

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL**  
**5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor John Gayle 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, Eric Howard, Andy Gibbs, and Vivian Miller-Cody. The invocation was given by Pastor Tim Rizer, Respiration and Fellowship Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD**

Consideration of the November, 2018 Employee of the Month Award (Lt. Michael Crump, Sgt. Jay Carter, and Firefighter Brandon Tebedo, Valdosta Fire Department).

Fire Chief Freddie Broome stated that Michael Crump began his employment with the City of Valdosta Fire Department in September of 2000 and currently holds the position of Lieutenant. Fire Lieutenants are responsible for managing the daily operations at the company level, oversee two to three employees, and are responsible for being in-charge during emergency incidents. Jay Carter began his employment with the City of Valdosta Fire Department in April of 2013 and currently holds the position of Sergeant. Fire Sergeants are responsible for safely operating the fire apparatuses and conducting daily, weekly, and monthly apparatus inspections to ensure apparatuses are at a level of readiness. In addition, Sergeants assume the Company Officer roles in the absence of the Lieutenants. Brandon Tebedo began his employment with the City of Valdosta Fire Department in August of 2016 and presently holds the position of Firefighter. Firefighters work in a career where their lives could change at any given time. Firefighters routinely receive a broad spectrum of calls ranging from downed power lines to saving someone from a burning building. Regardless of the caliber of call, Firefighters try their best to handle every call with the upmost importance. The City of Valdosta Fire Department is fortunate to have some of the best firefighters in the State, if not in the Nation. On September 23, 2018, the City of Valdosta Fire Department exhibited an honorable compassion for the community in which they serve. Engine One's crew was dispatched to a residence in the City of Valdosta in reference to a medical call. Engine One's crew is supervised under the senior leadership of Lt. Michael Crump. Lt. Crump noticed something while at this residence that troubled him. Lt. Crump noticed that the patient that he was attending to was laying on the floor with a sheet covering him. It was apparent and confirmed that the patient did not have a bed to sleep in. The thought of someone not having a place to lay down comfortably not only troubled Lt. Crump, but it troubled the entire Engine One's crew. After returning to the station, Lt. Crump and his crew came up with a heartfelt idea. Lt. Crump and Engine One's crew took it upon themselves to purchase a bed for the patient. Engine One's crew (Lt. Crump, Sgt. Carter, and FF Brandon Tebedo) delivered and assembled the bed together on their day off for the patient. Engine One's crew displayed and continues to display a great deal of compassion. As mentioned earlier, Firefighters work in a career where their lives could change at any given time. The City of Valdosta Fire Department is overjoyed that the life changed in this situation was benefited in such a professional and positive way. Thank you Engine One for your continued faithfulness and service to this community. It is for these reasons and many others that the Employee Relations Committee nominated Lt. Michael Crump, Sgt. Jay Carter and Firefighter Brandon Tebedo as Employees of the Month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 25, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent (7-0) of the Council.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-27, AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 0.79 ACRES FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-6) ZONING TO RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL (R-P) ZONING**

Consideration of an Ordinance to rezone 0.79 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-6) to Residential-Professional (R-P) as requested by Michael Howell (File No. VA-2018-14). The property is located at 814 and 818 West Gordon Street. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their October Regular Meeting and recommended approval (6-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Michael Howell is requesting to rezone 0.79 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-6) to Residential-Professional (R-P). The property is located at 814 and 818 West Gordon Street which is along the north side of the street about half way between Smith Street and Lamar Street. This is directly across the street from the parking lot of S.L. Mason Elementary School. The property currently contains two vacant small buildings. One is being proposed for future renovation as a radio studio, and the other will be used for storage and possibly later demolished. The applicant is also proposing to add an 80’ tall radio tower to the site. Both the tower and the radio studio will require CUP approval and these are being reviewed under File No. CU-2018-09. The subject property is located within a Transitional Area (TN) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan, which allows the possibility of R-P zoning. The zoning and land use patterns along this portion of West Gordon Street reflect a mixture of residential, institutional, and some light commercial uses, but it is dominated by the Elementary School across the street. There is some C-C Zoning across the street (a portion of the school site) as well as at the corner of West Gordon/Smith Streets (small retail center). There is also some existing R-P and R-M Zoning to the west, but much of the area is still zoned R-6; however, many of the R-6 properties along this corridor contain a wide range of residential uses as well as some non-residential uses such as churches and also a small daycare center which is immediately east of the subject property. Although the applicant’s proposed R-P Zoning is intended for a specific use, the reality is that R-P Zoning actually reflects the existing mixture of land use patterns in this area than the present R-6 Zoning. R-P allows all forms of residential, as well as offices and some institutional uses. All of these are conducive for this “transitioning corridor” area away from strictly single-family residential usage, and is supported by the “Transitional Neighborhood” designation of the Comprehensive Plan. 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 October 29, 2018 Regular Meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP), and recommended approval (6-0 vote).

