

February 7, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
1705 MAIN STREET
DAPHNE, AL
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present Council President Joel Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommie Conaway, Ron Scott, Benjamin Hughes, Doug Goodlin, Joel Coleman, and Steve Olen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Angie Phillips

Also Present: Candace Antinarella, City Clerk; Jay Ross, City Attorney, Chief David Carpenter, Police; Troy Strunk, City Development; Lieutenant David Hill, Fire; Ange Baggett, Marketing; Adrienne Jones, Planning; Tonja Young, Library; Ronnie Huskey, Public Works; Vickie Hinman, Human Resources; Tim White, Environmental Programs; Josh Newman, City Engineer; Kelli Reid, Finance; Charlie McDavid, Recreation; and Jessica Linne, Assistant City Clerk.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Pastor Jimmy Bowers, Church of the Highlands.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Pre-Zoning Amendment for the GCOF Reserve of Daphne, L.L.C. and 68V Reserve at Plantation Hills 2021, L.L.C..

PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Pre-Zoning Amendment for the GCOF Reserve of Daphne, L.L.C., James and Barbara Conaway, Joseph Lazzari, Joseph Lazzari, Jr., and Tania Lazzari.

PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Annexation Petition for the GCOF Reserve of Daphne, L.L.C., and 68V Reserve at Plantation Hills 2021, L.L.C., James and Barbara Conaway, Joseph Lazzari, Joseph Lazzari, Jr., and Tania Lazzari.

All three public hearings were combined into one and began at 6:03pm.

Council President Coleman recused himself from the hearings. Councilman Goodlin presided over the hearings.

Melissa Currie, Dewberry Engineers, presented on the pre-zoning amendments and annexation petitions for the properties.

Jackie Jackson, 11420 Riverbrook Branch, had questions about the grading on the lots due to wetlands nearby.

Jessica Thompson, 27202 Bay Branch Drive, asked if there were any plans to create more schools for the additional families coming to Baldwin County. She asked if the sewer system could handle the new homes.

Terry Hall, 27654 Bay Branch Drive, asked if the Council would be looking to open Braga Drive due to additional traffic.

Allen Durton, 27618 Bay Branch Drive, says there is another neighborhood, Turkey Branch, and it causes traffic backup.

Councilman Olen asked Ms. Curry if opening Braga Drive was in their plans. She said it was not. She said there would be no access to Bay Branch, only Plantation Hills.

Jessica Thompson asked what would happen to Bay Branch. Councilman Goodlin and Councilman Hughes explained annexation and benefits should they want to come into the City.

Jackie Jackson asked what would be built on the properties presented.

Public hearing closed at 6:34pm.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Adrienne Jones presented on the Proposed Amendments to the Ordinance 2011-54, Land Use and Development Ordinance, Articles 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 30 and 39.

Public hearing opened at 6:35pm.

Jackie Jackson said she hopes the Council read their entire packet.

Public hearing closed at 6:36pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 18, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Conaway said the minutes from the January 18th Finance meeting were in the packet. She gave the Treasurer's Report for December 2021: Unrestricted Fund Balance - \$22,630,822; Total Cash Balance - \$37,633,953; Sales Tax for November 2021 - \$2,087,336; Lodging Tax for November 2021 - \$113,695.

MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to renew the City's annual insurance policy with John A. Robertson Insurance Agency, Inc. for the second-year discounted term of the three-year policy pending the review of deductible options: \$5,000/\$10,000/\$25,000/\$50,000. No second was needed.

**Councilman Olen amended the motion to narrow down the original motion to select the amount of \$25,000. Seconded by Councilman Scott.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. BUILDINGS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Phillips was absent.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is February 14th at 4:30pm.

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is March 7th at 4:30pm.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Goodlin said the next meeting is March 7th at 5:00pm.

5. REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Zoning Adjustments

Adrienne Jones said there is no meeting and no report.

B. Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Councilwoman Conaway said the next meeting is February 17th at 5:30pm.

C. Industrial Development Board

Councilman Scott said the next meeting is February 15th at 4:30pm.

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D. Library Board

Councilwoman Phillips was absent.

E. Planning Commission

Councilman Olen said the next meeting is February 24th at 5:00pm.

F. Recreation Board

Councilman Hughes said the next meeting is February 9th at 6pm in the Jubilee Conference Room.

G. Utility Board

Councilman Coleman said the minutes from the November 2021 meeting are in the packet.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Participation opened at 6:42pm.

No one came forward to speak.

Public Participation closed at 6:43pm.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor LeJeune was absent.

8. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

City Attorney said there was no report.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Carpenter, Police, said Officer Lucky was at Lowe's today and helped a citizen in an emergency situation. He said COVID cases are beginning to decline.

Lt. Hill, Fire, said they have had 24 cases of COVID in the Fire Department since January and they are continuing COVID testing for employees at the Fire Department. He said they have applied for the SAFER grant.

Ange Baggett, Marketing, reminded everyone of "Coffee with the Mayor" on Tuesday morning at 8:00am.

Tonja Young, Library, said the History Series are starting back up.

Vickie Hinman, Human Resources, said COVID is beginning to decline. She said employees are going through the harassment and drug free training.

Ronnie Huskey, Public Works, said the department is performing routine maintenance after the holidays.

