

May 4, 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 6:01pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Olen

Also Present: Patrick Dungan, City Attorney; Mayor LeJeune; Lt. Reeves, 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; Lakyn Coggin, Junior Councilmember; Emma Coleman, Junior Councilmember; Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation was given by Pastor Wesley Jenkins, Destiny Church.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** City Attorney presented on the proposed extension of demolition deadline hearing for the property located at 505 Van Avenue.

Public hearing opened at 6:04pm.

Victoria Phelps, Worchester Drive, commended the City for how they've handled this property and said she's in favor of the demolition.

Public hearing closed at 6:06pm.

3. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

RECOGNITION: Mayor LeJeune recognized the Bayside Academy High School Chess Team and National Champion Burke Ramagosa.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the National Police Week Proclamation to the Daphne Police Department.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor LeJeune presented the National Correctional Officers' Week Proclamation to the Daphne Correctional Officers.

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting were approved.

5. **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the April meeting are in the packet and gave the treasurer's report for March 2026: unrestricted fund balance - \$33,029,207; total cash balance - \$57,603,273; sales tax for February 2026 - \$2,197,661.16; lodging tax for February 2026 - \$187,052.28; debt summary for March 2026: warrants - \$26,292,087; capital leases: general fund - \$686,681; enterprise fund - \$675,147. She said the next meeting is May 18th at 4:30pm.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Messinger said the next meeting is May 11th at 5:15pm.

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C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Green said the next meeting is May 11th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts said the next meeting is June 1st at 4:30pm and the minutes from the April 6th meeting are in the packet.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is June 1st at 5:15pm.

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Mrs. Jones said there is no May or June meeting.

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to reappoint Audra Harper to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a three-year term (May 2026 – May 2029). Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Daphne Public School Commission

Councilwoman Messinger said the Committee won't meet again until August.

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 May 19th at 4:30pm.

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 May 28th at 5:00pm.

G. Recreation Board

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

H. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the next meeting is May 25th at 5:00pm.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public participation opened at 6:28pm.

Gilberto Colon, Lake Forest, said he attended "Evening with the Mayor" and thanked the Mayor for having an option for citizens to attend in the evening.

Victoria Phelps, Worchester Drive, said she enjoyed hearing the updates about the Bayfront property and commented on the Italian Village development.

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Thomas Warner, Warren Drive, commended the Sports and Recreation Department for addressing the restroom at Joe Louis Park. He shared a concern about the pavilion at the park.

Public participation was closed at 6:34pm.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune thanked all for coming to "Evening with the Mayor". He reminded everyone that County Road 13 is closed and will reopen in August. He said the City has reached out to ALDOT regarding the light at Hwy 181 and County Road 64. He spoke on the recent Alabama League of Municipalities trip to Montgomery as well as the May Day Celebration. He reminded everyone that Thursday is the National Day of Prayer.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Lt. Reeves, Police, updated the Council on two accidents over the weekend.

Chief Tacon, Fire, said it was National Fallen Firefighter Day and reminded everyone the burn ban is in effect.

Emmie Powell, Library, reminded everyone the Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 1st.

Bobby Purvis, Public Works, said there are sidewalk repairs on Whispering Pines and reminded everyone Public Works' Day is Wednesday.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, shared about a recent animal shelter event and updated everyone on spring sports.

Emma Coleman, Junior Council, said the group had a great time volunteering at May Day. She said two podcasts are currently in the editing stages and the last Junior Council meeting is May 13th at 4:30pm.

11. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the publication and set a public hearing on June 15, 2026 for the Official City of Daphne Zoning Map. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to approve the publication and set a public hearing on June 15, 2026 for the Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties I, LLC, Joseph A. Allegri Jr Properties II, LLC, and Jerry and Louise Volovecky Sr Family Limited Partnership Annexation Petition located Northwest of County Road 64 and Alabama Highway 181. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. 2026-26 - Revisions to the Official City of Daphne Street Map**
- B. 2026 - 27 - Resolution Extending the Time for Demolition of a Certain Unsafe Structure Located at 505 Van Avenue, Daphne, Alabama**
- C. 2026-28 - Appropriation: Demolition of Structures at 905 Daphne Avenue**

D. 2026-29 - Additional Appropriation: Vehicle Replacement

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to waive the reading of Resolutions 2026-26, 2026-27, 2026-28 and 2026-29. Seconded by Councilman Coleman.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2026-26. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2026-27. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-28. Seconded by Councilwoman Messinger.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Resolution 2026-29. Seconded by Councilman Roberts.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. 2ND 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**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to waive the reading of Ordinances 2026-09, 2026-10 and 2026-11.
Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2026-09. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2026-10. Seconded by Councilwoman Green.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Coleman to adopt Ordinance 2026-11. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. 1st READ ORDINANCES:

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15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Conaway congratulated the Bayside Academy Chess Team and thanked the Police Department and Correctional Officers.

Councilman Coleman congratulated the Chess Team and thanked the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Roberts thanked the Police Department and Correctional Officers. He congratulated the Bayside Chess Team and shared about the young lady recognized at May Day.

Councilwoman Messinger said the next Alabama League of Municipalities Conference will be held in Mobile and thanked the Police Department.

Councilwoman Green thanked the Police and Fire Departments and commended the Junior Council for serving at May Day.

Councilman Hughes thanked all public safety professionals.

16. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by,


Cindy Beaudreau, City Clerk

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Benjamin Hughes, Council President