

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL**  
**5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mayor Scott James Matheson called the regular meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Joseph "Sonny" Vickers, Sandra Tooley, Tim Carroll, Ben Norton, Andy Gibbs, and Vivian Miller-Cody. Councilman Eric Howard was absent. The invocation was given by Pastor Martin Collins, Image of God, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Consideration of the September, 2020 Employee of the Month Award (Brian Brazill, Valdosta Police Department).

Brian Brazill began his employment with the City of Valdosta in April of 2012 and currently holds the position of Building Service Worker in the Valdosta Police Department's Support Services Division. Brian is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the Police Department and Crime Lab, completing plumbing and electrical repairs, interior and exterior painting, and landscaping for the Police Department firing range. The nomination for Brian was submitted by Lieutenant Holly Vickers in regard to Brian's performance in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Lieutenant Vickers submitted the following: "During the COVID-19 partial shutdown, Mr. Brazill met with several suppliers for the Police Department, Crime Lab, and City Hall. He stood in line countless hours at Sam's to make purchases for the City to ensure we had proper sanitary items and toilet paper in our buildings. He showed great initiative by going the extra mile to meet with local distributors to ensure they would set aside supplies for our Department, so we would not run out of the important essential items needed during that time. Without Mr. Brazill's hard work and determination, I feel strongly that we would have quickly run out of the supplies and would have not been able to properly replenish them in a timely manner." It is for these reasons and many others that the Employee Relations Committee nominated Brian Brazill as Employee of the Month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent (6-0) of the Council.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13, AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 0.90 ACRES FROM NEIGHBORHOOD-COMMERCIAL (C-N) ZONING TO COMMUNITY-COMMERCIAL (C-C) ZONING**

Consideration of an Ordinance to rezone 0.90 acres from Neighborhood-Commercial (C-N) Zoning to Community-Commercial (C-C) Zoning as requested by Domaraa Graham (File No. VA-2020-08). The property is located at 2904 Patterson Street. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their August 31, 2020 Regular Meeting and recommended approval (9-1 Vote).

Matt Martin, Planning & Zoning Administrator, stated that Mr. Domaraa Graham is requesting to rezone 0.90 acres from Neighborhood-Commercial (C-N) Zoning to Community-Commercial (C-C) Zoning. The property is located at 2904 North Patterson Street which is along the west side of the street approximately 300 feet north of Northside Drive. This is directly across the street from the Budd Plaza shopping center. The property contains a small commercial center (8,800 square feet) with ten small tenant spaces. The applicant is proposing to occupy Suite "F" with a tattoo parlor, which is a permitted use in C-C Zoning and would otherwise require CUP approval in C-N Zoning. With permission of the property owner, the applicant is proposing the Rezoning alternative (at Staff's suggestion) so that the property can be marketed toward a wider range of prospective tenants in the future. There are currently no proposed changes to the site or the exterior of the existing building. 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 is also located within the Urban Commercial

Corridor Overlay District (UCCOD). Because there are no changes being proposed for the building or the site, compliance with the Overlay requirements will not be triggered. This property was rezoned to C-N in the 1980's when this small commercial building was being proposed for construction. Both the zoning and the use of the property have remained unchanged ever since. During the 1980's, this area west of North Patterson Street was still dominated by a mixture of professional offices and residual residential uses, with very little commercial development on this side of the corridor. It is believed that the lighter C-N Zoning was approved for this property because it served as a transition between the more intensive commercial shopping center to the east (zoned C-H), and the less intensive pattern of mainly offices on the other three sides.; however, as other properties along this side of the street began to redevelop and all the remaining residential uses began to fade away, these properties were all given C-C Zoning. The property is one of only two remaining properties that still exhibit the old pattern. From the perspective of zoning patterns alone, this property is almost entirely surrounded by C-C or the more intensive C-H Zoning, and that alone warrants this proposed zoning change. From a land use perspective, the property is relatively small and it is already developed-out as a small commercial strip center. It is very unlikely that this property will fully redevelop into something more intensive in the near future. It is more likely that it will simply remain "as is" with the occasional tenant needing C-C Zoning instead of the C-N Zoning and such periodic tenant changes will have no notable impact on the surrounding properties. 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 August 31, 2020 meeting, found it inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP), and recommended approval (9-1 Vote).

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman Tooley, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2020-13, an Ordinance to rezone 0.90 acres from Neighborhood-Commercial (C-N) Zoning to Community-Commercial (C-C) Zoning as requested by Domaraa Graham, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

#### **AN ORDINANCE FOR A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-15) ZONING WITHDRAWN**

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Planned Development Approval of a Single-Family Residential Subdivision Development in a Single-Family Residential (R-15) Zoning as requested by Hamilton Dickey (File No. VA-2020-09). The property is located at 7 Ramblewood Circle. This request has been withdrawn by the Applicant.