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2018-27, an Ordinance to approve a request to rezone 0.79 acres from Single-Family Residential (R-6) to Residential-Professional (R-P) for property located at 814 and 818 West Gordon Street as requested by Michael Howell, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR BOTH A RADIO TOWER AND A RADIO STUDIO IN A RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL (R-P) ZONING DISTRICT**

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for both a Radio Tower and a Radio Studio in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District as requested by Michael Howell (File No. CU-2018-09). The property is located at 814 and 818 West Gordon Street. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their October Regular Meeting and recommended approval with three conditions (5-0-1 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Michael Howell is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for both a Radio Tower and a Radio Studio in an R-P Zoning District. The property consists of 0.79 acres located at 814 and 818 West Gordon Street and is the same property that is being reviewed for a rezoning request File No. VA-2018-14. The applicant is proposing to first install an 80’ tall radio tower near the center of the property which will be in the form of a lattice monopole (no guy wires) that is about 3’ wide at the base. The

applicant is planning to eventually renovate the front building (vacant house, about 900 square feet) into a radio studio at which time the applicant will then install a small paved parking lot of about seven parking spaces which utilizes the existing residential driveway apron from West Gordon Street. The subject property is located within a Transitional Neighborhood (TN) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan. The zoning and land use patterns along this portion of West Gordon Street reflect a mixture of residential, institutional, and some light commercial uses, but it is dominated by the Elementary School across the street. The applicant's proposed future conversion of the vacant residential building to a small radio studio, along with the installation of a small parking lot (seven spaces), fits in very well with the surrounding mixed development pattern. The proposed radio transmission tower is 80' tall, which is about 15-20' taller than the existing tall trees on the site. Its proposed location is in the center of the property and it is more than 80' from all property lines. The top of it will still be visible from nearby properties; however, its visual impact will be reduced by its lack of guy wires, its narrow width (about 3' at the base and 1' at the top), and it being partially obscured by existing trees. At only 80', it is not tall enough to require any navigational beacons (lights) nor will it have any impact on Valdosta Regional Airport. With this particular request, Staff is more concerned with the overall site design and scope of the proposed use as a studio and tower combination than with the tower height. The site design is good and the scope of the proposed use is rather small. With good conditions of approval, there will be little to no impact on the surrounding area, and the proposal will result in a good re-use of the subject property. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria and recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) Conditional Use approval shall be granted in the name of the applicant only, for a Telecommunications Tower and Antenna in R-P Zoning, for a low-wattage radio station as approved by the FCC. The Tower shall not exceed 81' in height above ground, shall be freestanding without guy wires, contain no lighting, and shall be located near the center of the property as indicated on the submitted site plan. (2) Conditional Use approval shall also be granted in the name of the applicant only, for a Radio Broadcasting Studio (radio station) in R-P Zoning with a studio building not to exceed 1,000 square feet in gross floor area. Upon usage of the property as a studio, a paved parking lot shall first be approved by the City and properly installed. If the radio station ceases to broadcast from the subject property for more than one year, then the Telecommunications Tower and Antenna shall be removed within 30 days from date of notification by the City. (3) These Conditional Use approvals shall individually expire after five years from the date of City Council approval if no building permit (for the tower) and no business license (for the radio station) is requested by that date. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their October 29, 2018 Regular Meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommended approval, subject to the same three conditions as recommended by Staff (5-0-1 vote).

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Vickers to approve the request as presented with the three conditions and that a condition be added for a fence be placed around it. Councilman Howard seconded the motion. Councilman Carroll stated that it should be indicated that this should be a security fence to prohibit access from children into the property. Councilman Norton inquired as to whether the fence was around the property or around the tower. Councilman Vickers stated that it will be around the tower. Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that it should be worded that a security fence be properly installed to prohibit unauthorized access to the tower structure. Mayor Gayle asked Councilman Vickers and Councilman Howard if that was acceptable and they agreed. The motion was adopted to enact Ordinance No. 2018-28, an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit for both a Radio Tower and a Radio Studio in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District as requested by Michael Howell, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-29, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A MANUFACTURED HOME IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-6) ZONING DISTRICT**

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Manufactured Home in a Single-Family Residential (R-6) Zoning District as requested by Sonia Williams Hampton (File No. CU-2018-10). The property is located at the northeast corner of Mills Lane and North Perry Lane. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their October Regular Meeting and recommended approval with two conditions (6-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Sonia Williams Hampton is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Manufactured Home (doublewide mobile home) in an R-6 Zoning District. The property consists of 0.37 acres located at the northeast corner of Mills Lane and North Perry Lane. The property is currently vacant and the applicant is proposing the placement of a “new” doublewide mobile home that measures 32’x66’ and complies with LDR standards for such dwellings. The subject property is located within a Transitional Neighborhood (TN) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan.

