamin Hughes and Jennifer Green

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joel Coleman and Oliver Roberts

**Also Present:** Jay Ross, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Captain Ardis, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Troy Strunk, City Development; Andy Bobe, City Engineer; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Kelli Reid, Finance; Emmie Powell, Library; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Ange Baggett, Events and Marketing; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Eric Butler, Building Inspection; Dareon Maynard, Junior City Councilmember; Schuyler Smith, Junior City Councilmember; Lakyn Coggin, Junior City Councilmember; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Invocation was given by Pastor Andrew Tewell, Shore Light Baptist Church.

**2. PROMOTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Chief Tacon presented three Fire Department Promotions: Apparatus Engineer Thomas Elliott, Apparatus Engineer Galen Lambeth and Apparatus Engineer Christopher Drogmiller.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Adrienne Jones presented on the pre-zoning of property located at the Northwest Intersection of County Road 64 and County Road 54 West – Louisa Marco Toler Revocable Trust Dated July 24, 2024.

Public hearing opened at 6:07pm.

Aaron Collins, Dewberry, represented the developer and said there were no changes to the master plan.

Public hearing closed at 6:09pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Adrienne Jones presented on the pre-zoning of property located Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181 – Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, Jerry and Louise Volovecky, Sr. Family Limited Partnership.

Public hearing opened at 6:09pm.

Charlie Trottman, developer, shared the details of the proposed plan.

Andrew Tewell, 11151 Colvin Lane, said he likes the idea of a grocery store closer in the area.

Ben Schoenfeld, 9671 Pleasant Road, said he doesn't think this proposal isn't a good thing for the area and requested the Council deny the pre-zone and annexation.

Public hearing closed at 6:32pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Adrienne Jones presented on the Annexation of property located Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181 – Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, Jerry and Louise Volovecky, Sr. Family Limited Partnership.

Public hearing opened at 6:32pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public hearing closed at 6:32pm.

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**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF DEMOLITION DEADLINE HEARING:** Eric Butler, Building Inspection, presented on the request proposing extension of demolition deadline for 505 Van Avenue.

Public hearing opened at 6:33pm. No one came forward to speak.

Public hearing closed at 6:33pm.

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from the March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved.

**4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Conaway said the Committee met earlier and the minutes will be in the next Council packet.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to authorize the Mayor to hire a GIS Analyst at a salary above the midpoint. No second was needed.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Messenger said the February new Construction and Building Report is in the packet and out of that there were 7 certificates of occupancy, 168 permits issued, 10 new residential home permits, totaling \$58,004.87. She said the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet.

**D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.

**5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

**A. Board of Zoning Adjustments**

Mrs. Jones said a daycare center was approved at the last BZA meeting.

**B. Daphne Public School Commission**

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm at Daphne Elementary School.

**C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority**

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and the minutes from the February meeting are in the packet.

**D. Industrial Development Board**

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

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**E. Library Board**

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**F. Planning Commission**

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**G. Recreation Board**

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**H. Utility Board**

Councilman Coleman was absent.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public participation opened at 6:38pm.

Andre and Laventia Lemaitre, Via De La Rosa, expressed concern about a family member who is unable to build a home due to not having an assigned 911 address. Council President suggested they speak to Mr. Strunk.

Public participation was closed at 6:41pm.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor LeJeune was absent.

**8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

City Attorney said there was no report.

**9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Ange Baggett, Marketing, said the Sunday Concert Series begins Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Easter Egg Dash is on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm and the Arbor Day event is March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, shared the department put some new hardware on Gator Boardwalk and updated the Council about other recent projects.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said the first travel ball tournament was this past weekend as well as a pickleball tournament. He shared about upcoming tournaments, animal shelter events and said the splash pad opens March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, explained to the Council how an individual obtains a paved road.

Junior City Council, Dareon Maynard, shared that there are multiple members of the Junior Council in Washington, D.C.

**10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Green to approve the 700 – Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products to SAI Blessings LLC dba Legacy Spirits located at 9475 US Highway 90, Ste 110, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to approve the 700 – Specialty Retailer of Consumable Hemp Products to SAI Sharnam LLC dba Top Shelf Liquor located at 2200 US Highway 98, Ste 7, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor to Daphne IWC LLC dba Island Wing Company located at 29740 Urgent Care Drive, Ste A, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Green to approve the 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only), the 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) and the 990 – Tobacco and Alternative Nicotine Products to Vexxil Retail Operations LLC dba Malbis Chevron located at 29805 State Highway 181, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the Community Spirit Day on October 3, 2026 from 2:00 – 5:00pm at Lott Park. Seconded by Councilman Olen.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. **2026 - 18** - Resolution Extending the Time for Demolition of a Certain Unsafe Structure Located at 505 Van Avenue, Daphne, Alabama
- B. **2026 - 19** - Resolution Appropriation: ALDOT PROJECT #ATRP2 02-2026-171: Addition of a south-bound turn lane and extension of the north-bound turn lane on SR-181 and Corte Road - \$184,446

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to waive the reading of Resolutions 2026-18 and 2026-19. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to adopt Resolution 2026-18. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to adopt Resolution 2026-19. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. **2<sup>ND</sup> READ ORDINANCES:**

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**13. 1<sup>st</sup> READ ORDINANCES:**

- A. **2026 - 06** - Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located at the Northwest Intersection of County Road 64 and County Road 54 West - Louisa Marco Toler Revocable Trust Dated July 24, 2024
- B. **2026 - 07** - Ordinance to Pre-Zone Property Located Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181 - Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, Jerry and Louise Volovecky Sr, Family Limited Partnership
- C. **2026 - 08** - Ordinance to Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne - Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181 - Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, Jerry and Louise Volovecky Sr, Family Limited Partnership

**14. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Conaway reminded everyone the Lupus Walk is March 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00am.


Councilman Olen congratulated the firefighters recognized for their promotions.


Councilwoman Messinger thanked the public for their input in the proposals for pre-zoning and annexations. She encouraged everyone to consider embracing growth.

**15. ADJOURN:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,  
  
Benjamin Hughes, Council President