SYLACAUGA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES for A REGULAR meeting July 13, 2023 AT 5:00 p.m. City Hall, Sylacauga, Alabama

- 1. Call Regular Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call: Jayne McGee (P), Jim Heigl (P), Lawrence McGhee (P), Nancy McKay (P), Phillip Morris (P), Lee Perryman (A), Julie Sanders (P), Jeff Turner (P), Tara Douglas(P).
- 3. Adopt or Amend agenda:

A motion by Jim Heigl, second by Lawrence McGhee to adopt the agenda was passed by roll call vote. All in favor - motion carried. Yea 8 Nay 0

4. Reading of minutes from regular meeting of June 8, 2023

A motion by Nancy McKay, second by Jeff Turner to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as written was passed by roll call vote. All in favor - motion carried. Yea 8 Nay 0

Old Business:

1. Recreational Master Plan Update. The project is moving in a positive direction. More information will be reported as it becomes available.

New Business:

1. A Public Hearing will be held August 10, 2023 for the request of rezoning Lot 6 Payton Park off of James Payton Blvd from B-1 to B-2 for the purpose of a 75+ room, 4 story nationally-branded hotel.

A motion was made by Jim Heigl, seconded by Lawrence McGhee for the Public Hearing to be held August 10, 2023 at approximately 5pm.

- 1. Report from Mayor -
 - Infrastructure is going well to help areas prone to flooding.
 - Police Department returning to their area in the next few weeks.
 - Upgrading of the payroll system is going well.

- Janean Crawford was appointed to the Civil Service Board.
- Animal Shelter is now a department of the City of Sylacauga.
- 2. Report from Council Ex-Officio Lee Perryman not present
- 3. Report from Talladega County Commission -
 - Road repairs continue- 511 should be finished.
 - 5 million has been committed to the Earth Project.
 - Resident misunderstanding regarding public roads- if the roads are not owned by the county - the roads are not on maintenance list.
- 4. Building Services Director Mike Whetstone present
 - In regard to the rezoning request of Lot 6 at Payton Park, there are no issues
 with the height of the proposed hotel, airport approach or regress/egress. Zoning
 ordinance will enforce a buffer zone.
- 5. Other Comments
 - Julie Sanders mentioned a Real Estate meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on August 24, 2023. It will not be considered continued education. It is a meeting to discuss the functions of the Sylacauga Planning Commission.
 - Lawrence McGhee has been preparing a Sylacauga Planning Commission "Fact Sheet" with plans of having it available for the meeting August 24th.
 - Shannon Plexico mentioned one of the larger issues they encounter in Planning and Zoning is the problem with real estate agents not checking information about annexation, rezoning, or school districts.

A motion by Jayne McGee, second by Julie Sanders to adjourn the meeting was passed by the following vote. All in favor - motion carried. Yeas 8 Nays 0

The next scheduled meeting will be held August 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 5:41pm

Planning Commission Secretary:

Minutes approved by Commission: