



**Vestavia Hills
City Council Agenda
April 6, 2026
5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation — David Phillips, Vestavia Hills Chaplain
4. Pledge Of Allegiance
5. Approval Of The Agenda
6. Announcements, Candidates and Guest Recognition
7. Proclamation - Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving - April 21, 2026
8. City Manager's Report
9. Councilors' Reports
10. Financial Reports - Zachary Clifton, Finance Director
11. Approval Of Minutes - March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Old Business (Public Hearing)

New Business

New Business Requesting Unanimous Consent (Public Hearing)

First Reading (No Action To Be Taken At This Meeting)

12. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3323 - An Ordinance for conditional use approval to allow the operation of a dog grooming business at 1401 Montgomery Hwy; Patrick Crabtree, owner; Allena Morse, DeeDee's Dirty Paws, representing
13. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3324 - An Ordinance levying an additional twenty dollars for each residential building permit issued in the city of Vestavia Hills to fund the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy.
14. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3325 - An Ordinance declaring a temporary moratorium on the licensing and permitting of the business for the sale of consumable hemp and THC products
15. Citizens Comments

16. Executive Session - Matters of Commerce or Trade
17. Time Of Adjournment

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

The following procedures shall be followed for every public hearing of the City Council:

- All comments shall be limited to **3 minutes**. A countdown clock will be provided on the video screens.
- Do not duplicate comments made by previous speakers. For example, if traffic is mentioned as an issue, do not readdress that issue.
- All comments shall be directed to the Mayor and/or presiding officer. Do not address the audience or the applicant.

Each speaker shall identify himself, including full name and address

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WHEREAS, prayer is our communication with the Heavenly Father; and

WHEREAS, it enables mankind to give thanks for the life we sometimes take for granted; and

WHEREAS, prayer seems to soften our sorrow and make our griefs and hardships bearable; and

WHEREAS, through prayer we can be prepared to become the instruments of His peace; and

WHEREAS, prayer is a candle that can rekindle the light that will repel the darkness in our midst; and

WHEREAS, by our unity others may know that we are one with the Father and His peace; and

WHEREAS, only as we are filled with the power of God can we do the things the Lord wants of us in any area of our lives; and

WHEREAS, the annual Dogwood Prayer Breakfast will be held Tuesday, April 21st at Vestavia Hills Methodist Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ashley C. Curry, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Vestavia Hills in the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2026 as a special

DAY OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

in Vestavia Hills and earnestly call upon all people of faith and goodwill to support this spiritual effort so that together we may offer prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Vestavia Hills to be affixed this the 6th day of April 2026.

Ashley C. Curry, Mayor

1.) Reconciled Cash Balance

The overall reconciled cash balance for the month of February was \$60,869,998 which is comprised of the following funds:

General Funds	\$	50,600,414
Restricted Funds	\$	10,265,904
Petty Cash	\$	<u>3,680</u>
Total	\$	<u>60,869,998</u>

2.) The "Financial Overview" for the month and YTD through February is as follows:

Monthly Revenues	\$	8,138,940	YTD Revenues	\$	45,342,930
Monthly Expenses	\$	<u>5,409,149</u>	YTD Expenses	\$	<u>33,802,383</u>
Monthly Fund Balance		<u>\$2,729,791</u>	YTD Fund Balance		<u>\$11,540,547</u>

3.) Comparative Fund Balances:

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Actual - 2025-2026	\$11,540,547	
Budget - 2025-2026	\$10,081,538	\$ 1,459,009
Last Year - 2024-2025	\$12,929,608	\$ (1,389,061)

Note:

The "Actual Fund Balance" is \$1,459,009 greater than the "Budgeted Fund Balance" and \$1,389,061 less than "Last Year Fund Balance".

