

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Payton, Jr. called the regular meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Joseph “Sonny” Vickers, Tim Carroll, Ben Norton, Sandra Tooley, Robert Yost, and Vivian Miller-Cody. Mayor John Gayle was absent. The invocation was given by Pastor Leroy Butler, Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 GREATER VALDOSTA CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS

Presentation of the 2016 Greater Valdosta Christmas Parade Awards.

Mayor Pro Tem Payton stated that the 2016 Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade was held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Sponsors for the event were the Ossipe Temple #65, the Valdosta Daily Times, the City of Valdosta, Wild Adventures Theme Park, and Coca Cola. Mayor Pro Tem Payton and members of Ossipe Temple #65 presented the following Christmas Parade Awards: Third Place – First Baptist Church, Second Place – Outback Riders, and First Place – Smith Drug. The proceeds raised by Ossipe Temple #65 through parade entry fees were donated to various charities.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS

Special Recognition of the Valdosta State University Social Media Class.

Mayor Pro Tem Payton stated that the Valdosta State University (VSU) Social Media Class, led by their Professor, Dr. David Nelson, has enjoyed a partnership with the City’s Public Information Office for three years which has led to creative academic assignments and viable ideas for the City to implement. These assignments not only serve as educational projects for the students but also provide “real life” work experience. During the fall 2016 semester, the VSU Social Media students were paired with the Main Street Office and tasked with providing creative and realistic ways to engage the VSU community in Downtown Valdosta. The students were divided into groups and then visited the Main Street Staff to learn more about their current outreach programs. They then worked in their groups to develop realistic social media plans that also became a large part of their class grade. On December 1, 2016, Ellen Hill, Missy Smith, and Sementha Mathews judged the presentations. The winning group, which was comprised of Megan Loree, Chris West, Nia Reed, Kannard Bass, Cameron Olds, and Khai Fitzgerald, was selected for their presentation of Main Street Monopoly. Their winning presentation features a creative digital spin on the popular board game, coupled with an equally creative social media presence. This continued partnership with VSU demonstrates the City’s constant efforts to provide applicable experiences to our local University students, as well as our commitment to engage them in their local government. Mayor Pro Tem Payton congratulated the winners and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition for their creative efforts and contributions to the community.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE VALDOSTA-LOWDES COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION AUTHORITY

Special Recognition of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Recreation Authority (VLPRA) was named the Top Agency in the State at the Georgia Recreation & Park Association (GRPA) Conference held in Athens on November 9, 2016. This is the third year in a row that the VLPRA has received this distinguished award for agencies with a population of 80,001-150,000. The VLPRA was honored for its outstanding facilities, programs, Staff development, and accomplishments which include a \$6.7 million economic

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outstanding facilities, programs, Staff development, and accomplishments which include a \$6.7 million economic impact, record-breaking enrollment numbers in youth sports, construction of a new basketball court, and for receiving a \$100,000 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant. At this State event, the VLPRA Executive Director George Page was also honored as the Distinguished Professional of the Year which is GRPA's most prestigious individual award. The following District awards were also given at the GRPA District 3 Conference Banquet in Columbus in mid-October: (1) Executive Director George Page was honored with the Jim "Buck" Goff Distinguished Professional of the Year award which recognizes an individual for outstanding and lasting contributions to the field of recreation. (2) The VLPRA was named "Innovative Special Event of the Year" for Craig Center Director Tammy Crosby's leadership of the inaugural "Beyond the Runway Fashion Show" that featured individuals with disabilities modeling outfits provided by Goodwill. (3) Mary Townsend was named "Volunteer of the Year" for her outstanding volunteerism at the Senior Center, spanning more than ten years and more than 2,500 volunteer hours. Larry Hanson commended the VLPRA leadership and Staff for their outstanding achievements and for their dedication to provide the best possible services to the citizens of our community.

George Page, Executive Director, of the VLPRA stated that these awards would not be possible without the support of the VLPRA Board and Staff. They have an amazing team and volunteers who work well with City Departments such as the Arbor Division, the Utilities Department, and the Police Department. The Conference Center and Tourism Authority has also been very supportive in assisting with all the tournaments. They hope to eclipse \$6 million by the end of this year. There are a lot of great things happening and they appreciate all the support that they have received.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD

Consideration of the December, 2016 Employee of the Month Award (Brandon Corbitt, Victor Anderson, and Ben Hart, Engineering Department).

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that Brandon Corbitt began his employment with the City of Valdosta Engineering Department in September, 1997 and presently holds the position of Heavy Equipment Operator. Brandon operates various pieces of equipment needed for maintenance and repairs in the Streets Division. Ben Hart began his employment with the Engineering Department in June, 2009 and presently holds the position of Light Equipment Operator. Ben assists the Streets Division with the maintenance of City streets as well as sidewalk repairs and replacement. Victor (Vic) Anderson began his employment with the Engineering Department in February, 2016 and presently holds the position of Maintenance Worker I. Vic assists with daily maintenance activities in the Streets Division. In late August, the Engineering Department received a phone call from a citizen regarding employees that assisted her when her husband desperately needed help. Brandon, Ben, and Vic were working on a sidewalk when a lady anxiously approached them. She explained that her husband had fallen inside their home, could not get up, and needed help. Without hesitation, the crew responded to the request for assistance. While Brandon and Vic stopped what they were doing to follow the lady to her home, Ben stayed back since the equipment the crew was operating could not be left unattended. When entering the home, Brandon and Vic found the gentleman lying on the floor and quickly responded to assist him in standing and ensured he would be okay. His wife was very complimentary of Staff's fast response and willingness to lend a helping hand. This small act of kindness shows that Brandon, Ben, and Vic are reliable team players not only at work but also within our community. For these reasons and many others, the Employee Relations Committee nominated Brandon Corbitt, Ben Hart, and Victor Anderson as Employees of the Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent (6-0) of the Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MICRO-BREWERY AND EVENT CENTER IN A COMMUNITY-COMMERCIAL (C-C) ZONING DISTRICT

