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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 26, 2019
TIME: 6:29 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

The City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at approximately 6:29 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Tommy Screws, Calvary Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Olliyah Kelley to lead us in our pledge. Olliyah is a 7th grader at Oxford Middle School. Her parents are Reggie and Tonia Kelley. Olliyah enjoys softball, reading and singing. At school, she is a member of the Honor Society, Show Choir and Broadcast Team. Her favorite subject is math, and her favorite teacher is Ms. King. When Olliyah grows up, she wants to be an Entrepreneur after obtaining a degree in Marketing.

Olliyah Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Olliyah Kelley for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked her for being an outstanding student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

Council President Spurlin 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; abstentions: Council Member Spurlin. The motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2019- 06 - Ordinance declaring real property surplus and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement with 360 Media Group, LLC for the same.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-06. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-06, Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-06. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2019-06 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2019- 07 - Ordinance declaring real property surplus and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement with 360 Media Group, LLC for the same.

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-07. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-07, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-07. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2019-07 was approved.

Council President Spurlin stated that was the time for the public hearing to consider a resolution approving a Project Development, Funding and Cooperation Agreement between Oxford Mall, LLC and the City of Oxford, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council concerning a resolution approving a Project Development, Funding and Cooperation Agreement between Oxford Mall, LLC and the City of Oxford.

No one addressed the Council concerning a resolution approving a Project Development, Funding and Cooperation Agreement between Oxford Mall, LLC and the City of Oxford.

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a resolution approving a Project Development, Funding and Cooperation Agreement between Oxford Mall, LLC and the City of Oxford, closed.

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Resolution No. 2019- 14 – Resolution approving a Project Development, Funding and Cooperation Agreement between Oxford Mall, LLC and the City of Oxford and authorizing the Mayor to sign same.

Council Member Waits made a motion to table Resolution Number 2019-14. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019- 15– Resolution appropriating \$52,190.00 for additional underground conduit in the downtown area.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-15. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2019-15 was approved.

Council President Spurlin stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2019- 16 – Resolution declaring certain vehicles/equipment surplus and authorizing their sale.

Resolution No. 2019- 17 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Grizzard Surveying for a survey of the entrance to Choccolocco Park in the amount of \$500.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 18 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with NextSite, LLC for retail consulting services in the total amount of \$28,000 per year.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2019-16 through 2019-18. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2019-16 through 2019-18, was approved.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the second Tuesday of March 2019 and scheduling a City Council meeting for Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to introduce and approve Resolution Number 2019-19, a resolution requesting a local act be passed calling for a citywide election by way of referendum to determine whether to allow Sunday liquor sales within the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits.

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Council Member Waits stated that over the past six months he had heard from a number of Oxford residents who support a referendum to the point that he felt a referendum would be appropriate. He stated this resolution was not a resolution for or against Sunday alcohol sales but was a resolution allowing the citizens the opportunity to have their individual voices heard.

On call of the roll on Council Member Hubbard's motion to introduce and approve Resolution Number 2019-19, a resolution requesting a local act be passed calling for a citywide election by way of referendum to determine whether to allow Sunday liquor sales within the City, and Council Member Waits' second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, and Waits; nays: Council Members Henderson and Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2019-19 was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, ALABAMA,
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS the City Council recognizes that it is an important function of municipal government to promote economic activity and maximize necessary revenue for the proper administration of City government;

WHEREAS the City Council has received numerous inquiries and request by local businesses within the community concerning the prospects of allowing Sunday liquor sales within the municipality to aid and assist their businesses in maximizing sales, generating revenue as well as to insure that they remain competitive with comparable businesses within the area;

WHEREAS the City Council believes and is committed to the principal that the issue as to whether or not to allow liquor sales within the municipality should be left to the will of people by a citywide referendum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama that a request be made by the Mayor to the local legislative delegation requesting a local act be passed calling for a citywide election by way of referendum to determine whether to allow Sunday liquor sales within the City.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA

By: /s/ Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member

By: /s/ Phil Gardner, Council Member

By: /s/ Steven Waits, Council Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

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Mayor Craft commended the staff on handling recent flooding issues in the city.

Council President Spurlin stated the Council would be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate and asked Ron Allen, City Attorney, to certify said purpose of the Executive Session.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, stated he did certify that the Council was adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Gardner made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate. 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and the Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 6:45 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA

Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
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