

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor John J. Fretti called the regular meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Sonny Vickers, Tim Carroll, Alvin Payton, Deidra White, Robert Yost, and James Wright. Councilman John Eunice arrived at 5:37 p.m. The invocation was given by Dr. Ken Alford, Crossroads Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE MAY, 2010 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD

Mayor Fretti entertained a motion for the May, 2010 Employee of the Month Award.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Wright, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the May, 2010 Employee of the Month Award.

Mayor Fretti presented the May, 2010 Employee of the Month Award to Harold Henderson, Utilities Department.

Harold Henderson began his employment with the City of Valdosta in November, 2002 as a Wastewater Operator Trainee. Shortly thereafter, he assumed the position of Wastewater Operator which is the position he currently holds. The duties of a Wastewater Operator are varied and demanding. They include the operation of pumps, engines, and generators to control the flow of wastewater through the filtering process. Throughout the process, samples must be taken and analyzed to achieve the desired results. The work also involves performing maintenance on the equipment used in the Wastewater Plant to ensure it is always at peak operating ability. Teamwork and coordination between the various shifts is critical to the smooth operation of the Wastewater Plant. For many years, Mr. Henderson worked the evening shift and had finally achieved a promotion to the day shift late last year; however, when a fellow worker on the night shift fell ill and had to take a leave of absence Mr. Henderson went back to the night shift and worked in his place. During this time, his prior experience on the night shift also provided valuable assistance to the Plant Superintendent in attending to necessary repairs as a result of a recent manhole collapse at the facility. Woodrow Wilson once stated, "To work for the common good is the greatest creed." Because of Mr. Henderson's positive attitude and unselfishness in returning to the night shift, he not only helped out a fellow employee but helped restore the Plant to full operation and he is to be commended for his actions. For these reasons and many others, the Employee Relations Committee nominated Harold Henderson as Employee of the Month.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW CRIME LAB DIRECTOR

Mayor Fretti asked Police Chief Frank Simons and Sheriff Chris Prine to introduce the new Crime Lab Director, Barry Funck. Chief Simons stated that Barry Funck has impeccable credentials and spent 34 years with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in the forensic area. His last position with the FDLE was as Crime Lab Director for State Crime Labs in Florida. He holds a degree in Chemistry from the University of Florida and is an American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) Lab Accreditation Team Leader Inspector. He has made significant progress in moving the City's new Crime Lab toward ASCLD accreditation and has set a personal goal to have that accomplished by February, 2011. Barry Funck thanked Chief Simons for the introduction and stated that he comes from a laboratory system in which he was the Laboratory System Director over seven laboratories employing 450 people and all laboratories were accredited in every possible area. When he met with Chief Simons and Sheriff Prine he was struck by the amount of commitment they were putting toward this laboratory effort. After seeing the facility he was very impressed. The people who are there now are a team and they are committed to getting operational and to provide the highest quality work which everyone demands. As a result, they will be moving toward accreditation of this laboratory in all of the areas that provide a service including

crime scene, latents, fire arms, and digital evidence. They are currently waiting on a new telephone system for the Crime Lab which should be installed within the next couple of weeks and there will be an Open House shortly thereafter. Mr. Funck thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity and is looking forward to working with Chief Simons and Sheriff Prine. Sheriff Chris Prine stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work with the City of Valdosta and Chief Simons on this new Crime Lab. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that Sheriff Prine met with approximately 40 local Sheriffs to discuss the services that the new Crime Lab will be offering and thanked Sheriff Prine for his assistance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 22, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Valdosta City Council were approved by unanimous consent (7-0) of the Council.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Rev. Timothy L. Brown, representing the Doctor of Faith Outreach Community Service Ministry, 410 South Fry Street, stated that he had three issues to discuss. Mr. Brown's first issue was about with the lack of public transportation. There are people in the community who have no transportation and are having to walk to their destination. Mr. Brown inquired as to what was being done to expedite public transportation. The second issue was about curfews for children. Mr. Brown stated that there needs to be a curfew for those under the age of 17. They need to be in the house because this is where the crime is. They are stealing and robbing. Mr. Brown stated that his third issue was about monitoring the people who stay in public housing so that no drug dealers or the boyfriends of single parents are allowed to stay there. Mr. Brown also inquired as to what could be done to the people around the corner from his house who sell liquor, moonshine, and drugs on Sunday because some of the kids are getting caught up in the system.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE WITHDRAWN

Consideration of an Ordinance to rezone .61 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-15) to Office-Professional (O-P) as requested by Sangita Gupta (File No. VA-2010-06). The property is located along the west side of Gornto Road approximately 200 feet south of High Point Drive. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their February Regular Meeting and recommended denial (6-3 vote). The request was postponed for 60 days at the March 11, 2010 regular Council meeting in order to allow the applicant time to meet with the neighborhood in an effort to reach an amicable agreement regarding the use of the property. The applicant has withdrawn the request.