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit for a micro-brewery and an event center in a Community-Commercial (C-C) Zoning District as requested by The Georgia Beer Company, LLC (File No. CU-2016-05). The property is located at 109 South Briggs Street. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their November Regular Meeting and recommended approval with two conditions (7-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that the Georgia Beer Company is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to establish a craft beer micro-brewery as well as an event center in a Community-Commercial (C-C) Zoning District. The property consists of approximately 0.41 acres located at 109 South Briggs Street. This is along the east side of the road, approximately 100' south of West Hill Avenue, and is immediately west of the Municipal Court and Fire Station #1 properties. The property is currently City-owned and contains the old brick City waterworks buildings (approximately 7,500 square feet total). With assistance from the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority (VLCDA), the applicant is proposing to fully renovate this historic building and convert it to a micro-brewery facility for craft beer and to eventually assume full ownership of the property. As part of the overall operation, the applicant is proposing to give guided tours of the facility and also offer a small event space for gatherings of people as a small tourism venue. This event space will be comprised of approximately 1,200 square feet of indoor space, and perhaps eventually another 1,000 square feet of outdoor space in the form of an adjacent patio. The property is located within the Community Activity Center (CAC) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan. The property is also located within the City's local Historic District. Rehabilitation of this historic property has already been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and it received Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) approval on October 3, 2016. Micro-breweries are defined in the LDR as "Any licensed brewery designed to accommodate the manufacture of fewer than 15,000 barrels of beer or other malt beverage within any consecutive 12-month period." These facilities are heavily regulated by State law and these are far smaller than the typical commercial brewery (such as for Budweiser, Coors, etc.). It should be noted that under current State law, breweries cannot sell their packaged product directly from their facility but only through licensed distributors. Micro-breweries can offer free but small samples of their poured product for consumption on premises only; therefore, the main purpose of the proposed use is to manufacture relatively small quantities of craft beer that can only be sold offsite through a State-licensed distributor, to give guided tours of their facility, and offer small free samples to patrons as a means of promoting their product and highlight the features of the craft beer industry. The proposed event space will be integrated as part of the micro-brewery facility and used as a related tourism venue. Such facilities are becoming increasingly popular in urban places throughout Georgia, and this would be the first such facility in Valdosta. The City's land development regulations (LDR) were amended last year in anticipation of such a facility eventually coming to Valdosta. Staff researched current laws and visited another community (Savannah) where such facilities already exist. As a result, the LDR was amended to give micro-breweries their own official definition to distinguish them from industrial-scale breweries, and to allow them with CUP approval in all of the City's main commercial districts. The property is located in a former semi-industrial area on the west side of Downtown, which is now dominated by government-related uses. Based on scale, the proposed use is more commercial in nature rather than industrial and it fits in very well with the surrounding land use pattern. The proposed site to be eventually acquired by the applicant contains very little onsite parking; however, there is more than enough adjacent public parking to easily accommodate the proposed use. This property contains an old historical yet industrial building, which has been vacant for more than 25 years. The proposed use is a very innovative and logical adaptive reuse of this valuable historic resource that was very much a part of Valdosta's early history. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) Approval shall be granted for a micro-brewery and event center facility to utilize the historic building and surrounding grounds, and shall utilize adjacent or nearby public parking to assist with its usage demands. The event center use of the property shall only be in conjunction with the onsite micro-brewery. (2) Conditional Use approval shall expire after three years from the date of approval if no plans for a building permit have been submitted by that time. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommended approval subject to the same two conditions as recommended by Staff (7-0 Vote).

