



**Vestavia Hills
City Council Minutes
July 20, 2026
5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The City Council of Vestavia Hills met in regular session on this date at 5:30 pm, 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, City Councilor Ali Pilcher, City Councilor 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; Michael Keller, Police Captain; Steve Evans, Police Lieutenant; Keith Blanton, Building Safety Director; Marvin Green, Fire Chief; Jack Wakefield, Senior City Planner; Ethan Fisher, City Engineer; Lori Beth Kearley, Public Works Director; Zachary Clifton, Finance Director

3. Invocation - Tom Bryson, Vestavia Hills Chaplain

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of the Agenda

The Mayor opened the floor for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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. Presentation of the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Model Agency Award, recognizing the Vestavia Hills School Resource Officer Program

The Mayor presented a certificate of accomplishment to the Vestavia Hills School Resource Officer Program, who were awarded the Model Agency Award from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). Chief Ware accepted the recognition on behalf of the 13 school resource officers, described the program's history and daily work, read two student quotes about the officers' comforting presence and commitment, and emphasized that the program centered on relationships.

7. Announcements, Candidates and Guest Recognition

Mr. Vercher announced that a Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2026, at 7:30 am in the Civic Center.

Mrs. Cook welcomed Vestavia Hills Library Foundation Board President Ann Hamiter, Board of Trustees President Susan Swagler, and Democratic primary candidate for Alabama's 6th Congressional District Jacob Bouma-Sims.

Mayor Curry welcomed Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Board Members Andrew Burke and Christina Babineaux.

Mrs. Pilcher announced that the Vestavia Hills Board of Education would recognize all school resource officers at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 27, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

8. City Manager's Report

Mr. Downes reported three items: the upcoming budget submission deadline of August 15, 2026, with a budget presentation planned for the August 17, 2026 Council Meeting; a Work Session scheduled before the August 3 Council Meeting at 4:30 pm to discuss a potential annexation of Cloud Lane and enhancements to Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex fields; and an update on the fire station renovation bid process, noting that 12 contractors had met pre-qualification requirements ahead of the August 25, 2026 bid deadline.

9. Councilors' Reports

None

10. Approval of Minutes - July 6, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Mayor announced that the minutes of the July 6, 2026, Regular Meeting are being presented for approval. He opened the floor for a motion.

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the July 6, 2026, Regular Meeting 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.

Old Business (Public Hearing)

11. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5643 - Annexation – 90 Day – 4616 Old Looney Mill Road; Owner, William Jones

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5643 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Mike Vercher.

Mrs. Cook reported the Annexation Review Committee found no concerns with the property at 4616 Old Looney Mill Road.

The Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing on the Ordinance and companion Resolution.

James Walker addressed the council to confirm his desire for annexation, and asked the Council to approve both the resolution and the companion Ordinance.

There being no one else 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.

12. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3342 - Annexation – Overnight – 4616 Old Looney Mill Road; Owner, William Jones

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3342 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.

13. (POSTPONE TO 8/17/26) Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5644 - Annexation – 90 Day – 4737 Cloud Ln; Lot 3; Owner, Audrey & Andrew Bone

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5644 as presented. Motion by: Kimberly Cook. Seconded by: Rusty Weaver.

MOTION: Postpone Resolution 5644 till the August 17, 2026, meeting. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Mike Vercher.

Mrs. Cook stated that the Council wishes to postpone the item so the Council can receive and consider additional information from the Fire Department.

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

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

14. (POSTPONE TO 8/17/26) Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3343 - Annexation – Overnight – 4737 Cloud Ln; Lot 3, Owner, Audrey & Andrew Bone

The companion Ordinance was postponed.

**15. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5645 - Annexation – 90 Day – 2494
Dolly Ridge Trail; Lot 29, Owner, Samuel & Leigh Barall**

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5645 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

Mrs. Cook reported the Annexation Review Committee found no concerns with the property at 2494 Dolly Ridge Trail.

The Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing on the Ordinance and companion Resolution. 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.

**16. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3344 - Annexation – Overnight – 2494
Dolly Ridge Trail; Lot 29; Owner, Samuel & Leigh Barall**

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3344 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Mike Vercher.

VOTE: 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 - Resolution Number 5646 - Annexation – 90 Day – 2421
Rocky Ridge Road; Lot 4, Owner, Luis Chavez Garcia**

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5646 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

Mrs. Cook invited the property owner to come to the podium for a question. Engineering raised a question about construction activity and a hole in the backyard of the property at 2421 Rocky Ridge Road. The property owner confirmed that the work, which involved replacing a septic system, has been completed with proper permits and approvals.

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.

**18. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3345 - Annexation – Overnight – 2421
Rocky Ridge Road; Lot 4; Owner, Luis Chavez Garcia**

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3345 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.

19. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5647 - Annexation – 90 Day – 2504 Skyland Drive; Lot 7, Owner, Hannah & Addison Stokes

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5647 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

Mrs. Cook reported the Annexation Review Committee found no concerns with the property at 2504 Skyland Drive.

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.

20. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3346 - Annexation – Overnight – 2504 Skyland Drive; Lot 7; Owner, Hannah & Addison Stokes

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3346 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.

21. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5648 - Annexation – 90 Day – 1715 Collinwood Court; a part of Lot 3; Owner, Kelly Loyd & TB Office LLC

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5648 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

Mr. Vercher explained that this annexation involved a small sliver of land being annexed to correct property lines related to a retaining wall on a parcel occupied by Taylor Burton Builders.