Summary
Financial Report
February 2026

MTD						YTD			Variance	
		Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Act vs. Bdgt	Act vs LY	
REVENUES		8,138,940	8,078,036	6,254,761	45,342,930	45,453,167	44,807,631	(110,237)	535,299	
EXPENSES		5,409,149	5,517,181	4,876,978	33,802,383	35,371,629	31,878,023	1,569,246	(1,924,360)	
FUND BALANCE		2,729,791	2,560,855	1,377,783	11,540,547	10,081,538	12,929,608	1,459,009	(1,389,061)	
Advalorem - Real		291,316	330,448	230,687	22,015,902	21,964,259	21,082,606	51,643	933,296	
Sales Tax		2,598,081	2,591,539	2,389,416	12,904,637	13,015,149	12,680,610	(110,512)	224,028	
Utility Franchise Fees		2,335,397	2,691,116	0	2,754,279	2,691,190	2,691,952	63,089	62,327	
Business License		2,123,982	1,541,290	2,505,030	3,231,277	3,247,037	3,385,984	(15,760)	(154,707)	
Advalorem - Personal		180,914	177,345	178,533	1,049,249	973,867	980,382	75,382	68,868	
October thru February 2026 (5 months)						2025-2026				
		Actual	Budget Total	Outstanding Bal	% Received	% Outstanding	Verification			
Advalorem - Real		22,015,902	22,303,016	(287,114)	98.71%	1.29%	100.00%			
Sales Taxes		12,904,637	30,765,099	(17,860,462)	41.95%	58.05%	100.00%			
Utility Franchise Fees		2,754,279	2,691,952	62,327	102.32%	-2.32%	100.00%			
Business License		3,231,277	4,519,521	(1,288,244)	71.50%	28.50%	100.00%			
Advalorem - Personal		1,049,249	2,507,495	(1,458,246)	41.84%	58.16%	100.00%			
FEBRUARY		MTD			MTD					
				Variance	Last Year	Act vs LY				
Advalorem - Real		291,316	330,448	(39,132)	230,687	60,629				
Sales Taxes		2,598,081	2,591,539	6,542	2,389,416	208,665				
Utility Franchise Fees		2,335,397	2,691,116	(355,719)	0	2,335,397				
Business License		2,123,982	1,541,290	582,692	2,505,030	(381,049)				
Advalorem - Personal		180,914	177,345	3,569	178,533	2,381				