Chris Jones, 977 Northeast Shrine Club Road, Madison, Florida, and Jack Martin, 4963 Sandy Hill Drive, Valdosta, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Jones stated that he was the founder and owner of the Georgia Beer Company and Mr. Martin was his partner. They appreciated the City's support for allowing them to utilize a City-owned building for their micro-brewery because they feel that Valdosta is the perfect home for their business. They have been working toward this goal for approximately three years.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Carroll to approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit for a micro-brewery and an event center in a Community-Commercial (C-C) Zoning District as requested by The Georgia Beer Company, LLC with the following conditions: (1) Approval shall be granted for a micro-brewery and event center facility to utilize the historic building and surrounding grounds, and shall utilize adjacent or nearby public parking to assist with its usage demands. The event center use of the property shall only be in conjunction with the onsite micro-brewery. (2) Conditional Use approval shall expire after three years from the date of approval if no plans for a building permit have been submitted by that time. Councilman Vickers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2016-24, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIII.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-25, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Consideration of an Ordinance to rezone 7.42 acres from Highway-Commercial (C-H) and Multi-Family Residential (R-M) to Community-Commercial (C-C) as requested by Crown Real Estate Development (File No. VA-2016-16). The property is located at 2107 Baytree Road. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their November Regular Meeting and recommended approval (7-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Matt King, on behalf of Crown Real Estate Development, LLC, is requesting to rezone a total of 7.42 acres to Community-Commercial (C-C). The property is currently split-zoned Highway-Commercial (C-H) [6.00 acres], and Multi-Family Residential (R-M) [1.42 acres]. The property is located at 2107 Baytree Road, which is along the north side of the road near I-75, adjacent to The Grove Apartments. The property is currently undeveloped and the applicant is proposing to develop the property into a mixed complex of both multi-family and office/retail buildings. The composition of the development is currently projected to include 24, four-bedroom apartments and approximately 34,000 square feet of office/retail space. The submitted site plan is still very conceptual in nature, and the applicant is exploring the possibility of later submitting a Planned Development request based on a more refined and creative master plan. The property is located within a Community Activity Center (CAC) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan which allows the possibility of C-C Zoning. The property was originally developed as the Elks Lodge and was zoned R-P. The Elks Lodge closed and after sitting vacant for several years, it was rezoned to C-H for a proposed shopping center development which never materialized. The northern part of the Elks Lodge property was later sold and rezoned in 2009 for The Grove Apartment complex which was built in 2010. This remaining portion of the Elks Lodge property (the subject property) continues to remain undeveloped. The applicant is proposing to acquire the subject property and develop it as a mixture of multi-family and also commercial/office type buildings. The existing C-H Zoning allows the commercial/office mixture but does not allow multi-family, whereas C-C Zoning allows all three usage types. In terms of surrounding land patterns, most of the surrounding properties are already developed as either multi-family or commercial type uses. In terms of zoning patterns, there is existing C-H to the south of Baytree Road and R-M to the north, and the proposed C-C zoning fits in well with this pattern. It should also be pointed out that with this portion of Baytree Road being a local street, the existing C-H Zoning here is non-compliant under current regulations since it is intended to be located on higher classification (busier) roadways. It should also be noted that the existing R-M portion of the property has a very narrow configuration and cannot be feasibly developed as multi-family on its own. Staff is supportive of the proposed rezoning to C-C which allows any combination of the proposed usage types, and as zoning transition between the R-M Zoning to the north and the more intensive C-H Zoning to the south. Staff is also supportive of the applicant later exploring the possibility of a Planned Development proposal, with a well-designed master plan for a quality mixed use development. This proposed rezoning to C-C is an important first step

in such a process. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP) and recommended approval. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their November 28, 2016 meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP), and recommended approval (7-0 Vote).

Councilman Yost stated that he was concerned about the traffic associated with this request. He has had many complaints from some of the elderly residents who live on that end of Baytree Road about the traffic coming from The Grove Apartment complex. The roads do not appear to be wide enough and there needs to be some work done from Gornto Road to that end of Baytree Road. That portion of Baytree Road is not adequate for what is coming from St. Augustine and Gornto Road and if you put this number of apartments on that piece of property then something will need to be done to keep the traffic moving and make it safe for the residents who currently live there. Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that this is one of the few remaining undeveloped parcels and they are requesting 24 apartments as shown on the master plan. The Grove Apartments is just over 250 apartments so this would be approximately one-tenth of that complex. It would include some office and retail so it will add some traffic but not a whole lot in the grand scheme of things. Baytree Road west of Gornto Road is a designated local street and it is built to a low traffic, local street standard. This will be addressed when they start to resurface the road and also when the Plan Development proposal comes through. Baytree Road does not connect to anything beyond this point and this is the last piece of the puzzle to be rezoned or developed. The Highway-Commercial zoning that is there now already allows the intensive commercial uses so they are proposing to bring that down which is a step in the right direction. It is not nearly as dense as the apartments that are to the north. There is still a lot of capacity left in the two lane road of Baytree Road and it is the condition of the road that needs to be looked at.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Carroll to rezone 7.42 acres from Highway-Commercial (C-H) and Multi-Family Residential (R-M) to Community-Commercial (C-C) as requested by Crown Real Estate Development, LLC. Councilman Norton seconded the motion. Councilman Yost stated that he was concerned about the current traffic problems in that area. He has discussed this with Pat Collins, City Engineer, and he believes that they need to look at having a turn lane on that road all the way from the end of Baytree Road up to Gornto Road to accommodate the businesses. There is still some open land towards Gornto Road and with new businesses going in there he is worried about the amount of traffic that is already on that road and the increase in traffic with new development. Staff needs to work on this and come up with a plan because this is not acceptable. Councilman Yost stated that he is also questioning the need for more apartments in his District. He could not ask the developers that question because they did not come forward to speak; however, he would be asking the developers that question on the next zoning case. Having said that, anything would be better than what is currently there now as long as the neighbors are protected and work is done on the road. The motion was adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2016-25, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIII.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-26, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Consideration of an Ordinance to rezone 0.28 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-10) to Multi-Family Residential (R-M) as requested by C. Maxwell & Company, LLC (File No. VA-2016-17). The property is located at 1511 Miramar Street. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their November Regular Meeting and recommended approval (7-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that this request was originally submitted for a rezoning of six parcels totaling 1.75 acres with frontage along both Miramar Street and Baytree Road; however, the applicant recently amended the request for this to only be for one of the six parcels (as further described below). C. Maxwell & Company, LLC is requesting to rezone 0.28 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-10) to Multi-Family Residential (R-M). The property is located at 1511 Miramar Street which is along the east side of the road,

approximately 300' north of Baytree Road. The property currently contains a single-family residence (1,309 square feet) and the applicant is proposing to redevelop the property with multi-family dwelling units as an expansion to the adjacent apartment complex. The property is located within both a Transitional Neighborhood (TN) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan which allows the possibility of R-M Zoning. The property is surrounded on two sides by an existing apartment complex (also owned by the applicant) and diagonally across the street from another apartment complex. Other surrounding uses include both single-family residences and duplexes (rentals), as well as the rear yard of a small commercial building that faces Baytree Road. The Miramar Street area north of Baytree Road was originally developed 50+ years ago as mostly single-family residential; however, many of the properties have already been converted to multi-family residential and this trend has been particularly evident over the past 20 years. This area truly fits the TN Character Area and has indeed been in transition from its original neighborhood pattern. With the property being located adjacent to existing multi-family, and also between the multi-family development to the north and the emerging commercial corridor along Baytree Road to the south, multi-family redevelopment of this property is certainly a very logical proposal. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP) and recommended approval. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their November 28, 2016 Meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP), and recommended approval (7-0 Vote).

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Miller-Cody to rezone 0.28 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-10) to Multi-Family Residential (R-M) as requested by C. Maxwell & Company, LLC. Councilwoman Tooley seconded the motion. Councilman Yost stated there were some smart people who did not want to get up and answer a question. He still questioned the need for more apartments whether it was 4, 6, 10, 22, or 55. Apparently people know something that he does not know. Valdosta State University (VSU) has grown for the first time in four or five years, and on a positive side, it will get some of the college students out of the homes in his District. He is not against apartments but he just does not see the need for them without sustained growth from VSU. The motion was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2016-26, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIII.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-27, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF VALDOSTA'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (LDR)

Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the City of Valdosta's Land Development Regulations (LDR) as it pertains to Chapter 102 - General Provisions, Chapter 106 - Definitions, Chapter 214 - Standards Applying to All Districts, Chapter 218 - Use Regulations, Chapter 242 - Zoning Procedures, Chapter 310 - Stormwater Management, and Chapter 328 - Landscape Buffers and Screening (File No. VA-2016-17). The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their November Regular Meeting and recommended approval (7-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that the City of Valdosta is requesting to amend LDR Chapter 102 - General Provisions, Chapter 106 - Definitions, Chapter 214 - Standards Applying to All Districts, Chapter 218 - Use Regulations, Chapter 242 - Zoning Procedures, Chapter 310 - Stormwater Management, and Chapter 328 - Landscape Buffers and Screening. These Amendments are divided into the following six groups based on topic: (1) City's Municipal Stormwater Permit – These are definitions and text items that are given to us by the State to place in our Development Regulations. (2) Adoption of the Non-local Codes (International Building Code, Fire Code, etc.) – This is a simplification of our listing of those Codes that we adopt by reference and we are trying to clean up any redundancy and make it less confusing. (3) Zoning Procedures – This will clarify which portions of the LDR are required by law to go through the Planning Commission for review versus those areas that are optional. (4) Transitional Buffers – This will be to undo a change that was made a couple of years ago. This was the sentence that had to do with the buffer next to the buffer and it will be changed so it makes more common sense. (5) Building Height of the Downtown Buildings – This

will be to remove a provision that was put in the LDR in 2009 possibly by error. They have not had a building height in the Downtown area for many decades. (6) Drive-Thru Facilities – This will be to relax the standard of the six stacking spaces for drive-thru restaurants. They will count the six from the pickup window rather than the order board. That way all the different variations on a drive-thru will be treated the same in terms of length of the drive-thru. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and recommended approval of these proposed Amendments. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their November 28, 2016 meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and recommended approval (7-0 Vote).

Councilman Vickers inquired as to whether an exception can be made for stacking at the drive-thru window. Matt Martin stated that they have had several variance requests for this which is what prompted the Amendment. They found that no two restaurants are always the same and some will have two or three vehicles that will stack between the order board and the pickup window. Some will have two and some will have eight so if they treat everyone the same and count from the same place it levels the playing field. One administrative thing they do have is when someone is retrofitting an existing drive-thru then they can review that and make modifications. Councilman Vickers stated that he knew of a couple of businesses that do not have six stacking because their property is not big enough. Matt Martin stated that they are all grandfathered in and if they were to retrofit later then they get that consideration. Councilman Vickers inquired as to what would happen to a new business that was not on a major road and did not have that. He always likes to see some common sense used on things and not just going by rules and regulations. Matt Martin stated that they would take that into consideration through a variance process that could be approved with conditions. For example, the Chick-Fil-A on Inner Perimeter Road has 18 spaces and that is not enough for them. It would be difficult to open up a Chick-Fil-A on Inner Perimeter Road with stacking for three. The variance process allows for them to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Councilman Vickers stated that he understood the reason for it and he agreed with it but he just wanted to ensure that some exceptions could be made if necessary.

Councilwoman Tooley inquired as to why they had to regulate the number of cars in a drive-thru. Matt Martin stated that the reason for a minimum requirement for stacking spaces is due to any traffic hazard that could be created. If people drive into the site and there is nowhere to stack then they might back out into the road which would become a traffic hazard. Also, pedestrians and their interaction with the drive-thru and the vehicles moving on site is another issue. It is mainly to get a reasonable amount of stacking that they would anticipate for the business to stack on the site and not on a public roadway. Councilman Yost stated that Zacadoo's on Baytree Road is a prime example. In the morning it stacks out onto Baytree Road almost to the traffic light. They even have a lane to get over but that is not enough.