Charlie McDavid, Recreation, said the basketball league is ending as baseball and softball are gearing up.

Adrienne Jones, Planning, said March 21 – 24 is Planning Week in Daphne.

Troy Strunk, City Development, thanked Tim White for helping install the channel markers at the boat launch.

Kelli Reid, Finance, said the Alabama Sales Tax Hurricane Preparedness Weekend is February 25th – 27th.

Councilman Scott asked Mrs. Reid about the potential of food tax going away. She said she'd look into it.

Josh Newman, City Engineer, said there are three projects going to bid.

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10. CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

**MOTION by Councilman Goodlin to authorize the Mayor to execute a jail agreement between the City of Daphne and the City of Spanish Fort. Seconded by Councilman Scott.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to approve the Bayside Academy Bay Affair firework display on April 9, 2022 from 8:00 – 9:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the Daphmont Community Mardi Gras Parade on February 26, 2022 from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to approve the Mystic Order of Gators Balcony Parade on February 26, 2022 from 12:30 – 4:30pm in Lake Forest Subdivision. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to approve the Loyal Order of the Firetrucks Parade on February 27, 2022 at 2:29pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to approve the 140 – Special Events Retail to Mancis Antique LLC located at 1715 Main Street, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilman Scott.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to approve the 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor to Your Eastern Shore Inc dba Daruma Japanese Sushi and Steakhouse located at 27955 Highway 98 Ste S and T, Daphne, Alabama. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to approve the publication and set a public hearing on April 4, 2022 for the Magnolia Properties, L.L.C. and the Stanard Family Partnership Zoning Amendment. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A. RESOLUTIONS:

2022 – 03 – E – Oil and Lubricants

2022 – 04 – Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Such Property – 2007 Bye-Rite Utility Trailer and 1990 John Deere 870

2022 – 05 – Resolution Regarding Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation

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2022 – 06 – 2022 – F – Athletic Uniforms

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Resolutions 2022-03, 2022-04, 2022-05 and 2022-06. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolution 2022-03. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Resolution 2022-04. Seconded by Councilwoman Conaway.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Hughes to adopt Resolution 2022-05. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Conaway to adopt Resolution 2022-06. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ORDINANCES:

B. 2nd READ ORDINANCES:

2022 – 05 – Appropriation: Professional Inspection and Appraisal Services - \$40,000

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to waive the reading of Ordinance 2022-05. Seconded by Councilman Hughes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2022-05. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION by Councilman Olen to suspend the rules in order to consider adding Ordinance 2022-10 to the agenda to consider adoption. Seconded by Councilman Goodlin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Clerk called roll.

Councilwoman Conaway	Aye
Councilman Olen	Aye
Councilman Goodlin	Aye
Councilman Scott	Aye
Councilman Hughes	Aye
Councilwoman Phillips	Absent
Council President Coleman	Aye

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION by Councilman Scott to adopt Ordinance 2022-10. Seconded by Councilman Olen.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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C. 1ST READ ORDINANCES:

2022 – 06 – Ordinance to Amend Sections 4.7, 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 10.10, 10.11 and 10.13 of the City’s Employee Handbook

2022 – 07 – Appropriation: Engineering Fees Drainage Master Planning for Mayday Park - \$61,280

2022 – 08 – Additional Appropriation: STPOA-0216(250) – Turning Lanes at Sehoy Blvd and Longvue Blvd - \$17,948

2022 – 09 – Appropriation: CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) Training Facility Building – Engineering Fees - \$12,850

2022 – 10 – Ordinance to Establish Surety Bond Limits for Certain Municipal Officers and Employees

2022 – 11 – Pre-Zone Property Located at the East and Southeast of Robbins Boulevard and Ashbury Hill Road – GCOF Reserve of Daphne, L.L.C. and 68V Reserve at Plantation Hills, 2021, L.L.C

2022 – 12 – Pre-Zone Property Located at the North of Intersection of County Road 64 and Montelucia Way – GCOF Reserve of Daphne, L.L.C., James and Barbara Conaway, Joseph Lazzari, Joseph Lazzari, Jr., and Tania Lazzari

2022 – 13 – Annex Property Contiguous to the Corporate Limits of the City of Daphne – East and Southeast of Robbins Boulevard and Ashbury Hill Road, and North of the Intersection of County Road 64 and Montelucia Way – GCOF Reserve of Daphne, L.L.C., 68V Reserve at Plantation Hills 2021, L.L.C., James and Barbara Conaway, Joseph Lazzari, Joseph Lazzari, Jr., and Tania Lazzari

2022 – 14 – Ordinance Amending the City of Daphne’s Land Use and Development Ordinance 2011-54, As Adopted by the City Council on July 18, 2011, as Amended - Articles XI, XIII, XIV, XV, XVII, XVIII, XXX, and XXXIX: Technical Revisions

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Conaway asked everyone to keep Tomasina Werner in their thoughts and prayers.

Councilman Hughes commended Lieutenant Hill. He thanked Officer Lucky for his help in the recent emergency. He thanked the citizens who came to speak.

Councilman Goodlin encouraged citizens to speak to Adrienne Jones regarding annexing into the City.

13. ADJOURN:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Certification of Presiding Officer,


Candace G. Antinarella, CMC, City Clerk


Joel Coleman, Council President