Mayor Matheson stated that this request for a Planned Development by Hamilton Dickey was officially withdrawn by the Applicant so no action will need to be taken.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-9, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (GEFA) FOR WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Consideration of a Resolution to approve a Loan Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for water and infrastructure improvements.

Chuck Dinkins, Finance Director, stated that the City of Valdosta has identified the need for improved water metering infrastructure and has determined that an AMI system would best serve the needs of the City. Council approved the award of the Contract to install the system to IBT in the amount of 9,540,033.92 on January 23, 2020. The City has allocated SPLOST funding to cover the mobilization and initial costs of the Project but will finance the balance of the Project. The City has typically borrowed from the Georgia Environmental Finance

Authority (GEFA) to complete projects of this nature as they offer more favorable terms than those available elsewhere. Currently GEFA is offering exceptionally low rates on Projects of this nature. In addition, GEFA is offering principal forgiveness on water conservation projects, including meter system modernizations. The City has applied for and been approved for an \$8,500,000 loan from GEFA to finance the remainder of the Project. The term of the note is 20 years (payable in 239 monthly installments) and the interest rate is 0.94%. The loan also includes a provision for the forgiveness of up to \$500,000 in principal if all the terms of the note are completed. The forgiveness clause allows a portion of each draw to be forgiven. If the entire loan amount is utilized and all conditions satisfied, the City will receive \$500,000 in loan forgiveness. The conditions for receiving the forgiveness are outlined in full in the attached Loan Agreement but are typical of GEFA's contracts. The City must agree to complete the Project as presented to GEFA, comply with all applicable laws, including its own Ordinances, and repay the Note on schedule. The City must also agree to refrain from any action that would cause the interest derived from the Note to be includable in income for the Note's holder (it must meet all the conditions of a municipal bond). In addition, the current Note will require a guarantee of payment by ad valorem tax if necessary. The Water and Sewer fund should be able to service the debt, but there is a requirement to pay from general revenues if necessary. If the entire amount of the Loan is utilized and the entire amount of forgiveness is received, the monthly payment on an \$8,000,000 obligation at 0.94% would be approximately \$36,800 assuming a February, 2021 amortization initiation. The Loan would be serviced from the Water and Sewer Fund which does have funds budgeted. A Resolution has been prepared authorizing the City of Valdosta to enter into a Loan Agreement with GEFA. Chuck Dinkins, Finance Director, recommended that Council approve the Resolution to enter into a Loan Agreement with GEFA.

A **MOTION** by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Resolution No. 2020-9, a Resolution to approve a Loan Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for water and infrastructure improvements, the complete text of which will be found in Resolution Book VI.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10, A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE SAME AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF VALDOSTA**

Consideration of a Resolution to declare surplus property and authorize the sale of the same as requested by the City of Valdosta.

Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that the City of Valdosta owns 0.76 acres of property located at Five Points behind the Five Points Liquor Store. There was previous discussion about this property and Gene Seago owns the tract to the west of this parcel. The property line is right at the edge of this parcel and to the back corner of the Liquor Store. A lot of Mr. Seago's patrons use the drive-thru window and go around the store. They would be driving on the property that the City will be selling. To protect Mr. Seago's ability to continue to utilize this existing drive-thru, an easement may need to be given. A title search has been conducted and an old easement exists; however, based upon the language of same, there is some uncertainty on its effectiveness. The City of Valdosta no longer needs the property for construction of any City facility or for any other purpose and would like to declare the parcel as surplus. It would be in the best interest of the City to sell the property via sealed bids to the highest bidder. The City would also have the right to reject all bids for any reason whatsoever. According to the O.C.G.A §36-37-6, the governing authority of any municipal corporation disposing of any real or personal property must make all sales to the highest responsible bidder, either by sealed bids or by auction, after due notice has been given. The governing authority of the municipal corporation will need to publish a notice once in the legal organ of the county in which the municipality is located or in a newspaper of general circulation in the community not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days preceding the day of the auction, or if the sale is by sealed bids, preceding the last day for the receipt of proposals. A Resolution has been prepared to declare the property as surplus and authorize the sale of the property by sealed bids. Mark Barber, City Manager, recommended that Council approve the Resolution to declare the property as surplus and authorize the sale of the same as requested by the City of Valdosta.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Resolution No. 2020-10, a Resolution to declare surplus property and authorize the sale of the same as requested by the City of Valdosta, the complete text of which will be found in Resolution Book VI.