Councilman Carroll stated that he appreciated Staff's work on these Amendments because some were handed down by the State and others were generated through the Chamber's SORT Committee which addressed various business development issues.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Yost, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2016-27, an Ordinance to rezone amend the City of Valdosta's Land Development Regulations (LDR) as it pertains to Chapter 102 - General Provisions, Chapter 106 - Definitions, Chapter 214 - Standards Applying to All Districts, Chapter 218 - Use Regulations, Chapter 242 - Zoning Procedures, Chapter 310 - Stormwater Management, and Chapter 328 - Landscape Buffers and Screening, LLC, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIII.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN

Consideration of a Resolution to approve an Amendment to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.

Mark Barber, Assistant City Manager, stated that the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) amended the GMEBS Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Document during their September 30, 2016 meeting to incorporate provisions requested by the Internal Revenue Service. The Amendment requires GMEBS employers with individually designed plans to separately adopt any Amendments that are made to the Master Plan. The City of Valdosta does have an individually designed plan; therefore, the City must adopt a Resolution approving the Plan Amendments. There is no change in the City's plan structure in regard to payments, benefits, or calculations. The required Amendments are necessary to meet Internal Revenue Service mandates for this type of Pension Plan, and are not expected to impact the day-to-day administration of the Plan. The first item deals with in-service distribution. If an employee was receiving any kind of loan from the Retirement Program and they were required to make a contribution, then the contribution would stop until the in-service distribution was paid back. The second item deals with the terminated death benefit. If an individual Plan was silent to a terminated employee with a death benefit and that person was vested in the Program, they would now be grandfathered in starting October 1, 2016. The third item deals with a terminated employee and if legal action was required and they were sent back to work with a Court Order. If the Court Order is vacated, it would handle all of the administrative things such as when the employee's service counts and any back pay. Mark Barber recommended that Council approve the Resolution amending the GMEBS Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.

A MOTION by Councilman Yost, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Resolution No. 2016-21, a Resolution to approve an Amendment to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, the complete text of which will be found in Resolution Book V.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES

Consideration of bids for water treatment chemicals for the Utilities Department (Bid No. 09-16-17).

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that the contract for water treatment chemicals is due to expire on December 31, 2016. This bid is for one year with an option to renew for an additional year. An annual contract results in better service, delivery, and pricing throughout the year for this market. This bid will be awarded to multiple vendors because no one vendor can supply all of the necessary chemicals although they are within the same industry. Each company typically specializes in one or two chemicals. Bids were received from 16 vendors on November 29, 2016. The pricing is based on a "per gallon" basis with the exception of the Sulfuric Acid and Salt which is "per ton" and the Oxygen is "per cubic feet." The recommended vendors with pricing are as follows: (1) Caustic Soda - Allied Universal (\$1.82), (2) Sulfuric Acid - Southern States (\$92.80), (3) Hydrofluosilic - Mosaic (\$2.25), (4) Oxygen - Air Gas (\$0.0535), (5) Salt - Morton Salt (\$133.75), (6) F-35 Phosphate - Hawkins Chemical (\$6.30), (7) 12.5 Bleach - Allied Universal (\$0.82), and (8) Sodium Bisulfite 38% - Colonial Chemical (\$1.909). Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve the bids submitted by the various vendors.

A MOTION by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the following bids for water treatment chemicals for the Utilities Department: (1) Caustic Soda - Allied Universal (\$1.82), (2) Sulfuric Acid - Southern States (\$92.80), (3) Hydrofluosilic - Mosaic (\$2.25), (4) Oxygen - Air Gas (\$0.0535), (5) Salt - Morton Salt (\$133.75), (6) F-35 Phosphate - Hawkins Chemical (\$6.30), (7) 12.5 Bleach - Allied Universal (\$0.82), and (8) Sodium Bisulfite 38% - Colonial Chemical (\$1.909).

Consideration of bids for 4, 6, and 8 yard dumpsters for the Public Works Department (Bid No. 12-16-17).

Richard Hardy, Public Works Director, stated that this bid is for 4, 6, and 8 yard dumpsters that are placed at commercial customer sites throughout the City by the Public Works Department. It is a two year contract with one renewal option. Sealed bids were received on November 29, 2016 with the low bid submitted by Lewis Steel in the amount of \$1,855. The numbers above represent what it would cost to purchase one of each size dumpster totaled together. This price is \$120 lower than the last awarded period. Richard Hardy recommended that Council approve the low bid submitted by Lewis Steel in the amount of \$1,855 for 4, 6, and 8 yard dumpsters for the Public Works Department.

A **MOTION** by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the low bid submitted by Lewis Steel in the amount of \$1,855 for 4, 6, and 8 yard dumpsters for the Public Works Department.

Consideration of bids for Phase 4 of the Lift Station Rehabilitation/Replacement Program.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that a question came up about the bid and it needs to be evaluated. There is nothing time sensitive about this bid and he recommended that Council postpone this Agenda Item until the next Regular Council Meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Vickers to table the Agenda Item for bids for Phase 4 of the Lift Station Rehabilitation/Replacement Program until the January 5, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Norton seconded the motion. The motion was adopted (5-0-1) with Councilwoman Tooley abstaining.

Consideration of a contract for evaluation of the Mud Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Sewer System.