The subject property is part of an established residential neighborhood with mixed housing types (both site-built and manufactured home). This northern part of the neighborhood near the intersection of these two streets is more than 50% manufactured home. In 2001, when the subject property was still combined with the currently vacant lot to the north, it was granted a Special Exception approval (same as a CUP) for a manufactured home (28 x 80 doublewide mobile home) subject to the following conditions: (1) Approval be granted in the name of the applicant only (Stanley Hodges), (2) Mobile home be placed on a permanent foundation, (3) Brick skirting, and (4) All local codes for mobile homes be met. The submitted site plan from 2001 indicated the placement of the home to be on the northern part of the property, which is now a separate parcel. It is not clear if a mobile home was ever placed there. A 2007 aerial imagery indicates no mobile home and no sign of a permanent foundation, but the power pole was there in 2007 and is still there now. The same approval as was given in 2001, would still carryover through today if it were not for condition (1) above [in the name of the applicant only - Stanley Hodges] which is not the current applicant nor the current owner of this new southern parcel; however, the City has since adopted new development standards (LDR) which specify some particular standards with a doublewide mobile home on its own parcel (see Page 4). As is now required, the applicant is proposing to meet these standards. The only concern is that Mills Lane, which is a sub-standard 15’ wide public right-of-way, may someday undergo widening. Any structures that are too close to this existing right-of-way would then be problematic. Otherwise, nothing has changed with the surrounding neighborhood or its housing pattern and Staff is still supportive of this request. Many of the same conditions of approval granted in 2001 should still carryover to today. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) Conditional Use approval shall be granted for a Class “A” doublewide manufactured home as defined by the LDR. The home shall be placed at least 30 feet from Mills Lane on a permanent all-masonry foundation with brick skirting. (2) This Conditional Use shall supersede and replace the previous Special Exception approval in 2001 (File No. VA-2001-17), and shall expire after three years from the date of this approval if no building permit is properly requested by that date. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their October 29, 2018 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 (6-0 vote).

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Vickers to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Manufactured Home in a Single-Family Residential (R-6) Zoning District as requested by Sonia Williams Hampton with the following conditions: (1) Conditional Use approval shall be granted for a Class “A” doublewide manufactured home as defined by the LDR. The home shall be placed at least 30 feet from Mills Lane on a permanent all-masonry foundation with brick skirting. (2) This Conditional Use shall supersede and replace the previous Special Exception approval in 2001 (File No. VA-2001-17), and shall expire after three years from the date of this approval if no building permit is properly requested by that date. Councilman Norton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted (7-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2018-29, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-30, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY IN A RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL (R-P) ZONING DISTRICT**

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Transitional Housing facility in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District as requested by Lisa Straughter (File No. CU-2018-11). The property is located at the southwest corner of North Toombs and West Adair Street. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their October Regular Meeting and recommended denial (5-1 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Lisa Straughter is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Transitional Housing facility in R-P Zoning. The subject property consists of 0.20 acres located at 706 North Toombs Street, which is at the southwest corner of North Toombs and West Adair Streets. The property contains an existing single-family residence with four bedrooms (1,866 square feet), and the applicant is proposing to utilize the residence as a faith-based transitional housing facility for up to four to six homeless adult women. The applicant is not proposing any physical changes to the property. The subject property is located within a Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan. The land use patterns in this area are a mixture of mostly professional offices, with some multi-family, and also some commercial uses. There are very few single-family residences in this area, and this pattern is also reflected in the Zoning Map for this area which only depicts R-P and C-C Zoning. The building on the subject property appears to have always been used as a single-family residence, and the applicant is simply proposing to use it as a non-traditional residential unit. Transitional Housing facilities can be fairly broad in scope, and can range in varying sizes, and this is why they require a CUP approval in all of the Zoning Districts where they are allowed. They differ from a typical "Boarding/Rooming House" in that they are not as transient in nature, and that they provide a more specialized residential environment. They differ from a "Halfway House" in that they are not State-licensed facilities with residents who are officially referred to them by an institution, and who have professional Staff trained in the area of addiction recovery. In this case, the applicant is proposing a relatively small housing facility that is intended to operate as a single household unit, but with some additional attention from support Staff in a faith-based environment. The existing facility is a four-bedroom single-family residence, but with very limited yard and no paved driveway or parking area. Staff is supportive of the request and believes the proposed facility can operate very successfully here as long as it truly remains residential in nature, and functions much like any other "household" that might otherwise occupy this single-family residence; however, Staff is mildly concerned about the possibility of the facility evolving into something that is more intensive or less residential in nature if it is left unchecked and there is no further review by the City. There should, therefore, be appropriate conditions of approval which limit the scope and size of the use. Any future changes to these, would then require another CUP review - hopefully after the facility has demonstrated a good track record. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommend approval to the City Council subject to the following conditions: (1) Conditional Use approval shall be granted in the name of the applicant only, for a faith based Transitional Housing Facility in R-P Zoning for adult women which operates as a single household and maintains its traditional residential character. No other uses allowed in R-P Zoning shall be allowed on the property in addition to this Facility, and it shall in no way function as a Halfway House or other facility that includes licensed medical assistance or requires professional supervision. (2) There shall be no more than four residents of the facility, and no regular gatherings of persons other than support Staff. There shall be no permitted signage, and all parking shall be off-street and located in the rear yard only. (3) Conditional Use approval shall automatically expire after one year from the date of approval, if no city Business License (non-profit) application has been properly submitted by the applicant for this Facility by that date. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their October 29, 2018 Regular Meeting, found it inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommended denial (5-1 vote).

