

Anniston, Alabama

March 15, 2022

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B at the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Demetric Roberts, Council member, prayed the Invocation.

Demetric Roberts, Council member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Smith made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the March 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of item (c) a motion to approve the bid for new restrooms at Anniston Museum Natural History to Bradshaw & Pitts in the amount of \$160,700.00 from the consent agenda and the removal of a motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet in the first Tuesday of April, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the amended agenda was adopted.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of a resolution approving an amendment to that certain Development Agreement between Blackwater Development Company, LLC and the City in order to provide for, promote and incentivize the development of approximately 37.34 acres of commercial property belonging to the City. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of a resolution approving an amendment to that certain Development Agreement between Blackwater Development Company, LLC and the City in order to provide for, promote and incentivize the development of approximately 37.34 acres of commercial property belonging to the City.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of a Lounge Retail Liquor –Class I alcohol license for the Lush Garden LLC d/b/a The Lush Garden located at 209 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street within the corporate city limits.

Cotina and Courtney Stroud addressed the council on their excitement in moving forward with this new venture.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding consideration of a Lounge Retail Liquor –Class I alcohol license for the Lush Garden LLC d/b/a The Lush Garden located at 209 E 7th Street within the corporate city limits.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the consent agenda:

- (a) Resolution reappointing members to the McClellan Development Authority (22-R-15)
- (b) Resolution appointing member to the Historic Preservation Commission (22-R-16)
- (c) Motion to approve a Lounge Retail Liquor—Class I alcohol license for The Lush Garden LLC d/b/a The Lush Garden located at 209 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street within the corporate city limits
- (d) Motion to approve a Special Events Retail Alcohol License for City of Anniston d/b/a Noble Street Festival on Saturday, April 9, 2022 within the corporate limits on Noble Street

The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Mayor Draper introduced a resolution authorizing First Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Anniston, Alabama and Blackwater Development Company, LLC

Mayor Draper made a motion for passage and adoption of a resolution authorizing First Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Anniston, Alabama and Blackwater Development Company, LLC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

Jim Pritchett, 2116 West “C” Street, Anniston, AL 36201, addressed the council on amending the wrecker ordinance.

Lance Dyer, 207 Shipley Road, Anniston, AL 36207, addressed the council on the fight against prescription drugs and opioids and how the council can help the community.

Council Member Harris stated that this is a great time for the City of Anniston and there is more to come. She stated that she agrees with Mr. Dyer, that they are losing the battle against drugs and they need to do something about it.

Council Member Smith stated that she understands the importance of getting drugs off the street. She stated that the City does have some amazing things going on.

Council Member Roberts stated that he is overjoyed that the room is overflowed. He stated that they are overflowed with considered citizens and business leaders.

Council Member Jenkins stated that he is more excited by the concerned citizens that are in the room. He stated that they are proud to be their leaders and serve the community.

Mayor Draper stated that they are all in this together and a lot of new businesses are coming to Anniston. He stated that legislation can and should be a process because you have to see the impact.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Roberts, Smith, Harris and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:53 p.m. o'clock p.m.