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that per our Consent Order with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Action Item 2 (Collection System), the cost for this evaluation work on a lump sum basis is \$120,300. The City will continue implementation of and complete a five-year system wide plan to evaluate the entire sanitary sewer collection system and develop schedule for repairs. The evaluation will include the inspection of all manholes and collection system lines using smoke testing first to be followed by Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) inspections of high priority areas. The evaluation will be utilized to prioritize and perform critical repairs and also to plan and prioritize major rehabilitation projects for the future. A schedule to complete major rehabilitation Projects identified during the evaluation will be submitted for EPD approval by December, 2018. We have already completed the Withlacoochee System Evaluation as required under the Consent Order through EPD's approved Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) which identified three major Sewer Main Projects that are almost completed. The SEP was completed with Parsons under a contract amendment due to their extensive knowledge of our sewer system through their work on the Force Main Project. Also included in the original SEP Report was the implementation of sewer flow monitoring within the Withlacoochee sewer system to identify and prioritize additional defects for repairs or replacement in our future plan to EPD. The flow monitoring work will be bid out later this year. This Agenda Item addresses the Mud Creek Sewer System and will follow the same engineering criteria used by Parsons in the Withlacoochee SEP but for the evaluation of the Mud Creek Sewer System. The principal elements of this Project are to further the development of the existing Sewer GEMS Hydraulic Model of the Mud Creek WPCP Collection System and to prioritize, based on benefit cost analysis, Projects that reduce the potential for Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). The three principal tasks (to simulate the existing system, identify problems, and provide solutions) are as follows: (1) Build base case model to simulate the existing system - Upgrade the existing Sewer GEMS model to include recent infrastructure system upgrades, missed elements, and new survey/GIS data, as well as to disaggregate basins to allow detailed analysis of bottlenecks and defects. (2) Evaluate the existing collection system for SSOs - Based on minimum service criteria, identify potential locations for SSOs from inadequate capacity to handle normal domestic flows, abnormal structural restrictions causing hydraulic limitation (counter slopes, collapsed pipes, damage, poor construction, etc.), and inflow & infiltration. The worst basins will be identified. (3) Recommend pipeline repairs - Simulate a suite of repairs based on a combination of I&I reduction methods and main collector repairs, prepare costs using unit-based cost estimate, and rank Projects. Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve a contract with Parsons in the amount of \$120,300 for evaluation of the Mud Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Sewer System.

Councilman Vickers inquired as to where the last evaluation was done. Henry Hicks stated that it was at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant and they paid \$200,000 for the evaluation. It is approximately 60% larger than the Mud Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. The Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant is more residential/commercial and the Mud Creek Plant is more industrial customers so there will be different levels of impact on the collection system. Councilman Vickers inquired as to whether there was some rehabilitation done at the Mud Creek Plant. Henry Hicks stated that there was an upgrade and expansion at the Mud Creek Plant but that was the Treatment Plant. Larry Hanson stated that this is the collection system and all of the lines that transport. Henry Hicks stated that they were looking for bottlenecks in the system and locations where there could be

potential sanitary sewer overflows as well as inflow and infiltration. Councilman Vickers inquired as to whether they would be using cameras. Henry Hicks stated that this would be done with modeling where they take the sewer system model and look at the hydraulics. They will do a lot of field work and surveying to look at the depths of the manholes and look for substantial differences. They will be upgrading the model for the Mud Creek system and they will use that to identify locations based on field analysis where there could be problems. Typically, after they get the report, they will look at areas to evaluate the condition and size of the pipe to determine if it will have to be replaced or lined. There are approximately 100 miles of sewer lines and manholes so it is not something that they could do with a camera or inspect each one of these; however, they do capture a lot of these in the Manhole Rehab Program.

A MOTION by Councilman Yost, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve a contract with Parsons in the amount of \$120,300 for evaluation of the Mud Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Sewer System.

Consideration of a Scope of Service Agreement for a Future Water Supply Study for the City of Valdosta.

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that the recent and ongoing improvements to the City's wellfield provide present relief to the infrastructure needs for water supply. The need for future growth planning for the City of Valdosta to ensure long term reliable water supply in a karst aquifer environment has been identified as a factor for further study. On February 29, 2016, CDM Smith presented to City management the existing infrastructure and the need for long term water supply planning for the City in preparation for the upcoming Georgia State Water Plan Update. City Management Staff re-affirmed the desire to improve the overall reliability of the potable water system, and the discussion focused on the water supply goals, water treatment goals, and water storage and distribution goals. Of the three areas of discussion, raw water supply and treatment capacity at the existing Valdosta Water Treatment Plant was a forefront focus area for the City. Determining new sources of water supply and how to utilize the City's existing water infrastructure is the first step needed to carry out long term capital improvement planning and funding initiatives to meet this goal. The current City Water Treatment Plant is designed to provide treatment capacity for up to 22.5 million gallons per day (mgd). The adjacent raw water wellfield has a permitted capacity of 15.3 mgd monthly average and 11.4 mgd annual average from nine production wells. Water wells in the karst aquifer environment of south Georgia are prone to future influences from groundwater infiltration. In order to prepare for the future water supply needs for the City of Valdosta, we need to identify all potential water supply options to include but not limited to the following: (1) Identifying existing and new options for water supply within or outside the City of Valdosta, (2) Evaluate raw water conveyance and treatment requirements needed for newly-identified water supply options, (3) Identify the Capital and O&M feasibility and costs associated with various water supply alternatives, (4) Identify the Pros and Cons of each option, long term viability of each alternative, and (5) Require the Engineer's prioritization of alternative and recommended alternative. This information will allow the City to understand what impact each alternative may have on existing and future water rates and capital improvement decision-making process. Capital cost data provided can be utilized in the development of potential water and sewer rates as well as future tax referendums. The cost of this Study is \$61,000 and it was budgeted for this year. Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve a Scope of Service Agreement with CDM Smith in the amount of \$61,000 for a Future Water Supply Study for the City of Valdosta.