Lisa Straughter, 4970 Patton Drive, spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Straughter stated that she was the applicant who was requesting the Conditional Use Permit for the Transitional Housing facility. Councilman Vickers stated that he would like for Ms. Straughter to discuss the operation of the facility and provide answers to some of the questions that were raised at the Planning Commission Meeting. Ms. Straughter stated that this facility will be a place to help homeless women come off the street and give them a hand up and not a hand down. They will help them find jobs and permanent housing after they leave the Transition House. If a Church would like to help sponsor a homeless woman then they would be responsible for coming to get her and take her to their Church to help with the spiritual process. Councilwoman Tooley inquired as to how Ms. Straughter would find the homeless women. Ms. Straughter stated that they would find them through various organizations such as the Homeless Coalition or LAMP. They will take in the homeless women if they are not a convicted felon but can help those who may be on probation. Councilwoman Tooley inquired as to whether they would have their own room and dining area. Ms. Straughter stated that they would eat just like everyone else eats. They will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner and snacks at night. Councilwoman Tooley inquired as to whether there was a time limit for their stay. Ms. Straughter stated that they will offer them no more than a three-month period because people need to come in and out. There is a 30-day turnaround with the Homeless Coalition and it use to be three months. Mark Barber, City Manager, inquired as to whether the clients would have vehicles. Ms. Straughter stated that they

would most likely not have a vehicle. There should be no traffic or parking concerns at the location. Ms. Straughter stated that they would use her vehicle or one of the worker's vehicles to transport the clients somewhere.

Pastor Frank Nelson, Fountain of Praise Bible Church, 5090 Leafwood Lane, Quitman, spoke in favor of the request. Pastor Nelson stated that homelessness is a serious problem in every city and every state in our country. Unfortunately, we do have it here in our community and Ms. Straughter has put her blood, sweat, and tears into obtaining a facility. This is a blessing from above. We are all one paycheck away from being homeless ourselves. Ms. Straughter has a vision to help these women get back on their feet and to train and encourage them to get back on their feet and into society again. Pastor Nelson stated that he was totally in favor of the Transitional Center.

Pastor Tim Rizer, 2218 Pin Oak Circle, spoke in favor of the request. Pastor Rizer stated that he worked in the Prison System prior to becoming a Chaplain and he was a Substance Abuse Counselor. He has two certifications as a Substance Abuse Counselor and one of the most important things is to help women and men find housing in their time of need. He strongly encouraged Council to consider allowing this awesome opportunity to help Ms. Straughter render assistance to these young ladies in our community.

Mike Paine, 710 Georgia Avenue, spoke in opposition to the request. Mr. Paine stated that his office is located at 704 North Toombs Street which is next to the property in question. He thanked Councilwoman Tooley for bringing this up and this is a very complex subject in our society today; however, he was concerned about the building next to his business for various reasons. The recommendation from the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission is fuzzy and vague to his way of thinking. How are these residents chosen and where do these people go to get money for this? Are there children involved? When women are involved there are going to be children and is the State of Georgia or Federal government involved in this? There are too many unanswered questions. How will these residences be reviewed and how will the people be rotated in and out? What about the support staff? Mr. Paine stated that he feared the facility would become a haven for panhandlers and beggars and we have plenty of those people up and down North Toombs Street. They already have two questionable houses in the 600 block of North Toombs Street and North Oak Street. His Insurance Agency has been in existence for 38 years at this location and all of his clients are welcome to come to his office at any time to talk about finances, insurance applications, or just to have a cup of coffee. He values that and if this facility is next to his office then he did not know if his clients could get in back of his Agency. The most important thing to him is the Boys and Girls Club which is adjacent to his property. They do a great job of making young people into solid citizens and he is very much in favor of it. They also have some literacy classes to children and try to give them a helping hand. It scares him that these children would be about 75 yards from this facility. The children currently walk down Toombs Street and come by his business and he hoped that they would not be affected by this facility. Mr. Paine asked for Council's consideration in denying the request.

Wendy Colson, Colson Printing Company, spoke in opposition to the request. Mr. Colson stated that they own the majority of the property but there is a barrier between Colson Printing Company (a parking lot) and this facility. He went over there today and tried to put himself in Mr. Paine's shoes and was thinking about his customers. He could see why Mr. Paine would be very concerned about the situation. Their area is not the most favorable place to conduct business with people coming in and out but they manage. The only way this could work is for someone to be responsible and chaperone the residents all the time. Mr. Colson stated that it could be a wonderful project but sometimes these things can go sour.

Councilman Gibbs stated that Mr. Paine had several questions that he would like to have answers to and those in favor still had some time left and he inquired as to whether they could come back to the podium to give them an opportunity to answer those questions. Mayor Gayle stated that they did have some extra time and inquired if anyone had objections. There were no objections from Council.

Ms. Straughter stated that the children at the Boys and Girls Club are not allowed to leave and they are picked up by their parents or a bus or van so they are not walking around. There is 24 hour care and they will have a great support Staff at the facility. They will never be left alone and the women will not be allowed to roam up and down the street. She was homeless at one time and she knows what it is like. She now has a great reputation and is a great person and with God's help and the support team who care about these people, they will be just fine.

