



**Vestavia Hills  
City Council Minutes  
April 20, 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 Councilor 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; Shane Ware, Police Chief; Keith Blanton\*, Building Safety Director; Zachary Clifton, Finance Director; Jenny Gray, Principal Accountant Jessica Thomas, Deputy Finance Director; Marvin Green, Fire Chief; Lori Beth Kearley, Public Works Director; James Randall, Human Resources Director

\*Attended Via Zoom

**3. Invocation - Butch Williams, Vestavia Hills Chaplain**

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

The Mayor presented the agenda for approval, and remove Ordinance 3323, per the applicant's request.

**MOTION:** Approve the agenda as amended. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

## **6. Announcements, Candidates and Guest Recognition**

Mayor Curry welcomed the President of the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Board, Taylor Burton, and Chamber Board Member Kevin Wade.

Mrs. Cook welcomed the President of the Vestavia Hills Library Foundation, Ann Hamiter.

## **7. Proclamation — April 2026 National Donate Life Month**

The Mayor presented a Proclamation designating April 2026 as "National Donate Life Month." Mr. Downes read the Proclamation aloud, and the Mayor presented it to Todd Scarborough from Legacy of Hope - Alabama's Organ & Tissue Donation Alliance

## **8. City Manager's Report**

Mr. Downes reported that, at fiscal midyear, City expenditures remained on budget and revenues, including sales and property tax-related indicators, were meeting or exceeding projections, with sales tax and Zillow-based home values each showing approximately 3% year-over-year growth.

He outlined internal initiatives, including the development of an artificial intelligence governance policy and the publication of an Employee Benefits Guide.

He previewed a proposed work session with the Superintendent of the Vestavia Hills City School, Dr. Todd Freeman, and public safety staff to address micro-mobility (scooters, golf carts, etc.) safety and to discuss potential city-school collaboration on capital projects such as a performing arts and multipurpose facility at Vestavia Hills High School.

## **9. Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority Board Update - Mike Fliegel**

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority Board member Mike Fliegel reported on the structure and condition of the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, noting its multi-jurisdictional board, lack of state funding, and relatively strong financial position, including operating in the black and winning a national award as a top midsize transit authority. He supports the agency's leadership and advocates for increased bus service in Vestavia Hills.

## **10. Councilor Reports**

Mrs. Cook encouraged residents to verify their organ donor status on their driver's licenses and reported on the recent funeral of Jack Traffanstedt, noting his longstanding service to the community, including tenure on the Vestavia Hills School Board during the Liberty Park annexation, and recruiting and supporting local elected officials.

Mrs. Pilcher announced that the "Wing Ding" event, supported in part by Leadership Vestavia Hills, will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at City Hall, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with proceeds benefiting Down Syndrome Alabama.

## **11. Approval Of Minutes - March 30, 2026, Special Called Work Session and April 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes of the March 30, 2026, special called work session and April 6, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

**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 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**

This item was previously removed from the agenda.

- 13. 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**

**MOTION:** Approve Ordinance 3325 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

Mayor Curry and City Manager Mr. Downes explained that the ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on licensing and permitting businesses that sell consumable hemp and THC products so the City can study appropriate zoning requirements. Federal legislation, expected to become effective in November, will inform any future local regulations.

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.

- 14. 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.**

**MOTION:** Approve Ordinance 3324 as presented. Motion By: Ali Pilcher. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

Mayor Curry and Mr. Downes summarized that the ordinance adds a \$20 surcharge to each residential building permit to help fund the Central Alabama Home Building Academy. Jeff Downes noted that the academy will address the shortage of qualified tradespeople in the local construction industry.

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**

**15. Resolution Number 5627 - A Resolution appointing a member to the Birmingham Transit Authority - Mike Fliegel**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 5627 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

Mike Fliegel stated that he wishes to continue serving and briefly mentioned upcoming technology improvements.

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

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

**16. Resolution Number 5629 - A Resolution appointing a member to the Vestavia Hills Board of Education**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 5629. Motion by: Ali Pilcher. Seconded by: Kimberly Cook.

**MOTION:** Amend Resolution 5629 to include the name, Trey Woodruff. Motion by: Ali Pilcher. Seconded by: Kimberly Cook.

Mrs. Pilcher reported on the Board of Education appointment process, noting that five applicants had been interviewed and expressed a strong interest in serving the Vestavia Hills City School system. She recommends Trey Woodruff for appointment, describing his family's long-term residency, his children's enrollment in local schools, and his broad involvement in community activities.

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

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 5629 as amended. Motion by: Kimberly Cook. Seconded by: Ali Pilcher.

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

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

**17. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3334 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to purchase an OpenGov Financial Management ERP System and execute any and all documents to implement said system**

**MOTION:** Approve Ordinance 3334 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

Mr. Downes explained that the new system will integrate with existing OpenGov products, automate many manual financial processes, reduce the need for additional staffing, and decrease the risk of errors.

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)**

18. **Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5626 - A Resolution approving Amendment 772 for Edgar's Old-Style Bakery, Inc. for an incentive agreement for the construction of an Edgar's Bakery**
19. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3326 - Annexation - 90 Day Final - 2811 Acton Place; Amanda Key, Owner**
20. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3327 - Rezoning - 2811 Acton Place; Rezone from JC R-1 to VH R-2, compatible zoning for annexation; Amanda Key, owner**
21. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3328 - Annexation - 90 Day Final - 2941 Old Rocky Ridge Road; Patrick & Suzanne Echols, Owners**
22. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3329 - Rezoning - 2941 Old Rocky Ridge Road; Rezone from JC E-2 to VH R-1, compatible zoning for annexation; Suzanne & Patrick Echols, owner**
23. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3330 - Annexation - 90 Day Final - 2656 Alta Vista Drive; Hardie & Katherine Kimbrough, Owners**
24. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3331 - Rezoning - 2656 Alta Vista Drive Rezone from JC - A to VH - A, compatible zoning for annexation; Hardie Kimbrough, owner**
25. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3332 - Rezoning - 3119 Timberlake Road; Rezone from Vestavia Hills R-1 to Vestavia Hills O-1 for the construction of an office building; Bryant B. Steven, owner**
26. **Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3333 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute and deliver any and all renewal agreements with Neumo Group, LLC**
27. **Citizens Comments**  
None
28. **Time Of Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Cook made a motion to adjourn. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:15.

*Ashley C. Curry*

Ashley C. Curry, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

*Umang Patel*

Umang Patel, City Clerk