Mayor Fretti stated that the applicant has withdrawn the request and no action is needed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-15, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A DAYCARE AND SCHOOL IN A RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL (R-P) ZONING DISTRICT

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a daycare and school in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District as requested by Perimeter Road Baptist Church (File No. CU-2010-06). The property is located at the northeast corner of Inner Perimeter Road and Jaycee Shack Road. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their April regular meeting and recommended approval (8-0 vote).

Matt Martin, Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that Perimeter Road Baptist Church is requesting a Conditional Use to establish a daycare and school in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District. The property consists of 20.39 acres and is located at the northeast corner of Inner Perimeter Road and Jaycee Shack Road. The property currently contains the existing church which also includes a church accessory daycare with approximately 150 children and a church accessory school with approximately 50 students in grades K-4. The

applicant is proposing to bring the existing accessory uses out of their non-conforming status and have the potential to expand their existing school. The property is located within a Community Activity Center Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan and is located within the Inner Perimeter Road Corridor Overlay District. Under the former Valdosta Zoning Ordinance, the church and its existing accessory uses were "Permitted Uses" in the R-P zoning district; however, with the adoption of the new Land Development Regulations (LDR), all of the church's accessory uses became non-conforming in that they now require a Conditional Use Permit. The church has no specific immediate plans for expansion and they may still have some room to grow within the confines of their existing buildings; however, the church is applying for approval of their school under the Georgia Department of Education. They are proposing to eventually expand the school to include up through the 12th grade, and possibly later add another building. The existing church and its accessory uses are well-situated in a non-residential area on a fairly large parcel with plenty of room to grow. Since there are no immediate plans for expansion or redevelopment of the property, they do not yet trigger full compliance with the LDR or even the provisions of the Inner Perimeter Road Corridor Overlay District. Because of the State approval process, they are requiring a Statement of Compliance with existing zoning regulations and would like a preliminary approval to proceed with developing plans for possible expansion in the future. Because of the size of the property and their existing buildings, minor expansions are certainly very reasonable and would have no impacts on surrounding properties. At some point their expansions will have impacts on traffic movements and surrounding properties that need to be weighed, and they will trigger full compliance with the LDR. At such time, their expansion and redevelopment plans should be reviewed again by the City for full compliance with all aspects of the LDR. In the meantime, as part of their present Conditional Use approval, it would be good for them to begin the process of complying with some aspects of the LDR which will not interfere with future layout designs of their property. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria and recommended approval to the City Council, subject to the following conditions: (1) Pursuant to LDR Section 218-13(cc)(7), outdoor activity for the accessory uses shall be limited to within the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. unless an administrative permit is obtained from the City. (2) Any expansions for current or new buildings which cumulatively exceed 3,000 square feet of floor area shall trigger full compliance with the LDR for the entire site, such as for parking, landscaping, signage, and overlay zoning district. (3) The enrollment of the daycare facility shall not exceed 200 children, and the school shall not exceed 150 students. (4) Plant a landscaped "street yard" pursuant to LDR requirements along both Inner Perimeter Road and Jaycee Shack Road as follows: (a) Inner Perimeter Road - minimum 10' wide, minimum of 3 trees and 30 shrubs per 75 linear feet, and (b) Jaycee Shack Road - minimum 6' wide, minimum of 2 trees and 22 shrubs per 75 linear feet. The first condition is more of a statement of fact and deals with supplemental regulations that pertain to churches and accessories with their outdoor recreation. This is something that the church will have to comply with anyway or seek an administrative variance. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their April 26, 2010 regular meeting and recommended approval of the request (8-0 vote), including conditions (2) through (4). Rationale for the recommendation included consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and satisfactory findings regarding the City's review criteria for Conditional Use Permits.