Councilman Gibbs inquired as to whether they would have children at the facility. Ms. Straughter stated that they would not. Councilman Gibbs inquired as to how the women will be paid for. Ms. Straughter stated that she has a privately owned company and she has the support of different Churches and her family and they will be just fine. Councilman Gibbs inquired about the age range of the women and if they would be housing women who are coming out of the Lowndes County jail. Ms. Straughter stated that it will be for homeless women. Patti Sutton, who is over the Probation Services, could possibly make a recommendation and Felecia Harrington, Executive Director of LAMP, could also make recommendations. These women will go through interviews to make sure they are clean and not felons or on drugs. They will also have a Drug Counselor on her Board. Everything that they need is on her Board and they are approved by the State of Georgia. Councilwoman Tooley stated that this will be a very good program for the homeless women. She knew of one young lady who was homeless when she got out of college. She was about to stay with a friend but ended up staying with her grandmother. Had she not had help she too would have been homeless; however, she grew up to be a Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem. Ms. Straughter stated that there would be no men at the facility and they will make sure they get what they need. Councilman Howard stated that we see so many people in need today we do not need to turn a blind eye. This will be a wonderful opportunity to help homeless women.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Miller-Cody to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Transitional Housing facility in a Residential-Professional (R-P) Zoning District as requested by Lisa Straughter. Councilman Vickers seconded the motion. Councilman Carroll inquired as to whether the motion included the three conditions as noted by Staff. Councilwoman Miller-Cody stated that it did include the three conditions. Councilman Norton stated that he wanted to recuse himself from this vote due to a conflict of interest. The motion was adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2018-30, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR AN EXPANDED DAYCARE FACILITY IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-10) ZONING DISTRICT**

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an expanded Daycare Facility in a Single-Family Residential (R-10) Zoning District as requested by Venetia Southall (File No. CU-2018-12). The property is located at 704 Cherokee Avenue. The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission reviewed this request at their October Regular Meeting and recommended approval with three conditions (6-0 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Venetia Southall is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an expanded Daycare Facility in an R-10 Zoning District. The property consists of 0.29 acres located at 704 Cherokee Avenue which is along the north side of the road between the intersections with Garland Place and Beauford Place. The property contains a single-family residence and a detached rear yard accessory building (20'x24'). The property was previously approved in 1999 (with the same applicant) as a home occupation Daycare utilizing this accessory building for up to six children. It has been operating ever since without any known complaints. The applicant is now seeking approval for up to ten children, which is the maximum number of children this accessory building can legally accommodate under State and IFC codes. The applicant is not proposing any physical changes to the property. The subject property is located within an Established Residential (ER) Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan, and is part of a very well-established and stable Single-Family Residential neighborhood that has existed for 50+ years. The applicant has resided there since 1995. The City of Valdosta LDR differentiates Daycare Facilities into three categories based on size. The applicant has successfully operated the smaller of these sizes ("family daycare", six or fewer children) for 19 years, and they are now requesting to increase the number of children to ten which is the maximum the facility can hold without a physical expansion. This expansion changes the facility to next larger size (7-18 children) which is a "Group" Daycare Facility, and requires a CUP approval. The City also now has local supplemental standards for all sizes of Daycare Facilities which were not in place in 1999. One of the important standards is that of an adequate drop-off/turn-around to facilitate the safe transfer of children to/from vehicles and to also lessen vehicle congestion. With the small facilities (such as six or fewer children), this is not seen as an issue and a standard residential driveway will typically suffice; however, as the facilities become larger (more children), this becomes an increasing concern, particularly in Single-Family Residential areas. Typically, starting with the medium sized Daycares (Group) on upward is when a circular driveway is needed. With this request, the applicant is not proposing to install a circular driveway, and Staff recognizes that doing this will greatly impact

their seemingly narrow front yard. Despite the applicant's good track record with this kind of facility, Staff is concerned that an expansion to ten children is a little "too much" and that it will start to negatively alter the residential character of the property with the additional children and additional traffic; however, Staff also believes that because of the applicant's good track record, a more modest expansion is warranted and should be allowed. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommend approval to the City Council subject to the following conditions: (1) Conditional Use approval shall be granted in the name of the applicant only, for a Group-sized Daycare Facility with no more than eight (8) children in an R-10 Zoning District, without any driveway expansion, and that is otherwise compliant with all remaining applicable LDR requirements for such facility. (2) No business signage shall be allowed on the property and visible from the street. (3) Conditional Use approval shall expire after two years from the date of City Council approval if no updated Daycare license to reflect the increase in approved capacity, has been obtained by that date. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their October 29, 2018 Regular Meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Conditional Use Review Criteria, and recommended approval, subject to the following conditions (6-0 vote): (1) Conditional Use approval shall be granted in the name of the applicant only, for a Group sized Daycare Facility with no more than ten (10) children in an R-10 Zoning District without any driveway expansion and that is otherwise compliant with all remaining applicable LDR requirements for such facility. (2) No business signage shall be allowed on the property and visible from the street. (3) Conditional Use approval shall expire after two years from the date of City Council approval if no updated Daycare license to reflect the increase in approved capacity has been obtained by that date.

Venetia Davis Southall, 704 Cherokee Avenue, spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Southall stated that she has been in the home daycare business for 19 years. She loves children and would like to add a few more to care for. She has a lot of love for them and their parents are having a hard time finding daycare for older children. It would be more convenient for the parents if she was able to take care of their younger children and the older ones. Councilwoman Tooley inquired as to whether Ms. Southall had anyone helping her with the children. Ms. Southall stated that her husband helps her with the children.

