CITY OF ANNISTON June 7, 2022 5:30 P.M.

- > INVOCATION
- > PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- > CALL TO ORDER
- > ROLL CALL
- > READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - May 17, 2022 Regular meeting
- > ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA

I. BOARD CONFIRMATION HEARING

(a) Undrea Gladden – Zoning Board of Adjustments

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Speaking to a Public Hearing Item

In the interest of time and to ensure the fairness of all persons who appear before the City Council to speak for or against a public hearing item, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each to address City Council except as described herein. One speaker for the Petitioner may address the City Council for no more than 10 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. In an effort help the City Council from the general public to better understand the issues, the Mayor may request that a City staff member address the City Council from the podium. Speakers from the general public may only speak when recognized by the Mayor during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to come to the podium to address the City Council for three (3) minutes and they shall state their name and resident address for the record. Speakers addressing City Council on a public hearing item should coordinate comments in order to respect City Council's time constraints. Groups should select a spokesperson to present the major points that summarize their position and opinions. Speakers are urged to be brief and non-repetitive with their comments. Comments shall specifically address the public hearing item before the City Council, and the speaker shall maintain appropriate tone and decorum when addressing the City Council. City Council may ask questions of the applicant, speakers, or staff during these proceedings only for the purpose of clarifying information. The speaker shall not direct derogatory comments to any individual, organization, or business. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. Once the public hearing is closed on an item, there will be no further opportunity for formal or informal public input at a City Council meeting.

- (a) To hear public comments an application for permit to conduct bingo games in Calhoun County, Alabama at 33 Old Gadsden Hwy, Anniston, AL 36201 for 7 Springs Ministries
- **(b)** To hear public comments regarding the City of Anniston applying to the Alabama Department of Transportation for a federal capital funding Award under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act for the purpose of helping meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the City of Anniston

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Motion to approve a 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days application for The Oaks on Cherokee LLC d/b/a The Oaks on Cherokee located at 201 Cherokee Trail within the police jurisdiction

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Resolution appointing member(s) to the Zoning Board of Adjustments
- (b) Resolution endorsing East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2022 (CEDS)
- **(c)** Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for financial assistance under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991
- (d) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application for 18 Quintard Shell LLC d/b/a 18 Quintard Shell located at 1731 Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits
- (e) Motion to approve a Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) application for 202 Shell LLC d/b/a 202 Shell located at 720 Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits

V. MOTIONS

(a) Motion to approve a Bingo Permit to 7 Springs Ministries located at 33 Old Gadsden Hwy, Anniston, Alabama 36201

VI. ADDITIONAL OR OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE COUNCIL

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment – Speaker Protocol

The City of Anniston believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment on items within the City Council's jurisdiction, may do so during the Public Comment period of the meeting. However, no formal action will be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. In order to ensure the opportunity for all those desiring to speak before the Council, there is no yielding of time to another speaker. This opportunity to address City Council may not be used to continue discussion on an agenda item that has already been held as a public hearing. Matters under negotiation, litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed. Members of the general public who would like to address the City Council during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, may do so in accordance with the rules outlined in Ordinance 21-O-22 adopted by the City Council on November 2, 2020 as stated:

Section 12. Members of the public may address the Council or speak on matters of public concern during the period of the meeting agenda reserved for public comments, subject to the following procedures:

(a) No person shall be allowed to speak during public comments unless he or she submits a Request to Speak During Public Comments form to the Office of the City Manager no later than 3:00 P.M. on the Friday before the Council meeting. The request shall identify the speaker by name and residential address and shall specify the date of the meeting in which the speaker desires to offer public comments.

(b) The period for public comments shall be open to the first ten (10) persons who submit a timely request to speak during the meeting at hand.

(c) In advance of each meeting, the City Manager shall provide the Council a list of the persons authorized to speak during the period for public comments, not to exceed ten (10) persons, which shall identify the speakers in the order in which their requests were made. The presiding officer shall call on each person from the list. Once recognized, each person shall be provided no more than three (3) minutes to complete his or her public comments.

(d) Those persons who make a timely request, after the first ten (10) requests, shall be first on the list of persons authorized to speak during the period for public comments in the next meeting, unless he or she asks to be removed from the list.

Section 13. All comments made by members of the Council shall be restricted to the matter under consideration and shall be addressed to the presiding officer, except during the period of the meeting reserved for Council Comments. All comments made by members of the Council shall be restricted to three (3) minutes, unless the presiding officer grants exception for good cause.

Section 14. No comments shall be permitted by a member of the Council or by a member of the public that is of a disparaging nature or which would constitute a personal attack on the integrity of any member of the Council or the staff of the City.