Jimmy Baughcum, 3825 Orchard Way, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Baughcum stated that he was the Pastor of Perimeter Road Baptist Church and they were seeking compliance because this was one of the steps that they needed to take. Mr. Baughcum asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

Creston Hulett, 2004 Carolyn Terrace, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Hulett stated that he was the Associate Pastor of Perimeter Road Baptist Church and asked Council's consideration in approve the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION by Councilman Payton, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2010-15, an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a daycare and school in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District as requested by Perimeter Road Baptist, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XII.

Consideration of an Ordinance for Text Amendments to the Land Development Regulations (LDR) for Chapters 106 Definitions, 202 General Provisions, 210 Overlay Districts, 218 Use Regulations, 238 Historic Preservation, and 242 Zoning Procedures as requested by the City of Valdosta (File No. VA-2010-09). The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their April regular meeting and recommended approval (8-0 vote).

Matt Martin, Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the proposed Text Amendments are designed to resolve some immediate issues with zoning application requirements, lay some groundwork for future more significant Text Amendments, and provide general housekeeping with regard to formatting and some specific text items in the LDR. Despite the apparent volume of these Text Amendments in terms of numbers of Chapters and pages affected, none of the proposed Text Amendments are extremely significant. A brief summary of the proposed Text Amendments is as follows: (1) Amendment #1 - Reformat the LDR's "Table of Permitted Uses" (Section 218-1) by swapping columns within the Table to show the land use name first and the NAICS code number second, and re-group the land use categories within the Table to reflect a traditional grouping of Residential/Institutional, Business, Industrial, and Miscellaneous uses instead of the current arrangement of uses according to NAICS groupings. (2) Amendment #2 - The common land use known as "residential duplex" (typically two rental units in one building on one parcel) was completely omitted from the LDR which means they are currently prohibited in the City. There are a lot of existing duplexes in the City with some developers having plans to construct more. On the current Official Zoning Map, there is also still a lot of the old DR-10 Zoning District which is completely unrecognized by the LDR and these areas need to be rezoned to a classification that is recognized. Since many of these DR-10 properties contain existing duplexes, or have been planned for duplex development, we need to re-recognize "duplex" as a valid land use in the LDR before changing the zoning of these DR-10 areas. (3) Amendment #3 - Modify the "Permitted Zoning Districts in Character Areas" Table to add a little more flexibility in the range of possible Zoning Districts that may be considered in some Character Areas. (4) Amendment #4 - Relax code compliance trigger mechanisms for the City's Overlay Zoning Districts. (5) Amendment #5 - Modify the Historic Preservation Chapter to add provisions for emergency demolition approvals, add language regarding demolition-by-neglect and compliance with Certificates of Appropriateness, and reserve some sections within the Chapter for future expansions of text provisions. (6) Amendment #6 - Modify the listing of items required for application submittals for Rezoning and Conditional Use approvals to more accurately reflect those items needed by Staff to adequately process the reviews. Staff found the proposed Text Amendments to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and recommended approval. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their April 26, 2010, regular meeting and recommended approval of the request (8-0 vote). Rationale for the motion included consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Payton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2010-16, an Ordinance for Text Amendments (Nos. 1-6) to the Land Development Regulations (LDR) for Chapters 106 Definitions, 202 General Provisions, 210 Overlay Districts, 218 Use Regulations, 238 Historic Preservation, and 242 Zoning Procedures as requested by the City of Valdosta, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XII.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Utilities Ordinance for Implementation of a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Control Program. (First Reading)

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that this is an amendment to the existing Ordinance to address fats, oils, and grease discharges into the sanitary sewer system which ultimately leads to sewer blockages and overflows and causes problems at the Water Treatment Plant. The Fats, Oils, and Grease Control Program (FOG) will prevent sewer system blockages, obstructions, and overflows due to the contribution and accumulation of fats, oils, and grease from food service establishments, commercial facilities, and industrial facilities. The accumulation of FOG