Consideration of bids for stormwater canal maintenance for the City of Valdosta (Bid No. 7-20-21).

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that the City of Valdosta is responsible for maintaining and inspecting over 35 miles of major drainage ditches on a regular basis. The maintenance is intended to keep natural flow-ways free of blockages and vegetation overgrowth, which allows higher stormwater levels in our conveyances to minimize the risk of flooding during rain events. Since 2008, the Stormwater Division has outsourced many of the larger ditches which allows Staff to provide a better level of service to residential areas by cutting and inspecting these ditches more frequently. Each canal has numerous segments and clustering these together simplifies the bidding process, and invoicing. Ditches are clustered by geographic location and proximity. The FY21 Ditch Maintenance Budget was increased which allows us to add additional segments of ditches to those we already outsource to further free up Staff resources to concentrate on the residential areas. Following are the FY21 Stormwater canals and lengths to be contracted out: (1) Cluster 6 (3,062 linear feet) - Canal 6a: Sugar Creek (1,360 LF) - next to 229 North St. Augustine Road to across from 200 Springhill Street, Canal 6b: Un-named tributary (1,702 LF) - behind 303 Simpson Street, (2) Cluster 7 (1,841 linear feet) - Canal 7a: Un-named tributary (962 LF) - Fresno Street, Canal 7b: Un-named tributary (879 LF) - Fresno Street, (3) Cluster 8 - (2,380 linear feet) - Canal 8a: One Mile Branch (1,166 LF) - 1402 Lakeland Avenue, Canal 8b: One Mile Branch (1,214 LF) - 1108 Lakeland Avenue, (4) Cluster 9 - (1,453 linear feet) - Canal 9a: One Mile Branch (482 LF) - 1406 North Ashley Street, Canal 9b: Un-named tributary (971 LF) - 1215 Ponderosa Drive, (5) Cluster 10 (3,224 linear feet) - Canal 10a: Dukes Bay (887 LF) - 400 South Fry Street, Canal 10b: Un-named tributary (2,337 LF) - 1330 Willow Way, and (6) Cluster 11 (2,125 linear feet) - Canal 11a: Dukes Bay: (2,125 LF) - 767 South Troup Street. This bid contains the labor necessary to maintain certain City stormwater canals which are overseen by the Stormwater Division of the Engineering Department. This includes mowing, trimming, and picking up trash monthly. This is for a one-year period with options to renew. Sealed bids were received on September 1, 2020 with the low bid submitted by Ultimate Underground in the amount of \$78,420. Pat Collins, City Engineer, recommended that Council approve the low bid submitted by Ultimate Underground in the amount of \$78,420 for stormwater canal maintenance for the City of Valdosta.

**A MOTION** by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the low bid submitted by Ultimate Underground in the amount of \$78,420 for stormwater canal maintenance for the City of Valdosta.

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Jeanette Coody, 2202 Deborah Drive, stated that she will celebrate her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in ten days and she wanted to speak on behalf of Keep Lowndes-Valdosta Beautiful. She knew that Council had already made up their minds and she spoke with Councilwoman Miller-Cody for two hours yesterday. She is one of the fortunate ones to help bring KLVB to Valdosta. She spent two days at Darton College studying on how to bring it to Valdosta and how it should function. There is a Board of Directors for this organization and the Executive Director is not in charge. The Board of Directors is in charge. If the Executive Director was not doing his job, then the Board failed. She was on the Board for ten years and she enjoyed working for the City of Valdosta. She has been here for over 50 years and she is a mover and a shaker. She does not like to stay at home and loves to be out in the community. She was fortunate enough to work for a company that allowed her to control the Foundation. The Foundation provided \$6 million for the area of Valdosta while she controlled the Board for 25 years. She controlled the Foundation spending in Valdosta. She is very proud of that. One of the first things they did was to put a pool at Southside Recreation. She chartered a plane and took 25 students from Valdosta to Salt Lake City, Utah, along with a total of 120 people from Georgia to the International Olympics. They also spent funding from Levi Strauss to create The Haven in Valdosta. That proves she is a mover and a shaker. Valdosta has benefited from the work of this organization that is in question. She knows that it has been defunded and if you want to do this, you can find a way because you can go and get the money that the City is taking out of her check for recycling that they are not doing any more. If you make up your mind that you are for this, then you will find a way to do it. Ms. Coody thanked Council for all that they do, and she is thankful that she has been associated with KLVB for almost 20 years. She has attended almost every meeting in those 20 years except for one and she was in Atlanta at the time. She has supported it because she helped to bring it here. She knows that it is within your power to find a way if you want to fund KLVB. You can look at the City's Budget and come up with \$60,000 to help this organization. She asked Council's consideration in changing the name of the organization to Keep Valdosta Beautiful and help to fund it.