Councilman Yost inquired as to whether the City's property located on Inner Perimeter Road across from the new Valdosta High School was tested. Henry Hicks stated that they did four tests on that property. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the water quality was not ideal and was not as good as what is in the well field but it is still an option. They will look again at that option. The City could put in a Treatment facility there and pump it back to the Plant and then deliver it. The wells need to be somewhere else other than our existing well field so we can diversify our water sources. Henry Hicks stated that they previously looked at a number of locations around the City.

A MOTION by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve a Scope of Service Agreement with CDM Smith in the amount of \$61,000 for a Future Water Supply Study for the City of Valdosta.

Consideration of bids for construction of a sidewalk on Griffin Avenue between Ulmer Avenue and South Patterson Street.

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that the State of Georgia Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Off-System Safety Improvement Program assists local governments to construct safety features along local roadways. This program requires a 30% match from the local government. In May, 2016, Mayor John Gayle requested additional LMIG funds for safety improvements to construct sidewalks along Griffin Avenue in Valdosta. In June, 2016, the City received notice from the State Local Grants Administrator that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will commit up to \$300,000 or 70% of the Project cost, whichever is less, for said improvements. The work consists of construction of 3,937 linear feet of sidewalk on the northern side of Griffin Avenue between Ulmer Avenue and South Patterson Street. The Project will provide a safe and convenient pedestrian corridor connecting to the newly constructed sidewalk on South Troup Street and ultimately terminate at the existing sidewalk along South Patterson Street. The Project was properly advertised and the bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. The low bid was submitted by Rountree Construction Company in the amount of \$150,855.50. A 10% contingency (\$15,085.55) will be added to handle any unforeseen circumstances and the recommended Project approval is for \$165,941.05. GDOT will contribute \$116,158.73 towards the Project cost and the City will fund the balance of \$49,782.32. Pat Collins recommended that Council approve the low bid submitted by Rountree Construction Company in the amount of \$150,855.50 plus a 10% contingency (\$15,085.55) to handle any unforeseen circumstances for a total Project cost of \$165,941.05.

A MOTION by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilwoman Tooley, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the low bid submitted by Rountree Construction Company in the amount of \$150,855.50 plus a 10% contingency (\$15,085.55) to handle any unforeseen circumstances for a total Project cost of \$165,941.05 for construction of a sidewalk on Griffin Avenue between Ulmer Avenue and South Patterson Street.

LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS

Consideration of a request to approve street selections for the 2017 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Award.

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) assists Cities and Counties by awarding funds for resurfacing as well as other local transportation-related improvements via their Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program. LMIG awards are formula based and proportionate to a combination of a local jurisdiction's population and centerline street mileage. Every LMIG award requires a minimum of a 30% match from the local jurisdiction. Our 2017 formula-based allotment is \$566,158.69 and, therefore, our required 30% match is \$169,847.61. Consequently, the minimum total required to be spent in 2017 is \$736,006.30. Recently the City Manager appointed a Committee chaired by the City Engineer to include Police, Fire, and Public Works given that these are the Departments on our streets and roads each and every day. Subsequently, the City Engineer prepared a Comprehensive Evaluation Form so that each person could ride together and evaluate and score each and every road in the City. This information was then compiled by District and by condition and is the most comprehensive analysis of the City's streets in the history of the City. This data, along with City Council input from riding the Districts with the City Engineer, was used to develop the recommended list and map contained herein. The recommended resurfacing list prepared by Staff picks up whole length street segments of the worst condition streets while considering expressed Council-member priorities and balancing the total mileage among the Districts. The recommended list resurfaces 5.44 miles total and is estimated to cost \$959,706.00 to \$1,036,483.00. Some of the higher ranked streets in the list were left out of consideration because they would take up most of the budget by themselves (i.e., Gornto Road), they would not readily allow a balance among Districts, or they are already on the LMIG 2016 list previously approved to be resurfaced. The construction cost range was created by taking our latest costs (using the 2016 recently bid LMIG unit values). The actual amount of base repair/root removal will be field measured and included in the future bid packet once the 2017 list has been finalized and this may cause the estimate to go up or down depending on the conditions of the streets ultimately selected. A final list must be submitted to and received by GDOT prior to December 31, 2016. While it is not a GDOT requirement to have the City Council's approval of the submitted list, it is the City's customary practice to get the City Council's approval and buy-in before the final list is submitted to GDOT.

A **MOTION** by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilwoman Tooley, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve street selections for the 2017 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) Award.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

George Boston Rhynes, 5004 Oak Drive, stated that a Public Works employee came to him to discuss a problem they have had for a long time. The employee stated that they felt they cannot get the response to resolve the problem through routine means. Also, the local news media refuses to publish reports concerning the black contractors in this community. Even though you may read the newspaper and see things on television that is not the rest of the story because the news is not getting out. It is sad that we do not have a mainstream news media that will publish the concerns of the people. There is still a problem with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as seen by many people in the community. They have been working on this a long time. Mr. Rhynes stated that even though you might think that coming before Council on these items might not make sense, but people are listening and it is nothing to be taken lightly. He goes around to 18 cities and they take him serious. These things are real and corrections have been made on some items he has brought up to the City. People are thankful for that and one day he will lay everything out that was never published for the general public to see. Also, in the low income areas, the local convenience stores will not allow customers to use the bathroom. Some of the parents take their children to the back of the service stations because they will not allow them to go inside and use the restroom. He should not have to bring this up but it is widespread and people are telling him about it. When they go to the newspaper, the newspaper will not report it. He is determined to report it because the same thing happens in all of the other cities he goes to. Black people do not have a media outlet to report their news; however, black people are starting their own newspaper.