Justin Purvis, 2089 Knob Hill Road, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Purvis stated that in February of this year, his family was put in a position where they needed child care overnight. They did not dial any commercial daycare numbers but received a referral from a friend to call "Ms. Tippy" and "Uncle William." They had two spots open for his one and a half year old and his three year old at the time. Recently they had a fall break at school and they had to pay for a baby sitter for his oldest child who is now four and for daycare at the same time. Ms. Tippy wants to accommodate the parents and they consider the parents as family. She teaches all of the children about Jesus Christ and she teaches them discipline and respect. Ms. Tippy makes better children, better citizens, and this town a better place. Mr. Purvis asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

Jessica Catlett, 70618 Caden Way, Hahira, spoke in favor of the request. She has a child who attends Ms. Tippy's daycare every day. She is also in the situation where she has a four year old who attends Pre-K and when the fall break rolls around she is looking for another place for her child to go. Splitting up her children is difficult and there is nothing more precious in your life than your children. They are your heart walking outside of your body and if she cannot have her children with her or her mother she wants them with Ms. Tippy. Ms. Catlett asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

Sarah Bartholomew, 1622 Boone Drive, spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Bartholomew stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Alden Park neighborhood and she lives approximately 50 yards away from Ms. Tippy. There has never been a traffic problem and it thrills her to hear the children in the yard laughing and singing. Ms. Bartholomew asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

Julie Roberts, 399 Old Quitman Highway, spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Roberts stated that Ms. Tippy takes care of her children and she is amazing. Her children love to go to Ms. Tippy's house and they enjoy being there. They love her and she loves them and Ms. Tippy is a God send to them. Ms. Roberts asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2018-31, an Ordinance to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an expanded Daycare Facility in a Single-Family Residential (R-10) Zoning District with three conditions as requested by Venetia Southall, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

### **BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES**

Consideration of bids for the remaining improvements to the Williams Street Project.

Kevin Tolliver, Development Review Engineer, stated that in 2012, the City of Valdosta retained Innovate Engineering Solutions to design pedestrian and street improvements on Williams Street. The design, which was completed in 2013, extends Ashley Street to Woodrow Wilson Drive. The project included road resurfacing, curb and gutter, storm sewer, handicap ramps, and a 12-foot sidewalk. In 2013, the City funded construction of the portion of Williams Street from Ashley Street to East Park Avenue. The portion from East Park Avenue to Woodrow Wilson was postponed until a future date. The construction of the remaining portion of Williams Street was approved for the FY 2019. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on October 11, 2018. Six companies were in attendance at the meeting. On October 29, 2018, two bids were received and opened. The low bid was submitted by Standard Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$419,727.80.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman Tooley, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the low bid was submitted by Standard Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$419,727.80 for the remaining improvements to the Williams Street Project.

Consideration of bids for the North Patterson Streetscape Project.

Kevin Tolliver, Development Review Engineer, stated that in September of 2011, the City of Valdosta (City) succeeded in securing \$250,000.00 in State Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the design and construction of the North Patterson Streetscape. The TE Program Projects require a minimum 20% local match, or \$125,000 in this case. Therefore, the minimum project cost is \$325,000.00 to claim the Grant. The Project extends from Magnolia Street to Gordon Street and consists of beautification and revitalization of the public right-of-way along North Patterson Street to match other areas of Downtown. The work includes sidewalks, curb ramps, sod, trees, shrubs, waste receptacles, pedestrian benches, and decorative brick pavers. A pre-bid meeting was held on October 11, 2018 and four companies were in attendance at the meeting. The pre-bid meeting was not mandatory for attendance to remain eligible to bid (as is customarily the City practice because this practice is not allowed under State TE Grant Policy). Upon the recommendation of the State, the Project was advertised and bid as a base bid with four alternates. This recommendation gave the City added flexibility in awarding work should bid prices exceed budgeted Project amounts. The City budgeted \$387,509 for the Project. The low responsible base bid will be the basis of determination for the recommendation submitted to City Council for award. Unit price bids were also required for all bid alternates in addition to the base bid. The base bid consists of the construction of sidewalks, curb ramps, and sodding for the corridor. Bid Alternate 1 includes trees and shrubs. Bid Alternate 2 includes waste receptacles. Bid Alternate 3 includes pedestrian benches. Bid Alternate 4 includes decorative brick pavers. Decorative lighting is planned to be provided through annual lighting services provided by Georgia Power. The bid opening was held on October 29, 2018. Three contractors submitted bids. Blount and Sons Concrete Finishing Services, Inc. was the low bidder with a base bid of \$261,291. Blount and Sons Concrete Finishing Services, Inc.'s alternate bid prices were as follows: (1) Alternate 1 bid price - \$9,645, (2) Alternate 2 bid price - \$7,200, (3) Alternate 3 bid price - \$33,600, and (4) Alternate 4 bid price - \$21,000. The total amount for the alternate bid prices was \$71,445. The grand total bid price for the base bid (\$261,291.00) and four (4) alternates (\$71,445.00) submitted by Blount and Sons was \$332,736.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Miller-Cody to approve the request as presented for the North Patterson Streetscape Project. Councilman Howard seconded the motion. Councilman Carroll inquired as to whether this was for Option (2) which is for the base bid submitted by Blount and Sons Concrete Finishing Services, Inc. in the amount of \$261,291, the Alternate bid prices (1), (2), (3), and (4) in the amount of \$71,445 for a total of \$332,736, plus a 10% contingency (\$33,273.60) for a grand total of \$366,009.60. Councilwoman Miller-Cody stated that was correct. The motion was unanimously adopted (7-0).

