



Saturday, May 30, 2026

Statement issued from Shelby City Manager, Justin Merritt

Officer involved incident on Friday, May 29, 2026

“Thank you, Chief Fraser.

The past 24 hours have been difficult for our community and have strained the fabric of trust that is at the core of all that we do as your City Government.

Public trust, professionalism and accountability for our actions are paramount and serve as the foundation of public service.

I want to thank the Chief, his leadership team and officers for their complete and expedient investigation of this incident. I also want to thank the community for the support we received during this difficult time. I want to thank the people in this room that have brought forth their concerns, offered counsel and stand with us, ready to work together for a greater common good.

While yesterday’s incident is still raw and difficult to understand, today marks the beginning of a path forward to repair the damage that has been done. This is a path that we must walk together, hand in hand, unified with the common goal of understanding, supporting each other and strengthening the fabric of a community we all hold so dear.

My staff and I are committed to this path and will work every day to be better tomorrow than we are today. I ask that you join us, continue the good work that is ongoing in our community, seek new ways to improve our community and, most

importantly, we must commit to doing this important work together, as one, for the greater good of all people in the City of Shelby.

Thank you for your time today.”