**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
MONTHLY CASH REPORT
"RECONCILED BALANCES"**

		Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
General Funds	Banking Institutions													
General / Operational Funds	Region Bank	22,171,177.13	13,955,675.26	16,263,402.43	14,503,397.35	13,930,215.42	8,310,724.96	5,293,844.67	2,929,568.31	4,185,677.21	7,440,520.58	5,231,848.84	17,835,918.93	21,363,394.29
Enhanced Cash Strategy	Region Bank	8,607,005.14	8,640,328.91	8,686,461.32	8,687,530.80	8,727,654.93	8,740,123.25	8,792,951.88	8,823,046.01	6,848,899.44	6,874,850.00	6,898,864.24	6,914,982.08	6,940,095.05
Payroll Fund	Region Bank	24,133.01	24,133.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	PNC Bank	21,379,333.55	21,445,489.03	21,519,598.66	21,491,244.88	21,625,812.26	21,666,724.41	21,760,367.46	21,852,275.97	21,902,681.99	21,927,868.53	22,082,063.07	22,109,114.27	22,182,638.17
Court & Corrections Fund	Region Bank	101,119.49	134,947.74	128,335.55	117,301.55	156,520.55	128,838.55	133,333.33	124,308.64	130,340.64	96,015.64	99,642.64	86,232.56	114,286.56
American Rescue Plan (COVID-19)	SouthPoint	1,718,823.73	1,723,428.05	1,043.47	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total - Balance		\$54,001,592.05	\$45,924,002.00	\$46,598,841.43	\$44,799,475.57	\$44,440,203.16	\$38,846,411.17	\$35,980,497.34	\$33,729,198.93	\$33,067,599.28	\$36,339,254.75	\$34,312,418.79	\$46,946,247.84	\$50,600,414.07
Restricted Funds														
Court Cash Bonds	Regions Bank	91,652.00	93,552.00	76,156.00	79,856.00	86,776.00	85,746.00	88,626.00	87,556.00	85,343.00	79,585.00	82,373.00	78,968.00	80,363.00
Contractors' Bonds & CDs on Hand	City Clerk's Office	4,187,938.42	4,187,938.42	4,187,938.42	4,187,938.42	4,187,938.42	4,187,938.42	4,187,938.42	4,087,838.42	4,087,838.42	4,197,238.42	4,197,238.42	4,197,238.42	4,197,238.42
Contractors' Cash Bonds	SouthPoint	575,674.35	580,499.93	599,122.39	559,199.24	564,318.97	565,214.37	603,190.75	602,440.51	608,570.51	604,596.36	603,724.84	593,602.89	598,367.82
Confiscated Funds	SouthPoint	69,696.24	69,770.23	78,332.20	78,415.36	17,186.77	27,018.35	28,241.59	28,270.61	33,946.72	14,474.56	14,489.93	15,162.83	23,909.88
2013 GOW - QEBC Sinking Fund	Bank of New York	2,127,191.68	2,127,191.68	2,321,641.45	2,321,641.45	2,321,641.45	2,321,641.45	2,347,155.74	2,347,155.74	2,347,155.74	2,347,155.74	2,347,155.74	2,518,206.40	2,518,206.40
Lease Escrow Funds	Truist & Robertson	2,193,074.50	2,193,074.50	2,063,502.61	2,063,502.61	2,063,502.61	2,063,502.61	2,063,502.61	2,063,502.61	4,215,378.60	3,097,263.65	3,097,263.65	2,847,818.73	2,847,818.73
Total Balance		\$9,245,227.19	\$9,252,026.76	\$9,326,693.07	\$9,290,553.08	\$9,241,364.22	\$9,251,061.20	\$9,293,140.82	\$9,216,763.89	\$11,378,232.99	\$10,340,313.73	\$10,342,245.58	\$10,250,997.27	\$10,265,904.25
Cash on Hand														
Petty Cash - City Depts.		880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00
Petty Cash - Courts/Jail		600.00	600.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Petty Cash - Library		600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Petty Cash - Vehicle Tags		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total - Petty Cash		\$3,080.00	\$3,080.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,680.00	\$3,680.00	\$3,680.00
Grand Total - All Funds		\$63,249,899.24	\$55,179,108.76	\$55,928,714.50	\$54,093,208.65	\$53,684,747.38	\$48,100,652.37	\$45,276,818.16	\$42,949,142.82	\$44,449,012.27	\$46,682,748.48	\$44,658,344.37	\$57,200,925.11	\$60,869,998.32
Petty Cash Itemization														
City Clerk Dept.	none													
Court Dept.	\$700.00													
Finance Dept. & Vehicle Tags	\$1,050.00	Tags & City Depts												
Fire Dept.	\$100.00	City Depts												
Inspection Dept.	\$30.00	City Depts												
Library	\$600.00													
Mayor's Office	\$200.00	City Depts												
Parks & Leisure Services	\$300.00	City Depts												
Police Dept.	\$200.00	City Depts												
Public Services	none													
Total	\$3,180.00													