Once the speaker has been recognized to speak, he/she should not attempt to engage the City Council and/or Staff in a discussion/dialogue and the speaker should not ask specific questions with the expectation that an immediate answer will be provided as part of the three (3) minute time frame since that is not the intent of the Public Comment period. If the speaker poses a question or makes a request of the City, the Mayor may refer the issue or request to the City Manager for follow up. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. The Mayor may rule out of order any Speaker who uses abusive or indecorous language, if the subject matter does not pertain to the City of Anniston, or if the Speaker(s) attempts to engage the City Council Members in a discussion or dialogue on issues. City Council shall not discuss non-agenda matters because it does not give the public adequate notice. Accordingly, City Council shall be limited to respond to any of a variety of issues on which they may or may not be prepared to respond to on a moment's notice, so the City Manager may respond, or direct staff to respond at later time.

(a) Margaret Matthews – 210 Poplar Street

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

Anniston, Alabama

May 17, 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, May 17, 2022, at approximately 5:34 o'clock p.m.

Jay Jenkins, Council member, prayed the Invocation.

Jay Jenkins, 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 May 3, 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 May 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda the addition of a resolution declaring various vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale and a motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the third Tuesday of June 2022, and to schedule a City Council meeting for June 28th, 2022 at 5:30p.m. in Room B at the city meeting center to the consent agenda; and remove from the agenda the recognition for Economic Development Week and move it to the next scheduled council meeting. 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 agenda was adopted.

Steven Folks, City Manager, recognized the Anniston High School 4A Boys Track and Field State Championship

Lisa Howard, Anniston High School Track Coach, stated that this was a great season for the track team. She stated that the young men were sectional champions and the young women were runner-up. She stated that this was a great accomplishment for the group, both on and off the track.

Mayor Draper read the following addresses for the record: 907 Glenwood Terrace and 1216 Crescent Avenue

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments over-ruling the objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe building, structures, or construction (Grp 2022-01 Substandard Structures)

Richard Thompson, 200 Mary Lane, addressed the council on the two properties. He stated that at 907 Glenwood Terrace, there was a fire about two years ago and they are still in negotiations with State Farm. He asked that the abatement be postponed to give them time to sale the property. He stated that they had cleaned up 1216 Crescent Avenue and listed it for sale.

Tana Bryant, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, stated that she does have a contract ready that will allow for an extension on time for whether this will be a rehabilitation or sale.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments over-ruling the objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe building, structures, or construction (Grp 2022-01 Substandard Structures).

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the submission of grant application under the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Coldwater Mountain Trailhead.

Tom Nelson, past president of NEABA (Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association) addressed the council that this trailhead will be tremendous for the community and will bring people to the city.

Tim Lindblom, 400 11th Street, Jacksonville AL, addressed the council that this project will greatly improve the parking issues. He stated that the parking lots are full and overflowing and the capacity of the parking lots do not match the capacity of the trail system.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor application for RJ Bessemer LLC d/b/a The Crab Barrack located at 712 S Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits.

Sherene Braden, store manager of The Crab Barrack, addressed the council that they are in real need of their liquor license. She stated that their restaurant is suffering due to the fact of no alcohol.

Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments regarding 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor application for RJ Bessemer LLC d/b/a The Crab Barrack located at 712 S Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the consent agenda:

(a) Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances caused by unsafe buildings, structures, or construction (Group 2022-02 Substandard) (22-R-25)

(b) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (22-R-26)

(c) Motion to award for the renovation of Anniston Fire Station #3 Training Center to Bradshaw and Pitts LLC for the total amount of \$1,087,000.00

(d) Motion to award Glen Addie Addition and Renovation to Hurst Construction, LLC for the total amount of \$1,949,277.00

(e) Motion to approve a 020-Retail Liquor application for RJ Bessemer LLC d/b/a The Crab Barrack located at 712 S Quintard Avenue within the corporate city limits

(f) Resolution declaring various vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorizing their sale (22-R-27)

(g) Motion to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the third Tuesday of June, 2022, and to schedule a City Council meeting for June 28th, 2022 at 5:30p.m. in Room B at the city meeting center

The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris 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 an ordinance amending section 15.58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama removing a two-way stop intersection (1st Reading)

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Roberts.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

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 ordinance will be read by title only.

Mayor Draper read the ordinance amending section 15.58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama removing a two-way stop intersection by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris 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.

Council Member Harris made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance amending section 15.58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama removing a two-way

stop intersection. 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 ordinance was adopted. (22-O-3)

Mayor Draper introduced an ordinance amending section 15.56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama adding three-way stop intersections (1st Reading)

Council Member Harris made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion was seconded by Mayor Draper.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comments on reading the ordinance by title only.

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 ordinance will be read by title only.

Mayor Draper read the ordinance amending section 15.56 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama adding three-way stop intersection by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. 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.

Council Member Jenkins stated that there were a lot of mountain bikers in the audience to show support for the grant. He stated that it was handled during the consent agenda; and he appreciates them being there and supporting the City's trail system. He stated that it feels good to see Oxford's name on their shirts because it tells them that they are working together for the betterment of the community at large.

