

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL  
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| (1) Mayor John Gayle                  | (5) Councilwoman Deidra White   |
| (2) Councilman Joseph "Sonny" Vickers | (6) Councilman James Wright     |
| (3) Councilman Tim Carroll            | (7) City Manager Larry Hanson   |
| (4) Councilman Ben Norton             | (8) City Attorney George Talley |

**ABSENT:**

- (1) Councilman Alvin Payton, Jr.
- (2) Councilman Robert Yost

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**January, 2013 Employee of the Month Award:** Commander Brian Childress presented an award to Derrick Keene, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**December 13, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Approved by unanimous consent (5-0) of the Council.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 2013-1 - Establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2013 City of Valdosta Municipal Election:**

Presented by - Mark Barber, Deputy City Manager of Administration – The Ordinance would establish the Municipal Election date of November 5, 2013, the qualifying date of August 26-30, 2013, the qualifying fees of \$465 for Council members and \$35 for Valdosta City School Board members, and the budget amount of \$25,000 for the 2013 City of Valdosta Municipal Election.

Motion to Approve – Councilman Tim Carroll  
Second - Councilman Sonny Vickers  
Adopted - Unanimously (5-0)

**BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPRENDITURES**

**Bids for Scott air packs for the Fire Department (Bid No. 6-12-13):**

Presented by - Greg Brown, Purchasing Agent - The Fire Department would like to purchase 55 air packs, 55 masks (which will include a fitting session), and 110 carbon fiber tanks for \$247,885. Greg Brown recommended that Council approve the request to purchase Scott air packs in the amount of \$49,577 with a FEMA Grant match of \$198,308 and allow the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase.

Motion to Approve - Councilman Vickers  
Second - Councilman Carroll  
Adopted - Unanimously (5-0)

**LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS**

**Request to abandon an easement within the Drury Inn development:**

Presented by - Pat Collins, City Engineer - In October, 2002, Impac Hotels granted a permanent utility easement to the City for the purpose of using and maintaining a water main across their property. Drury Development

Corporation recently redeveloped the property and abandoned a portion of the water main and installed new water mains. Drury has asked that the City formally abandon that portion of the City's easement that is no longer needed. Pat Collins recommended that Council approve the request to abandon an easement within the Drury Inn development.

Motion to Approve - Councilman Carroll  
Second - Councilwoman White  
Adopted - Unanimously (5-0)

**Request to appeal the decision on a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic Preservation Commission for relocation of 11 houses:**

Presented by Bill Nijem, Attorney, 209 East Alden Avenue, representing McAllister Development Company - They are appealing a decision made in December, 2012 by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). As a result of the appeal, they have had some ongoing discussions with City Staff and they are agreeable to tabling this request and go back before the HPC at their February 4, 2013 Meeting. Mr. Nijem asked Council's consideration in tabling the request; however, if things do not work out with the HPC, they would like to come back before Council at the February 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting to address the appeal and to get a yes or no answer from Council on the request without conditions.

Motion to Postpone - Councilwoman White - Postpone until the appeal until the February 7, 2013 Council Meeting with the condition that the HPC hear the case and make its final decision on this matter at its February 4, 2013 Meeting.  
Second - Councilman Vickers  
Adopted - Unanimously (5-0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn (6:11 p.m.) - Councilman Vickers  
Second - Councilman Carroll  
Adopted - Unanimously (5-0)

**PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY**

Teresa S. Bolden, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Valdosta