

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOTHAN, ALABAMA
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama, met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Roy Driggers Municipal Building at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026 with the following members present: Mayor Mark Saliba, Associate Commissioners Vivian K. Daniels, Phillippe D. Kirksey, Bradley Bedwell, Dave Stock, Gantt Pierce, and David L. Crutchfield. Also present were City Manager Randy Morris, City Clerk Wendy Shiver, and Assistant City Clerk Courtney Vickers, who recorded the Minutes of the Meeting, and the local news media representatives.

Mayor Saliba called the meeting to order. Pastor Joshua Horton, Timbers Drive Church, then led in prayer, afterwhich Commissioner Pierce led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Kirksey moved that the Minutes of the February 3, 2026 Meeting be approved, motion seconded by Commissioner Daniels and unanimously approved.

Mayor Saliba presented and read a proclamation, recognizing the historic commemoration of "America 250" in the City of Dothan. Jessica Gautney, Regent of the Emassee-Robert Grierson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Chapter Members were present for the proclamation.

Mayor Saliba presented and read a proclamation, proclaiming February 26, 2026 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Dothan. Dan Williams, City of Dothan Landscaping Manager, was present for the proclamation. Mr. Williams announced the City of Dothan has been selected as Alabama's Tree City of the Year for 2026, which is an honor that will be recognized by Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday, February 24th at the Capitol's Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting. He also highlighted that this year's Arbor Day tree will be planted in honor of City School Bus Drivers at Dothan Area Botanical Gardens on Thursday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Saliba presented and read a proclamation, proclaiming February 21, 2026 as "Government Communicators Day" in the City of Dothan. City of Dothan Community Relations Officer Vincent P. Vincent, Community Relations Specialist Brittney Wilkerson, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Etheredge, Police Lieutenant Scott Owens, and Leisure Services Communication Marketing Coordinator Theresa Reynolds were present for the proclamation.

Mayor Saliba presented a service award to Commissioner David L. Crutchfield for ten (10) years of service with the City.

Commissioner Daniels thanked Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Wilkerson for their help with keeping her well informed and for their willingness to always provide assistance. She expressed appreciation for Mayor Saliba's Black History Month Luncheon, which was well attended and well organized. She said it was a powerful reminder of the leadership and coordination we have in our city. She added that the spirit in the room reflected progress, partnership, and a shared commitment to move our community forward. She also commended everyone involved in the Krewe of Kolosse (KOK) Mardi Gras Parade. She said it was vibrant, family friendly, and a beautiful display of community pride. She discussed events like these bring people together, supports local businesses, and showcases the heart of our city. She announced the passing of Reverend Jesse Jackson this morning. Lastly, Commissioner Daniels expressed excitement about the great things that are projected to happen in District 1 and thanked those for allowing her to be their commissioner.

Commissioner Kirksey thanked everyone for their attendance at this morning's meeting. He also thanked Public Works Director Tommy Wright for his fast response and timely efforts with assisting the constituents in District 2.

Commissioner Bedwell highlighted the KOK Mardi Gras parade. He discussed how the parade felt safer and flowed better this year. He also discussed how great the downtown area was with vendors and food trucks in the Civic Center parking lot and showcasing the Porter Park Events Plaza. He expressed appreciation to Performing Arts Director Clay Dempsey, all the law enforcement officers, Department Heads, Mr. Morris, and everyone else involved with the parade. He said it was the best day in Dothan for him.

Commissioner Stock commended Dothan High School's Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, who are in the regional playoffs this week, as well as Providence Christian School's Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, who are in the state playoffs this week. He wished the teams good luck as they compete and represent our city. He also echoed the Board's comments regarding the KOK Mardi Gras Parade. He discussed it being a great example of a public/private partnership that resulted in something great for our community. He noted that we are aware there are some challenges, but we always want to make it better. He said this team does an awesome job at making it better each year. He thanked all first responders for making the parade safe and expressed sentiments to the police officer that became ill and needed medical assistance during the parade. Lastly, Commissioner Stock discussed there being a lot of activity in our community over the last few weeks and how great the first responders' response has been. He expressed appreciation to the Police Department and all first responders for all they do.