Consideration of a Change Order No. 1 for Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. for additional pipe bursting work on Garland Place.

Darryl Muse, Utilities Director, stated that during the final phase of smoke testing in areas of Garland Place, Martin Luther King, (MLK) Jr. Drive, and North Toombs Street, several locations were identified where smoke was emitting from the sewer system indicating potential pipe failure. Following the smoke test results, work crews performed Closed Circuit Television Camera (CCTV) inspection of the sewer lines in these areas. These inspections indicated that there were numerous fractured lines throughout each of these collection systems. A contract was awarded to Southeast Pipe Survey (SE Pipe) on June 21, 2018 in amount of \$180,253. The rehabilitation work would consist of a combination of pipe-bursting and Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) lining technology. Of the three locations, pipe-bursting would only be used on one 500' section of pipe at Garland Place due to its high level of deterioration and root intrusion. The other 455' section at Garland Place would be rehabilitated using CIPP. As part of the contract specifications, the contractor is required to perform pre-work and post-work video inspections of the pipe. While performing the pre-work inspection at Garland Place, SE Pipe discovered that the level of deterioration on the 455' section of pipe was worse than initially believed. Due to the high level of damage to the pipe, the CIPP lining method is not conducive for its repair. After discussions with Staff and the Contractor, it was determined the best option for repair would be to utilize the pipe-bursting method. SE Pipe submitted a Change Order request to perform the additional pipe-bursting at an increased cost to the contract of \$31,906.50. Darryl Muse recommended that Council approve the Change Order No. 1 for Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. for additional pipe bursting work on Garland Place.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the Change Order No. 1 submitted by Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. in the amount of \$31,906.50 for additional pipe bursting work on Garland Place.

## **LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS**

Consideration of a Single-Family Residential Rehabilitation Repair (SFRR) Program Policies and Procedures. (First Reading)

Vanassa Flucas, Neighborhood Development and Community Protection Manager, stated that in April of 2018, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) came and conducted a Program Monitoring of the City of Valdosta's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. During the week-long monitoring, our Atlanta Regional Community Planning and Development (CPD) representative revealed some areas in our Program which needed to be addressed before moving forward with the activities surrounding the City's CDBG Housing Program. Under the strong recommendations of our HUD CPD representative at the conclusion of the Program Monitoring, the City placed the CDBG funded housing program on hiatus until all of the necessary changes to the CDBG program are made to guarantee program compliance. Official changes to the Program were discussed with the Mayor, City Council and City Administration following the receipt of the final closeout report of the City's Program Monitoring in July 2018. One of the areas discussed in the final closeout report was the need for a separate set of Policies and Procedures for the Single-Family Residential Rehabilitation (SFRR) Repair Program. These policies will document the parameters for the City's Housing Program, and will offer a consistent level of compliance for the funding and level of impact on the affordable housing stock for the City. In order to remove the Housing Program from hiatus, policies and procedures for the SFRR Program must be reviewed and approved by HUD and the Mayor and City Council in early December so the new policies and procedures can be instituted and advertised for the new City Housing Program start date of January 1, 2019. This is the first reading of the Single-Family Residential Rehabilitation (SFRR) Repair Program Policies and Procedures and no action will need to be taken.

Consideration of a request to approve street selections for the Georgia Department of Transportation 2019 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG).

Kevin Tolliver, Development Review 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. In previous years, the LMIG award requires a minimum of a 30% match from the local jurisdiction; however, in May of 2018, the Southern Georgia region overwhelmingly passed a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Under State policy, the minimum match from local jurisdictions who pass this tax is 10%, and in this case, the City of Valdosta. Our 2018 formula-based allotment is \$616,269.28 and, therefore, our required 10% match is \$61,626.93. Consequently, the minimum total required to be spent in 2019 is \$677,896.21. Two years ago, the City Engineer prepared a comprehensive analysis of the conditions of the City's streets. This data, along with City Council input from riding the Districts with the City Engineer, was used to develop a recommended list. The recommended resurfacing list prepared by Staff picks up whole length street segments of the streets in the worst condition while considering expressed Council-member priorities and balancing the total mileage among the Districts. The recommended list resurfaces 5.33 miles total and is estimated to cost \$985,874 to \$1,125,093. The construction cost range was created by taking our latest costs (using the 2018 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 2019 list has been finalized and may cause the estimate to go up or down depending on the conditions of the streets ultimately selected. This final list must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and received prior to December 31, 2018. 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 Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the street selections for the Georgia Department of Transportation 2019 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG).

#### **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Consideration of appointments to the Central Valdosta Development Authority/Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor Gayle stated that the Central Valdosta Development Authority/Downtown Development Authority has three members, Angela Crance, Howard Dasher, and Michael C. Lee whose terms will expire on December 31, 2018. Mr. Dasher and Mr. Lee have expressed an interest in being reappointed and Ms. Crance did not express an interest in being reappointed. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants are as follows: (1) Howard Dasher - Self Employed (Prime Properties Real Estate), and (2) Michael C. Lee - Accountant (Lee & Associates Accountant, Inc.

Mayor Gayle entertained a motion to reappoint Howard Dasher and Michael C. Lee to the Central Valdosta Development Authority/Downtown Development Authority for a term of two years.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to reappoint Howard Dasher and Michael C. Lee to the Central Valdosta Development Authority/Downtown Development Authority for a term of two years.