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
FEBRUARY 2026

1	MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025							YEAR-TO- DATE THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025							
	2	3	4	5		7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14	15
	2025-2026	2025-2026	2024-2025	Actual to Budget		Actual to Last Year		2025-2026	2025-2026	2024-2025	Actual to Budget		Actual to Last Year		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Actual	Budget	Actual	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	
REVENUE SUMMARY															
STATE REVENUE	31,611	23,280	54,854	8,331	35.79%	(23,243)	-42.37%	124,037	76,803	121,193	47,234	61.50%	2,844	2.35%	
COUNTY REVENUE	494,787	530,335	432,281	(35,548)	-6.70%	62,505	14.46%	23,157,604	23,049,088	22,180,472	108,516	0.47%	977,132	4.41%	
CITY REVENUE	7,562,146	7,460,809	5,706,042	101,337	1.36%	1,856,104	32.53%	21,554,950	21,814,506	22,001,211	(259,556)	-1.19%	(446,262)	-2.03%	
PARK & RECREATION	50,397	63,612	61,583	(13,215)	-20.77%	(11,186)	-18.16%	506,340	512,770	504,756	(6,430)	-1.25%	1,584	0.31%	
TOTAL REVENUE	8,138,940	8,078,036	6,254,761	60,904		1,884,180		45,342,930	45,453,167	44,807,631	(110,237)		535,299		
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY															
NON DEPARTMENTAL	1,129,890	1,190,439	917,606	60,549	5.09%	(212,284)	-23.13%	12,217,096	13,449,060	11,784,036	1,231,964	9.16%	(433,060)	-3.67%	
CITY COUNCIL	12,876	11,905	7,677	(971)	-8.15%	(5,198)	-67.71%	51,712	48,211	38,702	(3,501)	-7.26%	(13,010)	-33.62%	
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	190,061	190,913	205,676	852	0.45%	15,616	7.59%	1,093,791	1,101,961	1,050,916	8,170	0.74%	(42,876)	-4.08%	
CITY CLERK	23,310	48,764	44,596	25,454	52.20%	21,286	47.73%	264,931	273,079	255,972	8,148	2.98%	(8,959)	-3.50%	
HUMAN RESOURCES	16,335	31,665	0	15,330	48.41%	(16,335)	#DIV/0!	121,933	174,480	0	52,547	30.12%	(121,933)	#DIV/0!	
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX	34,959	46,765	71,544	11,806	25.24%	36,585	51.14%	183,090	198,242	207,037	15,152	7.64%	23,947	11.57%	
INFORMATION SERVICES	78,964	67,327	56,189	(11,637)	-17.28%	(22,775)	-40.53%	372,748	366,333	295,268	(6,415)	-1.75%	(77,480)	-26.24%	
POLICE	1,351,023	1,384,094	1,242,496	33,071	2.39%	(108,527)	-8.73%	6,740,512	6,808,754	6,197,929	68,242	1.00%	(542,584)	-8.75%	
FIRE	1,242,766	1,222,000	1,125,429	(20,766)	-1.70%	(117,337)	-10.43%	6,177,129	6,102,151	5,811,664	(74,978)	-1.23%	(365,465)	-6.29%	
INSPECTION	82,458	78,278	77,265	(4,180)	-5.34%	(5,193)	-6.72%	415,277	390,602	384,061	(24,675)	-6.32%	(31,216)	-8.13%	
PUBLIC SERVICES	523,048	529,653	469,153	6,605	1.25%	(53,895)	-6.72%	2,603,067	2,939,417	2,370,639	336,350	11.44%	(232,428)	-9.80%	
PUBLIC LIBRARY	235,921	272,803	241,704	36,882	13.52%	5,783	2.39%	1,355,176	1,380,562	1,262,294	25,386	1.84%	(92,882)	-7.36%	
PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES	487,538	442,575	417,643	(44,963)	-10.16%	(69,895)	-16.74%	2,205,920	2,138,777	2,219,505	(67,143)	-3.14%	13,585	0.61%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,409,149	5,517,181	4,876,978	108,032		(532,171)		33,802,383	35,371,629	31,878,023	1,569,246		(1,924,360)		
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,729,791	2,560,855	1,377,783	168,936		1,352,009		11,540,547	10,081,538	12,929,608	1,459,009		(1,389,061)		



**Vestavia Hills
City Council Minutes
March 16, 2026
5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The City Council of Vestavia Hills met in regular session on this date at 5:30pm, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama law. A number of staff and members of the general public also attended virtually, via Zoom.com, following publication pursuant to Alabama law. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll with the following:

2. Roll Call

Roll call was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ashley Curry, Mayor Pro-Tem Rusty Weaver, City Councilors Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, and Mike Vercher*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jeff Downes, City Manager; Patrick H. Boone, City Attorney; Cinnamon McCulley, Asst. City Manager; Umang Patel, City Clerk; Zachary Clifton, Finance Director; Jack Wakefield, City Planner; Jamie Lee, Director of Parks and Leisure Services*; Shane Ware, Police Chief; Lori Beth Kearley, Public Works Director; Marvin Green, Fire Chief;

