

AMENDED AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2007
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

1. Opening Ceremonies

- a) Call to Order
- b) Invocation
- c) Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

2. Awards and Presentations

- a) Consideration of the August, 2007 Employee of the Month Award (Tara Colton, Public Works Department).
- b) Special Presentation of Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) Achievement Certificate.

3. Consideration of the approval of the minutes of the July 19, 2007 regular Meeting of the Valdosta City Council.

4. Citizens to Be Heard

5. Public Hearings

- a) Consideration of an ordinance to rezone 22 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-15) to Planned Residential Development (PRD) as requested by Mark Courson (File #VA-2007-25). The property is located on the west side of Cherry Creek Road (Staten Road) just north of Lake Laurie Drive. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their June 25, 2007 regular meeting and recommended tabling the request for one month to allow the developers time to address and clarify the issues and concerns that were brought before the Town Hall meeting (7-0-1 vote). Mayor/Council postponed the request at the July 5, 2007 regular Council meeting for one month. The applicant has withdrawn the request.
- b) Consideration of an ordinance to rezone .08 acres from Community-Commercial (C-C) to Multi-Family Residential (R-6) as requested by Miguel Gaspar (File #VA-2007-40). The property is located at 412 and 414 East Martin Luther King Drive. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their July 30, 2007 regular meeting and recommended approval of Single-Family Residential (R-6S) zoning (7-2 vote).
- c) Consideration of an ordinance to rezone .83 acres from Community-Commercial (C-C), Highway-Commercial (C-H), and Multi-Family Residential (R-6) to Downtown-Commercial (C-D) as requested by James Blake (File #VA-2007-42). The property is located at 500 and 502 South Patterson Street, 105 West Martin Luther King Drive, and 114 Bay Street. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their July 30, 2007 regular meeting and recommended denial (9-0 vote).

- d) Consideration of an ordinance to rezone .326 acres from Multi-Family Residential (R-6) to Environmental-Resource (E-R) as requested by Valdosta State University (File #VA-2007-43). The property is located at 626 Lilly Street. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their July 30, 2007 regular meeting and recommended approval (9-0 vote).
- e) Consideration of an ordinance to rezone .517 acres from Multi-Family Residential (R-6) to Community-Commercial (C-C) as requested by Dover, Miller, Stone & Karras for Susie McKey Thomas (File #VA-2007-44). The property is located at 400 East Gordon Street. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their July 30, 2007 regular meeting and recommended approval (9-0 vote).

6. Bids, Contracts, Agreements, and Expenditures

- a) Consideration of bids for Taser units and accessories for the Police Department.
- b) Consideration of a request to approve a contract with Argus Benefits to provide Benefits Consulting Services for the City of Valdosta.
- c) Consideration of a request to extend the Service Delivery Agreement and for funding related to services under arbitration to remain as currently agreed to until June 30, 2008. Mayor/Council postponed the request at the July 5, 2007 regular City Council meeting and at the July 19, 2007 regular City Council meeting until the August 9, 2007 regular City Council meeting.

7. Local Funding and Requests

- a) Consideration of a request to establish the 2007 Tax Millage Rate.
- b) Consideration of a request to increase annual funding for the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce to support the IMPACT 2012 Program.
- c) Consideration of a request to approve travel for Councilman James Wright to attend the America's Affordable Communities Initiative Workshop.
- d) Consideration of a request to apply for the 2007 Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Grant.

8. City Manager's Report

9. Council Comments

10. Adjournment