Gracie Bacon, 708 Holly Drive, stated that she wanted to give Council an update on the situation in her neighborhood. Mr. Mark Barber, Mr. Richard Hardy, and some other people came out and gave citations to different people on the street and those people followed the rules; however, Mr. Gatewood is still doing the same thing. He moved all of his junk over behind his mother's house. There is still a lot of traffic, prostitution, and drugs. The only person on that street that did not follow what Mr. Barber and the others said was Mr. Gatewood. They were given until September 6, 2020 to move different items. Mr. Gatewood has a yard full of everything and he did not move it. He only moved junk to 712 and 710 Holly Drive. She does not know what the problem is with him not having to follow the rules. She does not know why we cannot make him follow the rules. She knows that money is always involved in everything and she is sure someone is getting some money; however, this thing is more than money. He has been doing this to a lot of other neighborhoods as well and her neighborhood is not the first. He has been doing this for too many years and the City knows about it. The City knows this man is doing drugs, prostitution, illegal immigrants, selling auto parts, and other things. Ms. Bacon stated that she did not understand why this man can get away with it, but another neighbor cannot get away with one boat in the yard. The only thing she knows besides money is family. This man has a brother-in-law in the City system, and he knows everything she says before she gets home. She knows that some of the Council members go and visit with him, but they do not come to her house. Mr. Gatewood is not interested in black women. He is interested in Mexican women and you do not have any. Ms. Bacon said she is going to be here because Mr. Gatewood does not pay taxes. She pays taxes and you should help her more than him. Somebody is helping Mr. Gatewood stay in business.

George Boston Rhynes, 5004 Oak Drive, stated that he went to Ms. Bacon's house several times and he is going to close out with some other stuff. She is black and you all may not feel her pain, but he feels her pain just like when he goes across the State of Georgia and sees the other mistreated citizens. The news media will not cover their stories. What have you seen in the local press about this young lady's problems? What have you read in the Valdosta Daily Times about her problems? Ms. Bacon's family is concerned about her getting hurt. What will you all say? This is nothing new about the press in Valdosta ignoring the real issues in the black community. Not too many years ago, Floyd Rose had a Caucasian threaten him at J. C. Shack polling place. There was no news media coverage. A white homeless man was found dead near City Hall and had been there for two weeks. There was no news media coverage. A black Police Officer committed suicide here and he visited with the former Police Chief Brian Childress and the Valdosta Daily Times. There was no news media coverage. Fourteen years ago, a black girl at Pine Grove Middle School was hog tied and thrown face down and all charges were dropped against her. There was no news media coverage. He watched the mother and father go to the television stations and newspapers but that was not news to the white community and those who control the press here. He has been under a bogus criminal trespass following the death of Kendrick Johnson and the Valdosta Daily Times has not printed one word about it. No news media has said anything about it, and he is still under it. Wes Taylor, Superintendent of Lowndes County Schools, and former Sheriff Gary Prine lied about him, but he still stands as a soldier and he is like Ms. Bacon because he does not quit. There was an \$85 million school built here and the black and white contractors fought and what they said was ignored by the local press. He has come here about no flags in City and County governments and there is no news media coverage. The 1860 City Charter was removed after a long fight. There was no news media coverage. Fifteen citizens were arrested in the process of getting Barber Park renamed. We have a bad situation here and the news media is part of the problem. Mr. Rhynes stated that he knew he was out of time and asked, out of courtesy, to allow him a minute. Mr. Rhynes stated they gave the 98-year old woman additional time and he commends her, but you better watch what you are doing. Mayor Matheson stated that his time was up. Mr. Rhynes stated that you gave her more than three minutes.

Aaron Strickland, Executive Director of Keep Valdosta Beautiful (KVB), stated that he wanted to address the Council about what he and KVB have been going through for the past year. There was a recent article in the newspaper talking about a new initiative regarding pants and one of the Council members made a statement that it does not set a good example for our youth. What does set a good example for our youth is KVB. For 23 years it has been making a good example with thousands of members of our community coming out and engaging them to make a difference in our community. He had to totally re-write what he was going to say to the Council this afternoon because after speaking to a friend who had a conversation with one of you, he felt like there were numerous misconceptions about the organization that should be cleared up. He wanted to reflect on the Council Meeting in June where the Budget was approved. There was a short exchange that took place and he was watching it on his phone. If he could have jumped through his phone he would have. He asked Council not to be mistaken.

