



**CITY OF OPELIKA
CITY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING AGENDA
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
September 2, 2025
TIME: 12:00 PM**

1. A CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
 1. George Allen, Erica Norris, Tim Aja, Todd Rauch, Eddie Smith
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
7. MAYOR COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)
9. AGENDA-RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)
10. GENERAL BUSINESS
11. AWARDING OF BIDS
12. RESOLUTIONS
 1. Canvassing the August 26, 2025, Municipal Election Results.
13. ORDINANCES
14. APPOINTMENTS
15. SECOND ROSTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limit comments to 3 minutes or less)

16. ADJOURN

“In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Opelika will make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting at (334)705-5130.”

RESOLUTION NO. 215-25

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RESULTS OF AUGUST 26, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the general election for the City of Opelika, Alabama, was duly and legally held on August 26, 2025, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the municipal governing body of the City of Opelika met on this the 2nd day of September, 2025, at 12:00 noon, a quorum thereof being present, and canvassed the returns and has ascertained and determined the number of votes received by each candidate; and

WHEREAS, the municipal governing body has ascertained and determined the results of said election as follows:

FOR MAYOR:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WARD ONE</u>	<u>WARD TWO</u>	<u>WARD THREE</u>	<u>WARD FOUR</u>	<u>WARD FIVE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HERMAN G. BARNES, III	9	13	25	25	40	3	0	115
RAVEN HARVIS	612	789	465	441	767	82	6	3,162
EDDIE SMITH	162	289	1,129	1,362	1,048	159	4	4,153

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE NO. 1:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WARD ONE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GEORGE ALLEN	412	18	0	430
MELVIN BROOKS	286	14	0	300
DARRELL SISTRUNK	76	0	0	76

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE NO. 2:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WARD TWO</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NATE DUNLAP, JR.	115	0	0	115
JANATAKA HUGHLEY-HOLMES	604	19	0	623
ERICA BAKER NORRIS	275	6	0	281
ERNIE RAINES	88	5	0	93

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE NO. 3:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WARD THREE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TIM AJA	689	27	2	718
LEIGH WHATLEY	926	26	0	952

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE NO. 4:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WARD FOUR</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHUCK BEAMS	1,016	56	1	1,073
TRIP GARNER	790	22	5	817

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE NO. 5:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>WARD FIVE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOT BOX</u>	<u>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOM PENTON	732	18	0	750
TODD RAUCH	1,095	30	1	1,126

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Opelika as follows:

1. That Charles “Eddie” Smith, Jr. received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Mayor and Charles “Eddie” Smith, Jr. is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.
2. That the Mayor of the City of Opelika be and he is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Charles “Eddie” Smith, Jr. for the office of Mayor for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the *Code of Alabama*, (1975, as amended).
3. That Willie “George” Allen received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Council Member Place No. 1 on the City Council and Willie “George” Allen is declared duly

elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

4. That the Mayor of the City of Opelika be and he is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Willie “George” Allen for the office of Council Member Place No. 1 for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the *Code of Alabama*, (1975, as amended).

5. That Janataka Hughley-Holmes received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Council Member Place No. 2 on the City Council and Janataka Hughley-Holmes is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

6. That the Mayor of the City of Opelika be and he is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Janataka Hughley-Holmes for the office of Council Member Place No. 2 for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the *Code of Alabama*, (1975, as amended).

7. That Elise “Leigh” Whatley received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Council Member Place No. 3 on the City Council and Elise “Leigh” Whatley is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

8. That the Mayor of the City of Opelika be and he is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Elise “Leigh” Whatley for the office of Council Member Place No. 3 for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the *Code of Alabama*, (1975, as amended).

9. That Charles “Chuck” Beams, Jr. received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Council Member Place No. 4 on the City Council and Charles “Chuck” Beams, Jr. is

declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

10. That the Mayor of the City of Opelika be and he is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Charles “Chuck” Beams, Jr. for the office of Council Member Place No. 4 for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the *Code of Alabama*, (1975, as amended).

11. That Todd Rauch received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Council Member Place No. 5 on the City Council and Todd Rauch is declared duly elected to said office for the term of office beginning on the first Monday in November, 2025.

12. That the Mayor of the City of Opelika be and he is hereby directed to issue a Certificate of Election to Todd Rauch for the office of Council Member Place No. 5 for such term pursuant to the provisions of §11-46-55, of the *Code of Alabama*, (1975, as amended).

12. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to cause a copy of this resolution to be published one (1) time in the Opelika Observer, a newspaper in and of general circulation in the City of Opelika, Lee County, Alabama.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 2nd day of September, 2025.

/s/ Eddie Smith

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ Russell A. Jones, MMC

CITY CLERK

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF LEE**

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

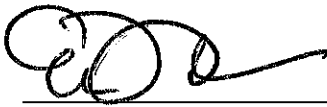
The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held in the City of Opelika, Alabama, on August 26, 2025, shows that Charles "Eddie" Smith, Jr. was duly elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Opelika, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025.

GIVEN under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Section 11-46-20, et seq., *Code of Alabama* 1975, as amended, this the 2nd day of September, 2025.



C.E. "EDDIE" SMITH, JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

GEORGE ALLEN, COUNCIL MEMBER



ERICA BAKER NORRIS, COUNCIL MEMBER



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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held in the City of Opelika, Alabama, on August 26, 2025, shows that Willie "George" Allen was duly elected to the office of Council Member Place Number 1 on the City Council of the City of Opelika, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025.

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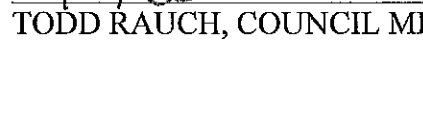
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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held in the City of Opelika, Alabama, on August 26, 2025, shows that Janataka Hughley-Holmes was duly elected to the office of Council Member Place Number 2 on the City Council of the City of Opelika, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025.

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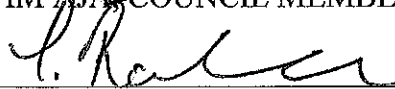
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The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held in the City of Opelika, Alabama, on August 26, 2025, shows that Elise "Leigh" Whatley was duly elected to the office of Council Member Place Number 3 on the City Council of the City of Opelika, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025.

GIVEN under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Section 11-46-20, et seq., *Code of Alabama* 1975, as amended, this the 2nd day of September, 2025.



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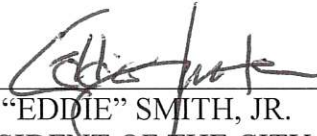
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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held in the City of Opelika, Alabama, on August 26, 2026, shows that Charles “Chuck” Beams, Jr., was duly elected to the office of Council Member Place Number 4 on the City Council of the City of Opelika, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025.

GIVEN under our hands pursuant to the requirements of Section 11-46-26, *Code of Alabama* 1975, as amended, this the 2nd day of September, 2025.



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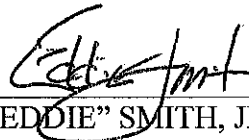
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The undersigned hereby certify that the official canvass of the votes cast in the general election held in the City of Opelika, Alabama, on August 26, 2025, shows that Todd Rauch was duly elected to the office of Council Member Place Number 5 on the City Council of the City of Opelika, for the term commencing on the first Monday of November, 2025.

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