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.

22. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3347 - Annexation – Overnight – 1715 Collinwood Court; a part of Lot 3; Owner, Kelly Loyd & TB Office LLC

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3347 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.

23. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3348 - An Ordinance establishing an electronic signature policy for the City of Vestavia Hills

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3348 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

Mr. Downes explained that Ordinance 3348 established an electronic signature policy to bring the city into compliance with a 2001 State Act, accommodating the growing use of digital signatures in city operations.

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.

24. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5650 - A Resolution authorizing a one-time bonus for retirees and beneficiaries of retirees for FY27 pursuant to Act 2026-608

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5650 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Mike Vercher.

Mr. Downes stated that a recent State Act 2026-608 authorized a one-time bonus for Vestavia Hills retirees at the City's expense, calculated as \$12 multiplied by each retiree's years of service. The legislature periodically provides such opportunities and he recommends approval.

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.

25. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5651 - A Resolution accepting a bid for Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex Infrastructure structural fill stockpile and tree clearing, and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute any and all documents related to said bid

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5651 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Mike Vercher.

Mr. Downes explained that Resolution 5651 authorizes the acceptance of a bid from T.E. Stevens for tree clearing and the stockpiling of structural fill as part of the initial site preparation for the City's planned public safety facilities near the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex. The project will require approximately 30,000 cubic yards of structural fill and that the contract was bid as a maximum unit price agreement. Mrs. Cook asked whether the related contract amendment had been reviewed for compliance with Alabama law, and Mr. Boone confirmed that he had prepared and reviewed the agreement.

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.

26. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5652 - A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents and expend funds not to exceed \$55,000 for the demolition of the building or structure located at 2750 Smyer Road

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5652 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

Mr. Downes explained that the City's outside attorney, Mr. Goldman, has worked with Mr. Blanton to follow the prescribed process for notices, that all required prerequisite notices have been completed, and that approval will allow staff to engage asbestos removal and demolition crews.

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

27. Resolution Number 5655 - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute a license agreement between FFI Group, LLC and City of Vestavia Hills for access across FFI Group property in the hauling of site materials to the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex (SHAC)

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5655 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Ali Pilcher.

Mr. Downes explained that Resolution 5655 is a license agreement with FFI Group that will allow T.E. Stevens to cross FFI-owned property to haul approximately 30,000 cubic yards of dirt to the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex site.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor 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.

28. Resolution Number 5656 - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute a license agreement between T.E. Stevens Construction Co. and the City of Vestavia Hills for access across the City of Vestavia Hills property in the hauling of site materials from Acton Rd to the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex (SHAC)

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5656 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

Mr. Downes explained that Resolution 5656 authorizes a companion license agreement allowing T.E. Stevens to cross City-owned property to access Acton Road from the mining site in the safest and most convenient manner.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor 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.

29. Resolution Number 5657 - A Resolution to approve a plan for street resurfacing pursuant to the requirements of the Rebuild Alabama Act

MOTION: Approve Resolution 5657 as presented. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

Ethan Fisher explained that Resolution 5657 fulfills an annual requirement under the 2019 Gas Tax Act, establishing a transportation plan for fiscal year 2027 that directs all gas tax funds toward resurfacing projects.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor 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.

30. Ordinance Number 3349 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute and deliver an agreement for fire protection to the Woodmere Creek Apartment

MOTION: Approve Ordinance 3349 as presented. Motion By: Rusty Weaver. Seconded By: Kimberly Cook.

Mr. Downes explained Ordinance 3349 renews a decades-old agreement for the City to provide fire protection services to Woodmere Creek Apartments, and that the agreement included a Consumer Price Index escalation clause for the service fee, consistent with prior versions.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor 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)

31. Public Hearing - Resolution Number 5619 - Annexation - 90 Day - 3583 Valley Cir. - Lot 19 Blk 1 Dolly Ridge Ests 2 Add; Youseph Anwar, Owner

32. Public Hearing - Ordinance Number 3315 - Annexation - Overnight - 3583 Valley Cir. - Lot 19 Blk 1 Dolly Ridge Ests 2 Add; Youseph Anwar, Owner

33. Citizens Comments

None

34. Executive Session - Pending and/or Existing Litigation

The Mayor indicated that an Executive Session is needed for pending and/or existing litigation. He stated that the Executive Session is expected to last 30 minutes and that no additional business would be discussed afterward. Mr. Boone stated that the Alabama Open Meetings Act permits an executive session for this purpose.

MOTION: Enter into executive session, for 30 minutes, for the purposes of discussing litigation, with no business to be conducted following. Motion By: Kimberly Cook. Seconded By: Rusty Weaver.

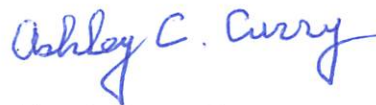
VOTE: Roll call vote as follows: Yes: Ashley Curry, Rusty Weaver, Kimberly Cook, Ali Pilcher, Mike Vercher.

No: None. Abstain: None. Motion passed.

At 6:15 pm, the Council exited the Chamber and moved into Executive Session. At 6:28 pm, the Council re-entered the Chamber, and the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

35. Time Of Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Cook made a motion to adjourn. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.



Ashley C. Curry, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:



Umang Patel, City Clerk