*Attended via Zoom

3. Invocation - Steve Dedmon, Vestavia Hills Chaplain

4. Pledge Of Allegiance

5. Approval Of The Agenda

MOTION: Approve the agenda as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Rusty Weaver, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

6. Announcements, Candidates, and Guest Recognition

Mayor Curry welcomed Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Board members Avery Brown and Taylor Burton. He also welcomed Karen Shallenberg to speak on behalf of the Vestavia Hills Historical Society. Mrs. Shallenberg reported that, with the help of Jefferson County Commissioner Mike Bolin, Jefferson County awarded a legacy grant to the City of Vestavia Hills in the form of a Liberty Tree, which has been planted at Altadena Valley Park near the future veteran's pavilion.

Mrs. Cook welcomed Vestavia Hills Library Board President Susan Swagler and Vestavia Hills Library Foundation Vice President Emily Lawrence.

Mrs. Pilcher announced that she will be hosting a coffee meet-up on March 17, 2026, along with members Vestavia Hills Board of Education for prospective board applicants. The location will be at Smooth Rock Cafe, located in Liberty Park. She also reiterated the vacancy on the City Board of Education. Applications will be received on the City's website through the online services portal until April 6, 5pm.

7. Proclamation – MS Awareness Week: March 8-14, 2026

The Mayor presented a Proclamation designating the week of March 8-14, 2026, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week." Mr. Downes read the Proclamation aloud, and the Mayor presented it to members of the Alabama - Louisiana - Mississippi chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Rebecca Habermann, Executive Director, Andy Tunnell, Board Member, and Stephanie Tunnell, Member of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Emerging Leaders Alliance, were all present in the acceptance of the proclamation. Ms. Habermann described how the organization raises funds for research, supports the development of disease-modifying therapies, and offers programs and services for people living with MS and their caregivers.

8. City Manager's Report

Mr. Downes reported that the 22nd annual Exceptional Foundation Chili Cook-Off took place at Liberty Park's Urban Center area, in Vestavia Hills, after relocating from Brookwood Mall. This event serves as a major fundraiser for the foundation, drawing numerous sponsors, cook teams, and approximately 14,000 attendees. He also announced the March 30, 2026, City Council work session to discuss THC-related regulations, a potential new financial system, and a proposal from the Greater Birmingham Home Builders Association to support the Central Alabama Home Building Academy. He also presented the strategic plan's priorities and actions from the 2026 Strategic Planning Session, including seven focus areas that will guide staff work over the next 12 months.

9. Councilors' Reports

Mrs. Cook reported that she was a guest judge for the Exceptional Foundation Chili Cook-Off and that the event was successful and enjoyable. She also recognized the passing of longtime community volunteer Anne Boston, noting her many years of service on City boards, in civic activities, and in youth programs.

Mayor Curry affirmed Ms. Boston's contributions, emphasized her love for the City, and encouraged residents to follow her example of community involvement and volunteer service.

Mr. Weaver announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., and a unanimous recommendation for a conditional use rezoning case will be coming before the City Council at a future date.

10. Financial Reports - Zachary Clifton, Finance Director

Finance Director Zachary Clifton presented the January 2026 financial statements.

11. Approval of Minutes - February 23, 2026 Work Session Strategic Planning (Day 1), February 24, 2026 Work Session Strategic Planning (Day 2), March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, work session strategic planning (Day 1), February 24, 2026, work session strategic planning (Day 2), and March 2, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Rusty Weaver, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

Old Business (Public Hearing)

12. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3319 - Rezoning – 4875 Sicard Hollow Road; Rezone from VH Institutional VH B-2 for purposes of commercial development; Liberty Park Joint Venture, owner

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3319 as presented. Motion By: Ali Pilcher. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

Mr. Downes reported that the rezoning is accompanied by a unanimous recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a retail center and a conditional use for a car wash. The recommendation also comes with a list of prohibited uses that the developer and the neighboring property owner, Glenwood, had mutually agreed upon. He explained that the remaining point of disagreement concerned potential limitations on restaurants' use of vent hoods, noting that vent hoods at nearby facilities are in use.

The Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no one present to address the Council on this issue, the Mayor closed the public hearing and called for the question.

VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.

No: None. Abstain: Rusty Weaver. Motion passed.

13. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3320 - Rezoning – 3130, 3136, & 3152 Bellwood Dr. and Autumn Ln. from VH R-4 and R-8 to VH R-9 for single-family development; Sunview Development LLC, owner

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3320 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

Mr. Weaver reported that the rezoning is accompanied by a unanimous recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for three properties on Bellwood Drive and Autumn Lane from existing residential districts to an R-9 single-family development. A prior, denser proposal for these parcels had been withdrawn following public concerns, and the current request aligns more closely with earlier feedback

The Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no one present to address the Council on this issue, the Mayor closed the public hearing and called for the question.

VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Rusty Weaver, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

New Business

14. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3322 - An Ordinance accepting a bid for Wald Park Aquatic Complex pool heater addition, authorizing the execution and delivery of the construction contract documents by and between the city of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, as "owner," and Cox's Pool Service, Inc. as "contractor."

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3322 as presented. Motion by: Rusty Weaver. Seconded by: Kimberly Cook.

Mr. Downes reported on bids for a pool heater project at the Wald Park Aquatic Complex, explaining that an initial sole bid came in higher than expected, prompting a rebid that produced a significantly lower base bid from Cox Pools. The recommended bid remains above the original target, but can be supplemented from existing capital funds. Timely approval is needed to avoid disrupting the upcoming swim season.

The Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing. There being no one present to address the Council on this issue, the Mayor closed the public hearing and called for the question.

VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Rusty Weaver, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

New Business Requesting Unanimous Consent (Public Hearing)

First Reading (No Action To Be Taken At This Meeting)

15. Citizens Comments

Donald Harwell - 1357 Willoughby Road - reiterated his frustrations with the installation of fiber from Lumos and T-Mobile, but noted his sewer line was repaired by a plumber of his choice and to his satisfaction.

16. Executive Session - Matters of Commerce or Trade

The Mayor announced an Executive Session is needed for matters of commerce and trade. He stated that the Executive Session is expected to last 20 to 30 minutes and that no additional business will be discussed after it. He opened the floor for a motion to go into executive session. Motion by: Kimberly Cook. Seconded by: Rusty Weaver.

VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Rusty Weaver, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.
No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

At 6:09 the Council exited the Chamber and moved into Executive Session. At 6:31, the Council re-entered the Chamber, and the Mayor called the meeting/work session back to order.

17. Time Of Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Cook made a motion to adjourn. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:31.

Ashley C. Curry, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Umang Patel, City Clerk



**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
CITY CLERK
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMO**

April 6, 2026

To: Jeff Downes, City Manager

From:

Cc:

RE: Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3323 - An Ordinance for conditional use approval to allow the operation of a dog grooming business at 1401 Montgomery Hwy; Patrick Crabtree, owner; Allena Morse, DeeDee's Dirty Paws, representing

Background:

Conditional Use Approval for Pet Grooming

Recommendation:

Unanimous Recommendation for Conditional Use Approval

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 3323

ORDINANCE NUMBER 3323

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL
FOR A DOG GROOMING BUSINESS**

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2026, the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, approved and adopted Ordinance Number 3099, re-establishing a Zoning Code for the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Allena Morse, owner of the business known as DeeDee’s Dirty Paws to be located at 1401 Montgomery Highway, and the owner of the shopping center for said address, Patrick Crabtree, has submitted an application for conditional use approval for the operation of a dog grooming business to be conducted and located on said property; and

