# OXFORD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE:

July 11, 2023 6:40 P.M.

TIME: PLACE:

Oxford City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Alton Craft

Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member

Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT:

Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President

The City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Oxford City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at approximately 6:40 o'clock p.m. Council President Pro Tempore Waits called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Jerry Patterson, Calvary Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the June 27, 2023, meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 2023- 15 – Ordinance declaring real property surplus and authorizing its lease to 360 Media Group LLC

Council Member Henderson made a motion to table Ordinance Number 2023-15 until the July 25, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call

of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 2023- 16 – Ordinance annexing the property of Darsham Patel on Leon Smith Parkway, Calhoun County.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-16. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-16, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-16. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-16 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 17 – Ordinance annexing the property of Holmes and Holmes Holding LLC on Leon Smith Parkway, Calhoun County.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-17. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-17, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-17. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-17 was approved.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Darsham Patel to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Darsham Patel to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Darsham Patel to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Darsham Patel to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC), closed.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Holmes and Holmes Holding LLC to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Holmes and Holmes Holding LLC to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Holmes and Holmes Holding LLC to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Holmes and Holmes Holding LLC to zone property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC), closed.

Ordinance No. 2023- 18 – Ordinance zoning property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC) (Darsham Patel)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-18. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-18, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-18. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-18 was approved.

The Council thanked Mr. Patel for locating a hotel at this location.

Mr. Patel stated the hotel would be 92 rooms all with kitchenettes.

Ordinance No. 2023- 19 – Ordinance zoning property located on Leon Smith Parkway as Area Shopping Center District (ASC) (Holmes and Holmes Holding LLC)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-19. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council

Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-19, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-19. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-19 was approved.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2023-84, a resolution appointing Council Member Gardner to the Oxford Health Care Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Gardner; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2023-79 – Resolution approving a Plan of Development for a duplex at 1815 Cheaha Drive.

Resolution No. 2023-80 – Resolution reappointing John Rawlings to the Oxford Library Board.

Resolution No. 2023-81 – Resolution reappointing Mike Watts and Barney Turner to the Commercial Development Authority.

<u>Resolution No. 2023-82 – Resolution reappointing Eddie Harrell and Boice Turner to the Oxford Water Works Board.</u>

<u>Resolution No. 2023-83 – Resolution amending the FY 2023 Budget and authorizing an appropriation to the Oxford Health Care Authority.</u>

Resolution No. 2023-84 – Resolution appointing Council Member Gardner to the Oxford Health Care Authority.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-79 through 2023-84. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-79 through 2023-84, were approved.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits thanked Council Members Gardner and Henderson for serving on the Oxford Health Care Authority.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits thanked everyone one involved in the 4th of July activities.

Mayor Craft thanked all the staff for their work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits welcomed Boy Scout Troop 9 to the Council Meeting.

The Scout Leader, Boy Scout Troop 9, stated they were attending the meeting that night for the Citizenship Community Merit Badge.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 o'clock p.m.

**APPROVED** 

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

OXFORD, ALABAMA

Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

**AUTHENTICATED:** 

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

July 11, 2023: Regular Meeting

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