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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 14, 2019  
TIME: 6:23 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 Thursday, March 14, 2019, at approximately 6:23 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Blake Lowry, Oxford First Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Naleyah Gipson to lead us in our pledge. Naleyah is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at C. E. Hanna Elementary School. Her parents are Tanasia Bush and Jacolby Gipson. Naleyah enjoys crafts, basketball and also cheer. At school, she is a member of the Student Council, serving as a Class Representative. Her favorite subjects are reading and math, and her favorite class is Math Enrichment. When Naleyah grows up, she wants to attend Harvard University to study law.

Naleyah Gipson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Naleyah Gipson 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 26, 2019 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

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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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14**

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

**WHEREAS** Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama (1901) (Section 94.01 (a) (3) of the Recompiled Constitution of Alabama and hereinafter referred to as (“Amendment No. 772”), authorizes the city to enter into agreements for the purpose of promoting economic developments;

**WHEREAS** the City proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds for the benefit of Oxford Mall, LLC (“Developer”) as an economic incentive for the redevelopment of a retail enterprise at the Oxford Mall (“Retail Center”) consisting of payments to the Developer during the term of the Redevelopment Agreement, not to exceed twenty five years (25), on such terms as may be agreeable to both City and Developer in an amount not to exceed sixteen million five-hundred thousand dollars (\$16,500,000.00) from a portion of revenues derived from the Retail Center as redeveloped in accordance with the Redevelopment Agreement through the levy and collection by the City of certain taxes with said amount constituting a grant of financial assistance (the “Financial Assistance”) by the City to the Developer; and

**WHEREAS** the City desires to enter into an Agreement with the Developer in accordance with the above reference terms that will promote economic activity within the city, improve the quality of life for its citizens, and will increase tax revenues in and around the city, and that such expenditure of public funds for the purposes specified in the Agreement will serve a valid and sufficient public purpose, notwithstanding any incidental benefits accruing to any private entity or entities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama that the City Council approves and ratifies the attached Project Development, Funding, and Cooperation Agreement with Oxford Mall, LLC. and authorizes the Mayor to execute said agreement.

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**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 14th day of March, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
OXFORD, ALABAMA

By: /s/ Chris Spurlin, Council President

By: /s/ Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member

By: /s/ Phil Gardner, Council Member

By: /s/ Steven Waits, Council Pro Tempore

By: /s/ Mike Henderson, Council Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve 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 and Resolution Number 2019-14 was approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2019- 20 – Resolution supporting House Bill 61 to allow ERS Tier II employees of the City to change to Tier I benefits.

Resolution No. 2019- 21 – Resolution supporting Federal legislation to allow local governments to more effectively and equitably regulate local infrastructure.

Resolution No. 2019- 22 – Resolution awarding bid for a 2019 F150 Super Cab Styleside Truck to Sunny King Ford in the total amount of \$25,779.91.

Resolution No. 2019- 23 – Resolution awarding bid for a 2019 F150 Crew Cab 4x4 Truck Truck to Sunny King Ford in the total amount of \$38,958.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 24 – Resolution appropriating \$2,610.00 for new city limit signs.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2019-20 through 2019-24. 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 the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2019-20 through 2019-24, was approved.

Council Member Henderson stated that Council Member Hubbard and he had attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C. and the main

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issue had been infrastructure. He stated they had met with Senator Shelby and the Senator was trying to get the State of Alabama as much money as he can for infrastructure improvements. He stated they also had a good meeting with Representative Rogers.

Council Member Hubbard stated that the City should be able to apply for some Federal grants to help with their infrastructure needs.

Mayor Craft stated he appreciated that the World of Works was being held at the Oxford Civic Center. He stated he appreciated the different departments volunteering to help with the grounds maintenance at the Civic Center for this event.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
OXFORD, ALABAMA

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Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:

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Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk  
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