



**Vestavia Hills
City Council Agenda
September 14, 2026
5:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Proposed FY 2027 Budget
4. Other Discussions (*as needed*)
5. Time of Adjournment

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- 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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From: [Kimberly Cook](#)
To: [Umang Patel](#)
Subject: Fw: [External] Branch of the Library at Liberty Park
Date: Monday, September 14, 2026 9:19:41 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Please add this to the public record.



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From: elisebod@aol.com <elisebod@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Kimberly Cook <kcook@vhal.org>
Subject: [External] Branch of the Library at Liberty Park

Dear Ms. Cook,

I just want once again state my support for a branch of the library at Liberty Park. I hope you and the members of the City Council will find a way forward on this at the work session tomorrow.

Thank you for all your hard work on this subject.

Sincerely,

Elise Bodenheimer
3032 Asbury Park Place, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5661

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATING TO AN EASTSIDE LIBRARY BRANCH FOR THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS

Whereas, the City of Vestavia Hills conducted a statistically significant survey of residents in 2024 that concluded:

1. Compared to the 2020 survey, ratings dropped for quality of adult educational opportunities, community support for the arts, and opportunities to attend cultural, arts, and music activities; and
2. Residents, overall, rated library services 97%; however, in Liberty Park only 60-70% rated positive; and
3. Residents, when asked how would they rated the need to expand library services and facilities in the Liberty Park area, 60 to 70% rated expansion as high priority, and Cahaba Heights rated it 90%; and

Whereas, on February 24, 2025, the City Council met for strategic planning and prioritized detailed review and discussion of an east side library branch to be located at the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex; and

Whereas, on March 30, 2025, the City Council, when surveyed as a follow-up to strategic planning, rated library growth as extremely relevant (50%) or relevant (50%); and

Whereas, on January 21, 2026, the City Council passed Resolution 3309 to “execute and deliver a limited scope architectural agreement for commencement of feasibility, space programming, concept design and summary documents to aid with fundraising and public involvement activities for an eastside library/community facility consistent with the Plan for Growth masterplan, at the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex”; and

Whereas, the aforementioned architectural design and analysis have not yet commenced, even though almost eight months have elapsed since approval; and

Whereas, the City Council received numerous citizen comments urging expeditious completion of the design and budget estimate for an east side library and asking why nothing has been done; and

Whereas, an alternative library site offered to the City has turned out to be unsuitable and the alternative site was further away from the two schools and park facilities located in Liberty Park, the Mayor and the City Council feel it is in the best interest of the public to instruct City staff to proceed with planning to construct an east side library branch at the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex; and

Whereas, modern libraries offer a wide variety of educational, arts, and cultural programs, resources, and services that appeal to all ages -- preschool to active seniors; and

Whereas, the City desires to provide quality library services to all City residents, regardless of geographic location, and survey results show Liberty Park and Cahaba Heights are underserved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, as follows:

The City will include, as directed by the Library Director and Library Board of Trustees, 2026 city survey questions to assess support and provide data for the design and prioritization of features for an eastside library branch; and

The project will be a library branch and will include space for community programs, to be designed and run by the Library Director, under direction of the Library Board of Trustees; and

The proposed site will be at the Sicard Hollow Athletic Complex, unless another alternative site is approved by the Council or the current site is found to be unsuitable; and

The architectural services contract authorized in Resolution 3309 will be revised to make clear the product will be a conceptual design and construction cost estimate for a library branch, and that the design process will be guided by the library Board of Trustees, with citizen engagement to determine highest and best use, and that no phased consent will be required by the Council to produce contract deliverables; and

The Council will discuss funding opportunities and results of the citizen survey at its 2027 Strategic Planning Work Session, to fulfill this project that has been established as a high priority by the residents of the east side and the Library Board of Trustees, and provide library programs and services to an underserved area of the City.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 21st day of September, 2026.

ATTESTED BY:

Umang Patel
City Clerk

Ashley Curry
Mayor

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