Commissioner Pierce said he echoed all the sentiments from the previous Commissioners. He inquired about the number of people that attended the KOK Mardi Gras parade. Mr. Morris explained they do not have the numbers yet but are working on getting an estimate. Commissioner Pierce congratulated Commissioner Crutchfield on his ten (10) years of service with the City. He said District 6 is very lucky to have Commissioner Crutchfield. He added that he can attest to Commissioner Crutchfield's commitment to the City. He expressed appreciation to Commissioner Crutchfield for all that he does.

Commissioner Crutchfield discussed how amazing it has been to watch the KOK Mardi Gras parade grow over the years as he has been riding on a float for the past eight (8) years. He said it is great to see the crowd grow and to see how the entire event works. He explained how great of a public/private partnership it is with the volunteers, City personnel, and Houston County personnel. He described the KOK Mardi Gras parade as the biggest family reunion ever. He thanked all City departments for their involvement with the parade. Lastly, Commissioner Crutchfield announced that the Ross Clark Circle Widening Project current phase is almost complete. He discussed the new road improvements flowing well and added that he is looking forward to the next location for the orange barrels.

Mayor Saliba discussed the Ross Clark Circle Widening Project being a long and arduous process. He expressed appreciation to our citizens and visitors for their patience through this process. He noted how our city almost doubles in size during the day as people come into our city. He explained that the next Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) phases will continue to improve our infrastructure. Mayor Saliba also highlighted this weekend's KOK Mardi Gras parade. He said the parade is a huge endeavor on all our employees to pull off the parade. He added that the employees did a fabulous job with only minimal incidents. He expressed appreciation to all the citizens that participated, behaved, and enjoyed themselves. He added that this makes it easier for us to continue to do things like this to provide a great quality of life. Mayor Saliba discussed the parade being the second-largest Mardi Gras event in the state. He thanked Mr. Morris, Staff, and everyone that had a part in the parade.

Mr. Morris, along with Performing Arts Director Clay Dempsey, recognized and presented a retirement certificate to Penny Faison in honor of her retirement after 15 years of service with the City.

Mr. Morris invited Hannah Shiver, Visit Dothan Executive Director, to provide an update. Ms. Shiver provided the 2025 Year-End Report Executive Summary and highlighted the tourism impacts of 2025, which included Dothan's state of tourism, key metrics, sports tourism impact, digital reach, lodging performance, economic

impact, digital and marketing traction, marketing and sales approaches, and community and partner investments. She discussed tourism remaining a stable and measurable contributor to Dothan's economy throughout 2025. She explained the data confirms balanced hotel performance supported by strong group demand, led primarily by sports tourism. She added that this performance occurred without new hotel supply, allowing existing inventory to absorb demand efficiently while maintaining rate discipline. Lastly, she discussed the results, as seen in the 2025 Year-End Report, reflect shared investment, strong partnerships, and a clear strategy to support both economic development and the quality of life in Dothan.

Mr. Morris made the following announcements:

- Leisure Services Therapeutics Program is hosting their annual spaghetti lunch fundraiser on Friday, February 20th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Doug Tew Therapeutic Recreation Center. Plates are \$10.00 each.
- The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens.
- The Dothan Pageants are coming Saturday, February 28th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Dothan Opera House.
- The Southeast Wiregrass Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWAMPO) is holding a public input survey to provide feedback to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. There is a link available on the City's website to complete the survey.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public neighborhood meetings are being held this month to address the priority needs and goals identified in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

