

**PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING - 4:55 P.M.: SECTION 94-A REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCENTIVES AS SUBMITTED BY THE 19TH HOLE CIGAR LOUNGE, LLC.

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, February 23rd, at 4:55 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public opinion regarding Resolution 2026-11 to be considered by the City Council. Mayor Brown asked whether anyone present was representing The 19th Hole Cigar Lounge and whether anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed tax incentive for The 19th Hole Cigar Lounge. With no comments against the measure, Mayor Brown adjourned the public hearing at 4:57 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 23 , 2026**

The Greenville City Council convened in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a regular council meeting. Mayor Jae'Ques Brown called the meeting to order. City Clerk - Treasurer Dee Blackmon called the roll and recorded the following members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmembers Ed Sims, Bryan Reynolds, Joseph West, Brandon Smith Sr., and Kenderius Boggan. Mayor Brown led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Eddie Cook delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Brown advised that each councilmember had received for review a copy of the proposed minutes of the Workshop and Regular Council Meeting held on February 9, 2026. He asked if there were any additions, deletions, or amendments to the minutes as presented.

Councilmember West moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026, Workshop and Regular Council Meeting as drafted. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION FOR TEMPLE OF HOPE DRUMLINE

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Mr. Lamar Harper with the Temple of Hope Drumline. Mr. Harper advised the council that he is originally from Birmingham and has lived in Greenville for 17 years. He thanked the council for the recognition and stated that the drumline will attend the Viewer's Choice Battle of the Bands at Six Flags in April.

PROCLAMATION FOR GLORIA JOHNSON SAV-A CHILD

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Gloria Johnson with Sav-A-Child. Ms. Johnson thanked the council and the citizens of Greenville for their continued support of the ministry's efforts to prepare the next generation to become strong leaders in the community.

PROCLAMATION FOR EL AM IGO

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation recognizing El Amigo as Business of the Month for February 2026. Ms. Naomi thanked the council and shared that they have acquired the former Ruby Tuesday building in order to expand into a larger space to better serve the community. She advised that they plan to open the new location on May 1st. Mayor Brown informed the council that El Amigo has made a \$1 million investment in the new property.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown announced that he will hold a State of the City Address at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Conference Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. He is encouraging members of the community to attend to have the opportunity to interact with council members and department heads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Clerk Blackmon advised the council that as of February 23rd, the general fund checking account has a balance of \$386,816.21, and the money market account has a balance of \$850,393.48. She also informed the council that the city is expecting its large sales tax deposit one day this week and stated that the city is moving in the right direction financially. She noted that the quarterly financial reports are included on the agenda and cover the period from September 30th through December 31st. She encouraged council members to contact her with any questions regarding the quarterly reports, and she will be happy to review them with them.

Tracy Salter with the Chamber of Commerce addressed the council regarding the first Camellia Gras event. She reported that approximately 1,000 or more people attended the event. She thanked everyone who sponsored or volunteered and stated that plans are already underway for next year.

Police Chief Lovvorn advised the council that Camellia Gras was a success and that the Police Department is working to enhance safety measures for the next event. He reported that in recent weeks, the department filed felony charges for organized retail theft against two individuals who were shoplifting at a local business. When officers arrived, the suspects fled northbound on the interstate. Officers conducted a traffic stop just past the rest area and determined the individuals were from Montgomery. Investigators later confirmed the suspects were involved in a previous theft, allowing authorities to upgrade the charges.

Chief Lovvorn also stated that a vehicle pursuit that began in another county entered Butler County on Highway 10 West. The Butler County Sheriff's Department became involved as the pursuit moved into the county and continued into the city. The Greenville Police Department assisted in the pursuit. The suspect ultimately crashed the vehicle near the post office. No one was seriously injured. The individual fled on foot toward the police department, where he was apprehended.

He advised that the suspect will face multiple charges in both Monroe County and Butler County.