Consideration of an appointment to the Valdosta Housing Authority.

Mayor Gayle stated that the Valdosta Housing Authority has a Member, Frank Morman, Jr., whose term will expire on December 31, 2018. Mr. Morman has expressed an interest in serving again. This appointment was advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants are as follows: (1) Frank Morman, Jr. - Retired Military, and (2) Cynthia Scurry-Brooklin - Assistant Principal, Valdosta City Schools. Mayor Gayle will make this appointment and he reappointed Frank Morman, Jr. to the Valdosta Housing Authority to serve a term of five years.

Consideration of an appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Mayor Gayle stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority has a member, Dr. Aubrey Fowler, who recently resigned due to personal reasons. His term will expire on May 21, 2019. This appointment was advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants are as follows: (1) Jane Shelton - Owner/Manager/Travel Consultant (South Georgia Travel), and (2) Lee Turner - Retired Military Air Traffic Controller.

Mayor Gayle asked for nominations for an appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Councilman Norton placed in consideration Lee Turner. Councilman Tim Carroll placed in consideration Jane Shelton. There being no other nominations, Mayor Gayle closed nominations. Lee Turner received six votes and Jane Shelton received one vote. Lee Turner was appointed to serve a term of four years on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Consideration of an appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center & Tourism Authority.

Mayor Gayle stated that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center & Tourism Authority has a member, Rick Williams (Lodging and Tourism Appointment) whose term will expire on December 31, 2018. Mr. Williams has expressed an interest in being reappointed. These appointments were advertised according to the Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees Policy that was adopted by Mayor and Council. The applicants are as follows: (1) Richard Oelkers - General Manager, LaQuinta Inn, and (2) Rick Williams - Hotel Ownership & Management, Williams Investment Company.

Councilman Howard placed in consideration Richard Oelkers. Councilman Carroll placed in consideration Rick Williams. There being no other nominations, Mayor Gayle closed nominations. Richard Oelkers received five votes and Rick Williams received two votes.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Willie James Robertson, 709 South Lee Street, stated that he has lived in his house for 37 years and during a recent storm he had a tree limb that came down on his house. He cannot get any insurance because he has shingles and tin on his roof. He needs help in getting the roof fixed because he and his family are all on disability. Mr. Robertson stated that he hoped some funds would be directed to his house.

Lee Turner, 2848 Sapelo Drive, stated that he is the most recent appointment to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority and he thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve on the Authority.

Richard "Rick" Oelkers, 2830 Kirkwood Circle, stated that he was very honored to serve on the Valdosta-Lowndes County Tourism Authority.

Roy Kirkland, RKDS Entertainment and Media, LLC, stated that he and his partner, Doug Sebastian, are film makers and they sent the Mayor and Council an E-mail about their plans for a film studio in Valdosta. He thanked them for what they do and stated that he is fascinated to see them eager to help people and work with them. Their film studio is not just for them but it will also benefit the community. They recently hosted Burt Reynolds at the most recent RKDS Film Festival and it was an outstanding event. City Manager Mark Barber did an outstanding job in helping them with the event. They will be hosting another one in 2019 and he encouraged Council to attend. They are working hard to grow the industry here in Valdosta which would benefit everyone.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that the Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center. We have a record number of employees attending this year and we are approaching the 400 mark which we have not done that in the past couple of years.

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on November 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Martin Stadium and Mayor Gayle will be speaking at that event.

The Valdosta Fire Department Recruit Class No. 4 will be having their graduation run from the Training Center to Fire Station No. 1 beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Citizens are encouraged to come out and cheer on our new recruits during their run. They will have the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority Office located at 1901 North Forrest Street.

The Electronics Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Mathis Auditorium.

Small Business Saturday will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2018 and citizens are encouraged to participate in purchasing items from the small businesses in our community.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event will be held on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Heirs Property Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 and Coleman-Talley, LLC will be following up with some information on wills.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Miller-Cody stated that she has been working with Ashlyn Becton, Public Information Officer, on having the Council participate in the Christmas Parade. Fire Chief Freddie Broome will be assisting with their transportation needs. They will be trying to show unity to the citizens of our community. Councilwoman Miller-Cody also thanked City Attorney Tim Tanner for allowing the Mayor and Council to tour their new facilities. The building is beautiful and the location is wonderful.

Councilwoman Tooley stated that she wanted to thank those employees and volunteers, Hot Spot Stars, who participated in the cleanup of Wisenbaker Lane. She is working on a video showing all the hard work that the volunteers did. They moved a lot of trash and helped the residents clean up their community. It was very much appreciated.

Councilman Gibbs stated that he wanted to give a shout-out to Ashlyn Becton, Public Information Officer, who is doing great job posting information on Facebook. Also, if you missed the RKDS Film Festival this year you missed a great time. We are missing out on tons of money and we need to do what we can to bring more venues to our City.

Councilman Howard stated that he wanted to make sure that we advertise for the Boards and Commissions slots that were not filled tonight. He encouraged citizens to become more involved in their community and this is a great way to do that.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gayle entertained a motion for adjournment.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to adjourn the November 8, 2018 Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 7:21 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, December 6, 2018.