WHEREAS, it was indicated in the application for conditional use approval to allow a personalized one-on-one dog grooming salon; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said application dated January 13, 2026, is attached and hereby incorporated into this Ordinance Number 3323.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Conditional Use Approval is hereby approved for the operation of a dog grooming business for a personalized one-on-one dog grooming salon; and
 - (1) A City of Vestavia Hills Business License shall be issued upon application and payment by the proposed dog groomer to the rules and regulations outlined in the Vestavia Hills Business License Code and shall be renewed each year that the business is operated from the location at 1401 Montgomery Highway; and
 - (2) At any time should the tenant vacate the premises, discontinue or relocate the business and the use is removed from the property for 12-months, this conditional use approval shall be nullified and said Ordinance Number 3323 shall be automatically repealed.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 20th day of April, 2026.

Ashley C. Curry
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Umang Patel
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Umang Patel, as City Clerk of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of 1 (one) Ordinance Number 3323 is a true and correct copy of such Ordinance that was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills on the 20th day of April, 2026 as same appears in the official records of said City.

Posted at Vestavia Hills Municipal, Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest, Vestavia Hills New Merkle House and Vestavia Hills Recreational Center this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Umang Patel
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NUMBER 3324

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY DOLLARS FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ISSUED IN THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS TO FUND THE CENTRAL ALABAMA HOMEBUILDING ACADEMY.

WHEREAS, in response to a shortage of skilled trade workers in the residential construction industry in Alabama, the state legislature of Alabama adopted Alabama Act 2028-398 (the “Act”) to allow any county or municipality in Alabama to provide funding for their local Alabama Homebuilding Academy (the “Academy”) by adding an additional cost to residential building permits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, in accordance with the Act, desires to add twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the cost of residential building permits to fund the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Ala. Act No. 2025-398, there is hereby imposed a levy of twenty dollars (\$20.00), in addition to any other amount authorized by law, for the issuance of a residential building permit for construction within the corporate limits of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, to be paid prior to the issuance of any residential building permit.

Section 2: This ordinance shall apply only to Residential Building Permits, including, but not limited to, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical permits.

Section 3. All fees collected by the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, pursuant to this ordinance shall be remitted to the Alabama Construction Trade Academy Fund.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective on April 20, 2026, upon adoption and proper publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 20th day of April, 2026.

Ashley Curry
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Umang Patel
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Umang Patel, as City Clerk of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of 1 (one) Ordinance Number 3324 is a true and correct copy of such Ordinance that was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills on the 20th day of April, 2026 as same appears in the official records of said City.

Posted at Vestavia Hills City Hall, Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest, Vestavia Hills New Merkel House and Vestavia Hills Civic Center this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Umang Patel
City Clerk

levying an additional twenty dollars for each residential building permit issued in the city of Vestavia Hills to fund the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 3325

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE LICENSING AND PERMITTING OF BUSINESSES FOR THE SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP AND TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL (“THC”) PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the state legislature of Alabama recently passed Act 2025-385 (the “Act”), which has created additional requirements regarding the selling and licensing of consumable hemp and THC products; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills desires to temporarily pause the issuance of consumable hemp and THC product business licenses and permits until zoning, business license ordinances and anticipated federal legislative action can be reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the public best interest for the City to declare a moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for the sale of consumable hemp and THC products while the City researches, studies, and develops an appropriate zoning plan and/or other regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby declared a moratorium on the issuance of business licenses under the City of Vestavia Hills Business License Code for the sale of consumable hemp and THC products as defined by Act 2025-385 until December 31, 2026

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective on April 20, 2026, upon adoption and proper publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 20th day of April, 2026.

Ashley Curry
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Umang Patel
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Umang Patel, as City Clerk of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing copy of 1 (one) Ordinance Number 3325 is a true and correct copy of such Ordinance that was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills on the 20th day of April, 2026 as same appears in the official records of said City.

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Umang Patel
City Clerk

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**CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMO**

April 6, 2026

To: Jeff Downes, City Manager

From:

Cc:

RE: Executive Session - Matters of Commerce or Trade

Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None