Fire Chief Belletete apologized for his tardiness, explaining that he had been responding to a house fire. He advised that crews were able to extinguish the fire and that firefighters remained on scene to ensure it did not rekindle. He reported that the leaf springs for the ladder truck arrived on Friday. He sent the assistant chief to pick them up in Pelham, and they are currently at the city garage awaiting installation first thing the next morning so the ladder truck can be placed back into service. For the month of January, the department responded to 159 calls for service. Looking back at calendar year 2025, the department handled a total of 2,170 calls for the year—an increase of approximately 400 calls compared to 2023. He advised that call volume is increasing. He stated that approximately 80 percent of the calls are medical-related. The department is working to implement a community risk reduction program focused on fire prevention education and hopes to have the program operational within the next couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026-10. A RESOLUTION REGARDING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A "FIRE APPARATUS".

Resolution 2026-10 is a 12-year lease purchase agreement between the City and Government Capital Corporation. Annual payments will begin in 2027. **Councilmember Sims moved to adopt Resolution 2026-10, which accepts the lease purchase agreement.** Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INCENTIVES UNDER SECTION 94.01 TO THE 19TH HOLE CIGAR LOUNGE, LLC THE 19TH HOLE DOWNTOWN GRANT.

Resolution 2026-11 will award incentives to The 19th Hole, thereby generating additional sales tax revenue. **Councilmember Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026-11, authorizing the City to grant**

incentives to the 19th Hole LLC. Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-12. A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR CITY EMPLOYEES POLICY UPDATE .

Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2026-12, which amends the 2023 personnel policies. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, and Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-13. A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROVISIONS OF §36-26-36.1, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975, AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION OF UNUSED SICK LEAVE TO RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT .

Councilmember West moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13, which authorizes the conversion of unused sick leave to retirement service credit. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-14. A RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF ABC LICENSE TO GAS EXPRESS d/b/a GX #721 (939 FORT DALE ROAD) FOR RETAIL BEER (OFF PREMISES ONLY) (#50) AND RETAIL WINE (#90).

Councilmember Sims moved to adopt Resolution 2026-14, which approves the issuance of an ABC license to Gas Express d/b/a GX #721. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-15. A RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF ABC LICENSE TO GAS EXPRESS d/b/a GX #719 (2391 PINEAPPLE HIGHWAY) FOR RETAIL BEER (OFF PREMISES ONLY) (#50) AND RETAIL WINE (#90).

Councilmember West moved to adopt Resolution 2026-15, which approves the issuance of an ABC license to Gas Express d/b/a GX #719. Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-16. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024-25 FOR JULY 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AS PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER.

Councilmember Boggan moved to adopt Resolution 2026-16, which accepts the financial reports for the fourth quarter of 2024-25 for July 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-17. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025-26 FOR OCTOBER 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 AS PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER.

Councilmember West moved to adopt Resolution 2026-17, which accepts the financial reports for the first quarter of 2025-26 for October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Mayor Brown asked Mark Foshee with the Horticulture Department to explain the expenditure to EWING for a LAWN ROVER in the amount of \$13,405.80. He advised the council that this is a sprayer-fertilizer system, which eliminates the department's need for a backpack sprayer. Mayor Brown asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Hearing none, Councilmember West made a motion to approve the expenditure, and Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown explained the expenditure to BSN Sports in the amount of \$ 4,728.24, a budgeted item for baseball and softballs. Mayor Brown asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, Councilmember Boggan made a motion to approve the expenditure. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Brown asked the council to nominate him to serve as the city's delegate at the 2026 Alabama League of Municipalities convention during its annual membership meeting. **Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Mayor Brown as the delegate to represent the city at the convention.** Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced that the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council. City Clerk Blackmon then requested that alternates be named. **Councilmember West and Councilmember Boggan** were designated as alternates.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Jae'Ques Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dee H. Blackmon, City Clerk-Treasurer