

April 20, 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, Joel Coleman, Oliver Roberts, Stephanie Messinger, Benjamin Hughes and Jennifer Green

Also Present: Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Captain Ardis, Police; Chief Tacon, Fire; Troy Strunk, City Development; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; Bobby Purvis, Public Works; Kelli Reid, Finance; Emmie Powell, Library; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Izzy New, Junior Councilmember; Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Reverend Thack Dyson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

2. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune recognized Bayside Academy Wrestling State Champion Noah Breeland for his accomplishments.

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune recognized the Daphne High School Girls' Wrestling Team for their recent 6A-7A State Championship title.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation to representatives from The Lighthouse.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the National Donate Life Month Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the Administrative Professionals' Day Proclamation.

PRESENTATION: Cathy Barnett and Noel Yoho shared with the Council that the City's Native Plant Trail received a Level One Accredited Arboretum.

3. **APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from the April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved.

4. **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the April meeting will be in the next packet and the next meeting is May 18th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said the March new Construction and Building Report is in the packet and out of that there were 25 certificates of occupancy, 190 permits issued, 9 new residential home permits, totaling \$115,389.98. She said the minutes from the March meeting are in the packet and the next meeting is May 11th at 5:15pm.

**MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Turn Lane Construction Agreement with Wise Properties, LLC. No second was needed.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to authorize the City Clerk to send an initial 20-day letter for abatement of a dangerous building located at 29049 US Hwy 98, Daphne, Alabama. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilwoman Messinger to authorize the City Clerk to send an initial 20-day letter for abatement of a dangerous building located at 29049 US Hwy 98, Daphne, Alabama. No second was needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is May 11th at 4:30pm and the minutes from the March meeting are in the packet.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is May 4th at 5:15pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Mrs. Jones said there was no report.

B. Daphne Public School Commission

Councilwoman Messinger said the next meeting will be April 27th at 5:30pm in the Jubilee Conference Room.

C. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is May 21st at 5:30pm.

D. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is April 21st at 4:30pm.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to appoint Ron Scott to the Industrial Development Board for a six-year term (April 2026 – April 2032). Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Library Board

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is May 14th at 4:30pm.

F. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is April 23rd at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board

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

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H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is April 29th at 5:00pm.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:35pm.

June Chappell, 952 Brookside Lane, shared that as she represents the City of Daphne as “Ms. Senior Daphne” and she is offering her time to serve within the City if there are any needs.

Public participation was closed at 6:38pm.

7. MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune reminded everyone that “Evening with the Mayor” is Tuesday at El Rancho at 5:30pm. He shared that County Road 13 will be closed at Milton Jones Road starting May 4, 2026 through the end of August.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was a matter to discuss in executive session that should take 5-10 minutes.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Captain Ardis, Police, thanked all who helped recognize the telecommunicators last week and said Caroline Elliot in Marketing did a great job promoting the group.

Chief Tacon, Fire, said there are repairs being done at Station 4. She mentioned that Deputy Fire Marshal Onisa has helped head up the creation of a “citizens’ academy” for Daphne.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, reminded everyone that May Day is on May 2 at May Day Park from 10am – 1pm.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, said the Public Works’ Department is doing the work at Station 4 and his department has gone through 811 training.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, shared about a recent animal shelter event in Gulf Shores they were involved with.

Junior Councilmember, Izzy New, shared about the group’s recent trip to Montgomery.

10. CITY CLERK’S REPORT:

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor to JNYS LLC dba Korea Chefs located at 1501A US Highway 98, Ste 3, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Roberts to approve the LSK Lupus Awareness Walk on March 20, 2027 from 9:00am – 12:00pm on the front lawn of City Hall. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. RESOLUTIONS:

A. 2026-25 - Appropriation: Additional Engineering - Main Street Revitalization

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-25. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-25. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. 2ND READ ORDINANCES:

13. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

- A. **2026-09** - Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance and Exchange of Property Between the City of Daphne and Fred Lawrence Penry
- B. **2026-10** - Ordinance Amending the Daphne Junior City Council Ordinance
- C. **2026 - 11** - Ordinance to Amend Sections 6.5, 9.9, 9.10, 9.12 and 9.14 of the City's Employee Handbook

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Conaway said she was proud of all the students represented at the Council meeting that night.

Councilman Olen congratulated the Daphne High School Girls' Wrestling Team and Noah Breeland from Bayside.

Councilman Coleman echoed all previous comments.

Councilman Roberts echoed all previous comments and thanked Cathy Barnett and Noel Yoho for their hard work.

Councilwoman Messinger echoed all previous comments and thanked all administrative assistants.

Councilwoman Green echoed all previous comments and thanked June for coming to share at the meeting.

Mayor LeJeune reminded everyone about "Evening with the Mayor" on Tuesday.

Council President Hughes thanked Cathy Barnett and Noel Yoho for their work and thanked the Library for their work on the Book Bash.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney certified that the Council should enter into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. He said it should take 5-10 minutes then the Council may come back out to potentially vote.

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MOTION by Councilman Coleman to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.

City Clerk called roll.

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.	

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:56pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:06pm.

MOTION by Councilman Olen to authorize the Mayor to enter into a settlement agreement with Amerco aka U-Haul in the precise form as presented, specifically called "The Settlement Agreement".

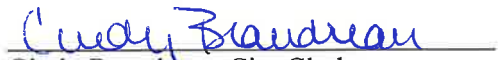
Seconded by Councilman Coleman.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Benjamin Hughes, Council President