Mayor Saliba announced a Public Hearing regarding the assessment of weed abatement costs against various properties. There being no one present to speak, Mayor Saliba declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-38, confirming the costs incurred in weed abatement of properties determined to be nuisances and turning the amounts over to the county tax collector to be added to the next regular bills for taxes levied against the properties. Commissioner Crutchfield moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-39, superseding Resolution No. 2007-419 and adopting an updated Competitive Process for the allocation of CDBG resources to community development activities. Commissioner Crutchfield moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Stock. Commissioner Kirksey requested an explanation on the effects of this agenda item. Planning and Development Director Todd McDonald explained the change began when we wanted to provide uniformity to the application process. He provided the history of the Competitive Process, which originally came before the Board of Commissioners in 2007, and there was a separation application at that time; however, as the process has matured over time, there is no longer a need for a separate application. Mr. McDonald also added that while reviewing the original 2007 resolution, he determined there was not an actual process outlined; but instead, there were several attachments to the resolution, which had no bearing. He explained that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits and the areas subject to low/moderate income individuals change on a regular basis, which the City has no control over due to this coming from HUD. Mr. McDonald asked Commissioner Kirksey if he was referring to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Chair Anita Dawkins Weatherington's letter. Commissioner Kirksey said he was referring to the actual resolution. Mr. McDonald explained that the resolution will remove the attachments that are no longer applicable and it will set out in detail the actual steps that are followed on a yearly basis as the Competitive Process. He further explained the steps of the Competitive Process and how the steps are based on federal guidelines and timelines, which the City cannot change. Commissioner Kirksey said this

explanation helps very little. He asked if the Board could hear from Chair Weatherington, since she was present at the meeting. After discussion, Mayor Saliba explained that typically comments are not received from the crowd unless it is a public hearing item or a privileges of the floor request was completed for a particular agenda item. Commissioner Pierce asked for the Board to consider tabling this item since there are some questions. Commissioner Kirksey agreed. Commissioner Pierce noted that the CDAC has a meeting on February 19th. He discussed this allowing time for those with questions to receive answers. Mayor Saliba asked Commissioner Pierce if he would like to put a date on the table. Commissioner Pierce discussed having this item come back before the Board at the next meeting on March 3rd, which would allow time for the CDAC to meet as well as allow the Board to hear their concerns and work together. Commissioner Kirksey said that will be great. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Pierce made a motion to table this item until the March 3, 2026 meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Daniels and unanimously approved.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-40, agreeing to apply for selection and to participate in the Main Street Alabama Program in partnership with Dothan Main Street. Commissioner Stock moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Kirksey and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-41, entering into a workspace rental agreement with Grow Southeast Foundation for lease of certain space in the Wiregrass Innovation Center. Commissioner Kirksey moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Commissioner Crutchfield said it is great to have another tenant coming to the Wiregrass Innovation Center, and Commissioner Pierce concurred. Mayor Saliba and the Board expressed excitement and appreciation. There being no further discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-42, entering into a workspace rental agreement with Gener8tor for lease of certain space in the Wiregrass Innovation Center. Commissioner Kirksey then moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Commissioner Crutchfield said it is great to have another tenant, which is tenant number three (3) at the Wiregrass Innovation Center. Mayor Saliba said he is excited about it and thanked everyone involved. There being no further discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-43, designating Mark Saliba as the City of Dothan's official voting delegate for the 2026 Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Business Meeting in Montgomery. Commissioner Kirksey then moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Daniels. Mayor Saliba said he is abstaining from voting on this item. There being no further discussion and upon the motion being put to vote, those voting "yea," were Daniels, Kirksey, Bedwell, Stock, Pierce, and Crutchfield; "nay:" none; "abstained:" Saliba. The motion was carried by the majority of six "yeas" to no "nays" and one "abstention."

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-44, accepting a statement of work from CivicPlus for the AudioEye and DocAccess website modules, for the purpose of meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act Title II compliance deadline, with implementation in the amount of \$9,568.39 (as prorated for Year 1) and annual recurring services (subject to uplift) in the amount of \$20,001.28. Commissioner Stock moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-45, appropriating \$135,000.00 to the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce for economic development purposes. Commissioner Stock moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-46, accepting a proposal from Auburn University's Division of Outreach for assistance in the 2026 strategic planning process. Commissioner Stock moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-47, entering into an agreement with Poly, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 for the Water Street Storage Tank No. 8 (Pettus Tank) rehabilitation engineering services, and appropriating funds for said agreement. Commissioner Stock moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-48, entering into an MOU with the University of Montevallo, on behalf of the Alabama Traffic Safety Center, for the purpose of allowing the use of the Wiregrass Public Safety Center Driving Range for motorcycle safety training. Commissioner Pierce moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Daniels and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-49, approving payment of invoices for the month of January, 2026 in the amount of \$24,124,160.92. Commissioner Crutchfield moved for adoption, motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-50, approving other purchases over \$30,000.00 by the City.