within the collection system (sewer lines and pump stations) can result in the decreased carrying capacity of sewers due to congealed, cooled grease which coats the inside of the sewer pipes. Once a pipe becomes constricted, the potential for a collection system blockage increases. Collection system blockages caused by FOG contribute to sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) and may also cause sewer back-ups into homes and businesses. A SSO is the unintentional flow of untreated sewage onto the ground or into a facility, home, or waterway. SSOs create a health risk to the public, damage property, and pollute our environment. Both the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) may take regulatory actions including severe fines or consent orders for failure to adequately address FOG issues in a utility's sanitary sewer system. Over the years, numerous SSO's have occurred as a result of sewer line blockages caused by fats, oils, and greases coagulating in the sanitary sewer system. The City has addressed this on an individual basis through citations and environmental court, but has not adopted a program to prevent future occurrence or reoccurrences. As a result, the City is in a situation where regulatory actions are more likely to happen in the near future either. Mayor Fretti stated that there needs to be some public awareness about this and asked that educational materials for residential citizens be provided. Henry Hicks stated that they are preparing some flyers for residential and commercial areas. They will also plan to meet with various organizations as well as put information on Channel 17. Mayor Fretti inquired what citizens should do with grease at their residence. Henry Hicks stated that grease or oil should be cooled so that it can congeal if possible and then they could scrape it off the pan, pour into a container, and then place in the trash. Councilman Yost inquired as to what they currently use to deal with the fats, grease, and oils. Henry Hicks stated that they currently do not have anything in place to regulate fats, oils, and grease. The current Ordinance only addresses when there is a discharge and it causes a problem. The only way they can take someone to Court is to back track the discharge. This Ordinance is a proactive approach to educate citizens and get them to do the right thing. Councilman Wright inquired about the enforcement of the Ordinance. Henry Hicks stated that they would require a commercial restaurant or kitchen to keep records of pumping their grease traps or that they have a contract with a company that comes in and collects it from a container; however, the preferred method is to have grease traps pumped on a monthly basis. Containers are based on the usage and whatever is discharged into them. If they do not provide records to the City then they will be give a warning for the first offense. For the second offense, there will be a \$250 fine, a \$500 fine for the third offense, and a \$1,000 fine for the fourth offense. If there are further offenses they can be fined up to \$500 per day for the violation or their sewer service can be severed. Councilman Wright stated that he has discussed this with some of the property owners of restaurants and they take the responsibility of monitoring the traps periodically themselves because they do not know if the tenants will comply or not. Henry Hicks stated that the owners are responsible for collection and disposal of the grease and not the City. They could have the best intent but they could have employees who are in a hurry to dispose of the fats, oils, and grease in an inappropriate manner. The City will meet with all of them to explain the Ordinance and see what procedures they have in place to ensure the requirements of the Ordinance are met. If they do not meet the requirements that suggestions will be offered on how they can come into compliance with the Ordinance. They will also need to show their records for the past three months for collection and pumping or they can call the contracted hauler to provide the records. Councilman Yost inquired as to why the City does not have a dump site. Henry Hicks stated that the City could have a dump site but they would have to centrally locate it and it would have to be monitored for under and over use. The longer grease sits in a contained area it becomes rancid which would create a bad odor problem. Councilman Yost inquired as to whether there were any firms that would buy it. Henry Hicks stated that they do not have any firms to purchase the oil now but there are companies who will provide a container and stop by to pick it up on a scheduled basis. Councilman Yost stated that if the City wants to be proactive then they may want to have a site where people know that can dump it and have it hauled away. Henry Hicks stated that they can set up a regular schedule with the pumper but they try to let the private sector handle those issues versus the City handling the contract with a hauler. Councilwoman White inquired as to whether a preferred hauler's list has been developed. Henry Hicks stated that he has a list from EPD of the certified haulers and it will be posted on the City's website once the Ordinance is adopted.

Mayor Fretti stated that this was the First Reading of the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Ordinance and no action needs to be taken.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES

Consideration of bids for the Staten Road Water Main Extension Project.

Von Shipman, City Engineer, stated that the Staten Road Water Main Extension Project consists of a 12" water main installation on Cherry Creek Road/Staten Road from Cherry Creek Drive to the City Limits north of Orr Road in order to provide water services to Cherry Creek North Subdivision as well as a future connection to the Water Plant on Guest Road. Bids were received on April 27, 2010 and the low bid was submitted by Standard Contractors in the amount of \$322,894. The Engineering estimate was \$373,095. Von Shipman recommended that Council approve the low bid was submitted by Standard Contractors in the amount of \$322,894 plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the low bid was submitted by Standard Contractors in the amount of \$322,894 plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances for the Staten Road Water Main Extension Project.

LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS

Consideration of a request to approve sponsorship of a table at the 100 Black Men Annual Black Tie Gala.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the 100 Black Men Annual Black Tie Gala will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Valdosta Middle School with Michael Thurmond, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor, as the guest speaker. This is an annual event that the City purchases a table at using Mayor/Council Contingency Funds. The cost of the table is \$800 for nine seats. Larry Hanson recommended that Council approve the request to purchase a table at the 100 Black Men Annual Black Tie Gala using Mayor/Council Contingency Funds.

A MOTION by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Payton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the sponsorship of a table at the 100 Black Men Annual Black Tie Gala using Mayor and Council Contingency Funds.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Consideration of an appointment to the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission has a member, William O. "Chip" Wildes, whose term will expire on July 8, 2010. This appointment was advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. Tommy Willis, Greater Lowndes Planning Commission Chairman, submitted a letter dated April 27, 2010 recommending that Mr. Wildes be reappointed. The applicants for consideration in no order of preference are as follows: (1) Dan Deaver, P.E. - General Manager of Construction, Hunt Industries, (2) Terry Hunt - Engineer, Hunt Industries, (3) Richard "Rich" H. McDonell, Jr. - Distribution Manager, South Region, Georgia Power, and (4) William O. "Chip" Wildes, Jr. - Environmental Manager, Saft America. Councilman Vickers stated that he would like to see an attendance roster of current members on all the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees. Larry Hanson stated that we could get a statement from the Chairman; however, in regards to the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, Chip Wildes has been a very active member during his term. Mayor Fretti stated that we could possibly put a percentage of attendance next to the applicant's name on the next round of appointments.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations. Councilman Carroll placed in consideration the name of William O. "Chip" Wildes. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. William O. "Chip" Wildes was reappointed by acclamation to serve a term of five years on the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission.

Consideration of an appointment to the Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful Board.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful Board has a member, C. A. Hartley "Charlie" Oliver, whose term will expire on June 30, 2010. This appointment was advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council.

Charlie Oliver, Educator/Coordinator for the Literacy Volunteer Program of South Georgia, Inc., was the only applicant for the Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful Board.

Mayor Fretti stated that since there were no other applicants, Charlie Oliver was reappointed by acclamation to serve a term of three years on the Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful Board.

Consideration of appointments to the Valdosta Housing Board of Adjustments & Appeals.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Valdosta Housing Board of Adjustments & Appeals has the following members, Joseph Brown and Steve Freelove, whose terms will expire on August 7, 2010. Mr. Brown has indicated that he would be willing to serve again if reappointed and Mr. Freelove did not wish to be considered for reappointment. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants for consideration in no order of preference are as follows: (1) Joseph Brown - Retired Educator, (2) Dr. Thomas W. Hardy - Director of Housing and Resident Life, Valdosta State University, (3) Kurt Lamon - Contractor, The Lamon Company, LLC, (4) Alex Sharpe - Project Manager/Vice President, Wilson Design & Construction, and (5) Byron Ward - Construction Teacher, Lowndes County High School.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations for Position #1. Councilman Vickers placed in consideration the name of Joseph Brown. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. Joseph Brown was reappointed by acclamation to serve a term of three years on the Valdosta Housing Board of Adjustments & Appeals.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations for Position #2. Councilman Eunice placed in consideration the name of Dr. Thomas Hardy. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. Dr. Thomas Hardy was appointed by acclamation to serve a term of three years on the Valdosta Housing Board of Adjustments & Appeals.

Consideration of appointments to the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Public Art Advisory Committee is a newly created Committee and there were nine positions available with five of those positions recommended by the Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission and four positions from the Community at Large. The terms will begin June 1, 2010 and will be staggered as follows: one (1) professional artist who is a member of the Lowndes-Valdosta Art Commission, one (1) Board member of Lowndes-Valdosta Art Commission and one (1) member from the community at large for a term of three (3) years; one (1) professional artist who is a member of the Lowndes-Valdosta Art Commission, one (1) member of the Board of Lowndes-Valdosta Art Commission and one (1) member from the community at large for a term of two (2) years; one (1) member at large from the Lowndes-Valdosta Art Commission for a term of one (1) year; two (2) members from the community of the City of Valdosta for a term of one (1) year. Thereafter members shall be appointed to three (3) year terms. Ex-Officio members shall include a representative of the following departments to be determined by the City Manager and the Department Head; Finance, Planning and Zoning, and Public Works. Ex-Officio members shall also include the City Manager and the Mayor or the Mayor's representative as appointed by the Mayor. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. Since there were only eight applications submitted for this Committee, the remaining open position will be advertised during the next round of appointments. Larry Hanson recommended that Council approve the slate of applicants by acclamation. The applicants for consideration are as follows: (1) Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission, Professional Artist Member (3-Year Term) - Dr. Steve Lahr, Professor of Art, Valdosta State University, (2) Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission Board Member (3-Year Term) - Gloria Boyette, Former Art Teacher and Business Owner, (3) Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission, Professional Artist Member (2-Year Term) - Jim Ingram, Architect, IPG, Inc., (4) Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission Board Member (2-Year Term) - Al Turner, Jr., Attorney, Self Employed, (5) Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission Member at Large (1-Year Term) - Eliza McCall, Marketing Director, McCall & Associates, Inc., (6) Community at Large (3-Year Term) - Robin Fretti,