John Robinson, 3027 San Juline Circle, Lake Park, commended Council for a job well done on Troup Street. With the effort that was put in on that Project, he would like for that kind of attention to be given to the Valdosta Small Emerging Business (VSEB) Program and the contractors participation. We need to have a broader communication basis where they can be notified in a timely manner. They are picking up E-mails and addresses to be presented to the City for review to see if they can be added to the data file so that when bid notices go out they will receive the information immediately. They are looking to make some progress in the coming year and hope that Council will take some of these things into consideration. It is very important and critical that Council members work with them. They want to resolve issues with black contractors by working together. It is time that money is shared throughout this community and if they can do that then the revitalization in our community will be a lot better.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Troup Street Enhancement Project has been completed and the Ribbon Cutting will be held on December 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Coastal Plains facility located at 900 South Troup Street. The Project was funded with SPLOST VII and it begins at Griffin Avenue and runs all the way to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. It includes new water, sewer, stormwater, utilities, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, and street signage in one of our City's oldest neighborhoods.

The City unveiled four new fire trucks last week and these replaced four, 18 year old existing pumper trucks in our fleet. The new fire trucks will go to Station 2, Station 3, Station 4, and Station 6. These were custom built and have the latest in technology. These trucks represent a \$1.2 million investment and were paid for using SPLOST and a low interest loan through the Georgia Municipal Association Lease Pool Program.

Public Works held an Electronics Recycling Event on November 12, 2016 and they collected 15,520 lbs of electronics. Since the City started this Recycling Program in 2006, we have now saved 312 tons of electronic waste, which is over 624,000 lbs, of electronic debris going into the landfill.

The Police and Fire Departments are still accepting donations for the Shop with a Cop and Shop with a Firefighter events. The Shop with a Cop event is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Shop with a Firefighter is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor and Council are invited to

attend these events. The Fire Department also hosts a "Give a Kid a Bike" Program and that will be held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Fire Station No. 1. They have refurbished 21 bicycles and will be giving those to children.

The Fire Department brought on 12 new Firefighters who graduated from recruit school. They were welcomed at a ceremony on December 2, 2016. Also, the Fire Department's training facility is being utilized by other Firefighters in the surrounding area. We had one Firefighter from Moultrie's Fire Department who graduated with our employees last week. We are proud of the things they are doing.

During the Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects, the City acquired several portable classroom trailers that were donated by the Valdosta City School System. The trailers will now be given to the Police Department for their shooting range on Val Tech Road and the others will be given to the Fire Department for their training facility. This is an example of the City being frugal and taking something that we were able to get from the School System, use it for a major Project, and then use them for other City Projects.

A Press Release was sent out today regarding some freezing weather we will be having. We have asked that residents and businesses turn off their irrigation systems so that water will not freeze on the road creating a dangerous situation.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Payton, Jr. will become Dr. Payton tomorrow as he receives his Doctorate in Public Administration. This is a significant undertaking particularly for a man who serves as an elected official and has a big job at Wiregrass Technical College. We are very proud of his accomplishment; however, several people will not be able to join in the celebration because tomorrow the Valdosta High School Wildcat football team will be playing at the Dome in Atlanta for the State Championship. Go Cats!

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Yost stated that it has been a great year and he appreciated everything the City Staff has done. We have great employees from top to bottom. Councilman Yost wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Go Cats!

Councilman Vickers stated that he agreed with Councilman Yost about the City's great employees. Also, at the corner of Summerlin Street and Floyd Street there is a lot of pine straw. It is too much for a street sweeper to handle and someone will need to use a pitch fork to get it cleaned up.

Councilwoman Tooley thanked the Staff for the wonderful job that they did with the Troup Street Project. It is beautiful and nothing but good things have been said about it. Everyone is very happy and it brings joy to their heart. Councilwoman Tooley inquired as to whether the second Council Meeting in December would be cancelled. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that Mayor Pro Tem Payton will be asking that question. We had a heavy Agenda tonight because he has asked the Department Heads to get all the business done that they were aware of just in case Council decided to cancel the December 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to cancel the December 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting due to a heavy Agenda tonight.

Councilwoman Miller-Cody thanked the Mayor and Council for their support during her first year on the City Council. She has learned a lot and she appreciated all of their help.

Mayor Pro Tem Payton stated that tonight will be the last official Meeting for City Attorney George Talley. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that due to the holiday season they will wait until January, 2017 to plan an appropriate send off and have some of his many friends from around the State in attendance. It has been a privilege to work with George and he has learned a lot from him. George is one of the three longest serving City Attorneys in Georgia. We are going to miss him but he is not really leaving because he will be close by and doing some things with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

12/08/16 CONTINUED

Mayor Pro Tem Payton entertained a motion for adjournment.

A MOTION by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to adjourn the December 8, 2016 Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 7:16 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

City Clerk, City of Valdosta

Mayor, City of Valdosta