FY 2026 OTHER PURCHASES \$30,000 OR MORE

DEPARTMENT	ITEM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Dothan Utilities Water	External/Internal Meter Transmission Units (MTU's) & Antennas <i>Previously awarded Bid 25-040 (Resolution 2025-132, Approved 5/20/25), Bid 25-043 (Resolution 2025-152, Approved 6/17/25) Internal MTU Quantity (672), \$146.45 Each, External MTU Quantity (280), \$141.42 Each, Antennae Quantity (280), \$43.27 Each Current Fiscal Year Estimated Expense to Replenish Inventory</i>	Aclara Technologies St. Louis, MO	\$ 150,127.60
Dothan Utilities Water	Water Meters (Various Sizes) <i>Sole Source 3/4" Quantity (400), \$180 Each, 1" Quantity (150), \$275 Each, 2" Quantity (64), \$1,375 Each Estimated Current Fiscal Year Expense</i>	Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co. Montgomery, AL	\$ 201,250.00
Information Technology Citywide	Online Security Subscriptions <i>Omnia Cooperative Contract 2024056-02, Contract Maturity 7/1/28 For the Period 3/23/26-3/22/27</i>	SHI Somerset, NJ	\$ 53,251.04
Police Patrol	Holsters for Patrol Weapons <i>State Contract MA240000004754 Contract Maturity Date 4/23/27</i>	GT Distributors Pflugerville, TX	\$ 59,015.70
Public Works Traffic Engineering	Traffic Camera Server <i>Sole Source Provider Quantity (1) New Additional Server</i>	Harris Security Ozark, AL	\$ 53,685.00

Commissioner Crutchfield then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2026-50, motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce and unanimously carried.

Mayor Saliba introduced Resolution No. 2026-51, approving the following advance travel requests for City employees:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Clay Dempsey	International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) Conference 2026 Kansas City, MO	\$ 4,443.36
Brittney Wilkerson	2026 Government Social Media Conference New Orleans, LA	\$ 2,918.00
Brittney Wilkerson	3CMA Annual Conference Denver, CO	\$ 2,844.87
Rachel David Nicholas Krista Jesse Hess Thomas Ezell	2026 Axon Technology Conference Nashville, TN	\$ 4,540.00
Adam Blackwell Michael Hannon	2 Day Law Enforcement Shotgun Armorer Course Columbiana, AL	\$ 2,040.00
Nikki Kerns	Gartner Application Innovation & Business Solutions Summit Las Vegas, NV	\$ 2,450.00
Adam Blackwell Kevin Moore Raymond Gross Michael Hannon	2026 Mardi Gras Mobile, AL	\$ 0.00
Angie Akos	Energy Southeast 2026 Power Supply Conference Orange Beach, AL	\$ 1,016.35
Micah Peckham	Energy Southeast 2026 Power Supply Conference Orange Beach, AL	\$ 1,036.65
Will Glover Rachel David Jeremy Kendrick	2026 Alabama FBI NAA Summer Conference Orange Beach, AL	\$ 5,265.00
Taiwan Truitt Jerry Philyah	ALERRT – Active Shooter Response Level 1 – Train the Trainer Course Mobile, AL	\$ 1,290.00

Commissioner Pierce then moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2026-51, motion seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Commissioner Crutchfield moved that the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce and upon the unanimous vote of "yea," the meeting was duly adjourned.

Wendy Shiver
Wendy Shiver,
City Clerk

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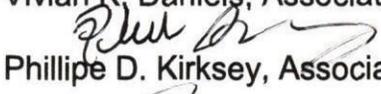
Approved:



Mark Saliba, Mayor



Vivian K. Daniels, Associate Commissioner



Phillippe D. Kirksey, Associate Commissioner



Bradley Bedwell, Associate Commissioner



Dave Stock, Associate Commissioner



Gantt Pierce, Associate Commissioner



David L. Crutchfield, Associate Commissioner

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