Business Owner, All States Moving & Storage, Inc., (7) Community at Large (2-Year Term) – Carla Penny - Business Owner, Classic Art & Frame Co., and (8) Community at Large (1-Year Term) – Jamie Harmon - Photographer, Self Employed.

Mayor Fretti asked for a nomination for the slate of applicants. Councilman Carroll placed in consideration the slate of applicants. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. Dr. Steve Lahr, Gloria Boyette, Jim Ingram, Al Turner, Jr., Eliza McCall, Robin Fretti, Carla Penny, and Jamie Harmon were appointed by acclamation to serve on the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Consideration of appointments to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority has the following positions open: (1) Richard Campbell whose term will expire May 11, 2010, and (2) Joe Prater, Jr., who resigned effective April 30, 2010 and whose term will expire May 21, 2013. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants for consideration in no order of preference are as follows: (1) Dan Deaver, P.E. - General Manager of Construction/ Professional Engineer, Hunt Industries, (2) Nathaniel Haugabrook, II - Attorney, Copeland, Haugabrook, and Walker, (3) Terry Hunt - Engineer, Hunt Industries, (4) Richard “Rich” H. McDonell, Jr. - Distribution Manager, South Region, Georgia Power Company, (5) Steven Quinn - Contractor, Quinn Construction Group, Inc., (6) Jack Scoggins - Flight Instructor & FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, Self Employed, (7) Dr. James Sinnott - Physician, Valdosta Medical Clinic, and (8) Dr. Bolan P. Woodward - Physician, Southern OB Gyn.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations for Position #1. Councilman Vickers placed in consideration the name of Nathaniel Haugabrook, II. Councilman Eunice placed in consideration the name of Dr. James Sinnott. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. Nathaniel Haugabrook, II received three votes and Dr. James Sinnott received four votes. Dr. James Sinnott was appointed to serve a term of four years on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations for Position #2. Councilman Carroll placed in consideration the name of Jack Scoggins. Councilman Vickers placed in consideration the name of Nathaniel Haugabrook, II. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. Jack Scoggins received three votes and Nathaniel Haugabrook, II received four votes. Nathaniel Haugabrook, II was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Joe Prater, Jr. on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Consideration of an appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals has a member, James D. “Jimmy” Cone, whose term will expire on June 30, 2010. This appointment was advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. James D. “Jimmy” Cone, Architect with CMA Architectural Services, was the only applicant for the Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Mayor Fretti stated that since there were no other applicants, James D. “Jimmy” Cone was reappointed by acclamation to serve a term of three years on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Consideration of an appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority has a member, Jenne Brandon, whose term will expire on June 30, 2010. Ms. Brandon does not wish to be considered for reappointment. This appointment was advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory

Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants for consideration in no order of preference are as follows: (1) Paul Arambula - Political Science Instructor, Valdosta State University, (2) J. C. Cunningham - Sales Manager, MNG Construction Inc., (3) Dan Deaver, P.E. - General Manager of Construction/ Professional Engineer, Hunt Industries, (4) Frances Golivesky - Retired Teacher and School Administrator, (5) Marguerite Gravlee - Teacher, Valdosta City Schools, (6) Robert H. Holliway - Retired, Former Executive Director of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority, (7) Kenneth J. Hotcaveg - Retired, U. S. Air Force and University Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station (CPES), (8) Timm Samples - Manager, Texas Roadhouse, (9) Richard Steltenpohl, Jr. - Sales Representative, Sysco Food Service, and (10) Robert E. Willis - Recreation Director, Valdosta State Prison.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations. Councilman Vickers placed in consideration the name of J. C. Cunningham. Councilman Carroll placed in consideration the name of Marguerite Gravlee. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. J. C. Cunningham received four votes and Marguerite Gravlee received three votes. J. C. Cunningham was appointed to serve a term of three years on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority.