All of their events are volunteers who come out and make a difference and it is not employees with benefits that drive these projects. It is KVB along with our partners, including the City, that has spear-headed these efforts. After watching some of those comments, he went back and looked at some of the records from the 2019 Fall Electronics Recycling Event and he looked at a photo. It showed 24 participants that helped out that day and two were City employees and the rest were volunteers. Second, some of you may be under the impression that KVB only conducts a few special events per year that do not really benefit the City that much. That sounds like something another government would say around here, and it could not be further from the truth. If you look at the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Summary that was included in the proposal, there were 20 major cleanup sites and events and 56 different Adopt-A-Road cleanups. That is 76 different cleanups and separate sites that were going on and 54 of those were in the City of Valdosta. There is much more to this organization that people do not realize and some of those are presentations. In Fiscal Year 2019, they made 37 different classroom and community presentations. They have made as many as 53 in one year. They are looking for some help. A clean environment and clean community help promote tourism.

Mayor Matheson stated that George Rhynes wanted the same amount of time as the 98-year old woman and if he would like an additional two minutes he is invited to come back to the podium. Mr. Rhynes declined further comment.

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

Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that there will be a 9-11 Ceremony tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. on the old Courthouse lawn. This will be a joint ceremony with Lowndes County.

There will be a "Love Your River" Cleanup on Saturday, October 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The City of Valdosta is partnering with Lowndes County and the WWALS Watershed at multiple City and County sites such as the Troupville Boat Ramp on the Little River, Sugar Creek on the Withlacoochee River, and at the Naylor Boat Ramp.

The Valdosta Police Department will hold open testing on September 19, 2020 at the City Hall Annex and it will be limited to 20 people due to social distancing requirements.

Georgia Cities Week will be held October 4-10, 2020 and we will hold several different events during that week. This is normally held in April of each year but was postponed this year due to the virus.

The August issue of City Manager's Report is out and is full of useful information. We will continue to publish it each month for the Council and if you have any changes please let us know.

Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that there is a Citizens to be Heard Action Summary that was distributed to the Mayor and Council tonight which outlines the actions that we have taken. Ms. Bacon has been given his cell phone number and she is encouraged to call him at any time. They have made some progress and he is not going to give up until Ms. Bacon is happy. Both of the addresses that she mentioned tonight have been cited and the cars that remain in the yard can be driven. In that area, there is no overlay area like there is around VSU. Also, Mr. Eddie Tooley came forward about some parking issues that he was having. The City Engineer Pat Collins and Traffic Manager Larry Ogden have made several trips to the area to assess the situation and they will remain in contact with him about the situation.

Mayor Matheson stated that Mary Francis Bryant wrote a wonderful letter in honor of Councilman Vickers. She was heart-broken that she could not be at the recent ceremony for the West Hill Avenue Overpass Dedication. She wrote about a lifetime of friendship with Councilman Vickers including a time when he stood up to some bullies for her many years ago. Mayor Matheson thanked Councilman Vickers for his service to the City.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Carroll stated that he wanted to give a shout out to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and some leaders around the State for the progress that they have made to address inclusion and racism in cities

across Georgia. GMA is carrying the ball forward and they represent all 539 cities in the State. It is up to cities to do the hard work and find solutions to work toward solving these issues that plague every city across the nation.

Councilwoman Miller-Cody stated that they are giving Jeanette Coody, who will be 98 years old, a drive-by birthday party on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. She would like all of the City leaders to be a part of this celebration. She was a founder of The Haven, she was her boss at Levi Strauss, and she has helped a lot of people out in different areas. She has done a lot with Southside Recreation and the Boys and Girls Club. They will line up at the Fire Department Station 2 on Park Avenue and will be escorted by Chief Boutwell. Ms. Coody is very excited about her birthday celebration.

Councilwoman Tooley stated that she is one of the people who likes to do things right and in order. For the incident that went on tonight and allowing Ms. Coody additional time to speak was fine. We are all learning and trying to do things. It would have been right and in order to allow her to speak and to explain why we allowed her to speak. We should then give each and every other person some time as well. We are learning, we make a few mistakes, and we learn from them. We are not trying to shut someone out. She does feel that if one person is given additional time then the others should be given additional time as well. When we do something like that, we should explain the reason for it. We do have to make exceptions at different times. This meeting was not that long, so it was alright to give one additional time. It was fine to give any of the others additional time as well. That is her point of view and she feels like we should do things right and in order because they are here for the people of the City of Valdosta.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Matheson entertained a motion for adjournment.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to adjourn the September 10, 2020 Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 6:13 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, September 24, 2020.

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City Clerk, City of Valdosta

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Mayor, City of Valdosta