Consideration of an appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals has the following members, Paul Alvarado and Nancy Hobby, whose terms will expire on July 1, 2010. The position currently held by Paul Alvarado is a rotating appointment between the County and the City and requires that an Attorney hold that slot. The County made the appointment in 2007 so the City will make the appointment in 2010. Both Ms. Hobby and Mr. Alvarado have expressed interest in serving again if reappointed. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants for consideration in no order of preference are as follows: Position #1 - Paul Alvarado, Attorney, Paul J. Alvarado, P. C. Law Firm, and Position #2 - (1) Jack B. Herndon - Retired and Current Manager of Rental Properties, (2) Ashley Hill - Retired, Former Vice President and Loan Officer of First Federal Savings and Loan Association, (3) Nancy Hobby - Self Employed as a Professional Multi-Tasker and Manager.

Mayor Fretti stated that since there were no other applicants for Position #1, Paul Alvarado was reappointed by acclamation to serve a term of three years on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Fretti asked for nominations for Position #2. Councilman Carroll placed in consideration the name of Nancy Hobby. There being no other nominations, Mayor Fretti closed nominations. Nancy Hobby was reappointed by acclamation to serve a term of three years on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Zoning Board of Appeals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that there was an article in the Valdosta Daily Times today regarding litter and the new litter signs. It was a heart-warming story about a young lady who did something good for her community. Larry Hanson thanked Councilman Wright for his participation as well.

The closing for the Five Points property is scheduled for May 7, 2010 and everything should go through as planned.

There will be a City Hall Centennial Celebration on May 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Council is invited to attend and join in the celebration of City Hall's 100th birthday.

Henry Hicks and the contractor are working on the new Utilities building and it should be completed within the next few weeks.

The new Crime Lab is in the final stages of completion. The City purchased a new Voice Over Internet Protocol telephone system which has arrived and has been installed in the new Crime Lab. They are waiting on one server for the Evidence Room and as soon as that comes in there will be a Ribbon Cutting within the next few weeks.

A public meeting on the Gateways Project has been scheduled for May 11, 2010 at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Council is encouraged to attend.

Chief Frank Simons and Sheriff Chris Prine will go before the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners on May 10, 2010 to introduce the new Crime Lab Director. They will also be scheduling a meeting with the Valdosta Daily Times to introduce the new Director to them as well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Vickers stated that it would be nice to invite Dexter Sharper to the new Crime Lab Ribbon Cutting ceremony. He was responsible for putting that on the radar and even though some Council members thought he was crazy at the time, he was actually ahead of his time.

Councilman Payton thanked Staff for preparing the packet for the Board appointments. There was a lot of good information and it was very helpful in making the appointments. Also, Councilman Payton stated he had heard a rumor that since there is a CSI Miami and a CSI New York there may be a CSI Valdosta. Mayor Fretti stated that after accreditation of the new Crime Lab, Barry Funck, new Crime Lab Director, would like to approach forensic DNA.

Councilman Wright thanked the Valdosta Daily Times for their coverage on the Litter Program. This has had a huge impact on the young lady and when Councilman Wright asked her what she thought about the signs she told him that it was her grandparents who pointed them out to her. Mayor Fretti had presented her with a certificate several years ago along with some litter bags and her grandparents saved them. She has also talked to younger children about the litter problem which could have a definite impact on their lives. Councilman Wright stated that he would like to have more events that include children because of the impact it could have on them just as it did on her life.

Councilman Carroll thanked Teresa Bolden, City Clerk, for her work on the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees. It has been a lot of work and she has done a terrific job on it.

Mayor Fretti stated that there is a Housing Authority resident appointment coming up that he has sole discretion over and he will be reappointing Mr. James Franklin for a one year term on this Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fretti entertained a motion for adjournment.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Carroll was unanimously adopted (7-0) to adjourn the May 6, 2010 meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 6:43 p.m. to meet again in regular session on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

City Clerk, City of Valdosta

Mayor, City of Valdosta