Council Member Harris made a motion for passage and adoption of the ordinance amending section 15.56 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama adding three-way stop intersections. 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 ordinance was adopted. (22-O-4)

Mayor Draper made a motion to appoint Ellen Bass to the Health Care Authority Place #2 with a term to expire May 31, 2027. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Council Member Harris stated that she does not know of a single person in this city who works as hard as Ellen Bass.

Council Member Smith stated that she shares the same sentiments as Council Member Harris. She stated that Mrs. Bass is outstanding in how she serves the community.

Council Member Roberts stated that Mrs. Ellen is one of the sweetest hardest working people he knows. He stated that she is an asset to Anniston.

Council Member Jenkins stated that he appreciates Mrs. Ellen's service heart. He stated that not only does she currently serve on the board but she chairs the human resources committee, serves on the compliance committee, served on the surgery center board, and the RMC foundation board.

Mayor Draper stated that he would like to echo everyone's comments and this was a great slate of candidates. He stated that Ellen is one of the best ambassadors the entire City of Anniston has ever had and will probably ever have.

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.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, stated that last week the state senator was in town for the dedication of the new federal courthouse and a lot of credit was given to him for what was done. Mr. Jackson stated that it made him think about the things that the senator had not done for Anniston. He asked how many times he has been to Anniston since he was a state senator besides getting accolades.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Rd, stated that things have been going so great, there is nothing else he needed to say. He stated that he will have to get the council at the next go around.

Council Member Harris stated that this week is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week and they are having lunch every day at Oxford Civic Center, if anyone wants to help serve. She stated that Friday at Centennial Park, there will be a ceremony for Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Smith stated that she would remise not to talk about what is happening across this nation. She stated that the fear she felt after watching the video of the domestic terrorist that went into the grocery store and put out a message of white supremacy, will no longer stand in this nation. She stated that this something they should not tolerate by any means necessary.

Council Member Roberts stated that in regards to economic impact, take a look at the last 18 months and see what they have been able to accomplish. He stated that they are starting to see a pattern of what is being built in Anniston. He asked everyone to be in prayer for the nation; and that it is ridiculous to still hold a grudge for something idiotic from years past.

Council Member Jenkins stated that the events that happened in Buffalo this past weekend were both shameful and cowardly. He stated that they have no place in our world and we do need to do something. He stated that he shares Council Member Harris' excitement with the last two weeks in Anniston, with the biking events and Federal Courthouse ribbon cutting. He thanked Mr. Folks and city staff for making all those events run smoothly.

Mayor Draper stated that what happened in Buffalo was not only tragic but shameful; and we as a society need to do everything we can to heal so things like that will not happen in the future. He stated that this could happen anywhere and we have to be so mindful of that. He stated that it was really good to recognize the young people tonight; and that the youth represent the future of the city.

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 6:30 p.m. o'clock p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-R-___

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Council has adopted Ordinance No. 14-O-13, an ordinance amending Division 1, Article XI, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Anniston, Alabama Regulating Boards, Commissions and Authorities, in order to, among other things, assign the positions on the City's boards, commissions and authorities to nominations by specific Council Ward Representatives or to the Office of the Mayor so that those who are appointed to serve more fairly and equitably represent the citizenry of the City and to simplify and clarify to Council's nomination and appointment process;

WHEREAS, the Council has adopted a schedule of nominations to govern appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustments;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to make certain appointments to said Board in accordance with the previously adopted Schedule of Nominations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Anniston does hereby appoint those person(s) identified in the Schedule of Nominations for the Zoning Board of Adjustments attached hereto as Exhibit A to the board and for the terms set forth therein.

Section 2. That the City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the above named appointees and to said board.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this **7**th day of **June**, **2022**.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

Jack Draper, Mayor

Jay Jenkins, Council Member

Demetric Roberts, Council Member

Ciara Smith, Council Member

Millie Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:

Skyler Bass, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Board	Nominations	Board Member Name	Expiration	Explanation
Positions			Date	
1	Ward 1	Stanley Jackson	5/31/2025	Reappointment
3	Ward 3	Undrea Gladden	5/31/2025	Appointment
4	Ward 4	Jeanne Hollingsworth	5/31/2024	Reappointment
5	Mayor	Chip Howell	5/31/2024	Reappointment
Alternate	Mayor	Patrick Wigley	5/31/2025	Reappointment

RESOLUTION 22-R-___

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EAST ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2022 (CEDS)

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY SUPPORT

WHEREAS; the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission serves a tencounty region providing services for planning, senior services, urban and rural transit and support in the pursuance of grants for its member governments. The agency serves as a member of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO),

WHEREAS: the agency represents the region for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as the Local Development District's (EDA) community facilitator and author of the region's CEDS. The document serves as a guide to identify goals, tasks and other milestone approaches to positively impact economic development in the region in support of EDA grant investment,

WHEREAS; the agency working with its CEDS Advisory Committee to encourage community engagement and outreach, develops the document and subsequent updates to ensure the region's needs and economic policies address economic potential and prosperity pursuance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, hereby endorses the CEDS process and encourages vast regional participation and the identification of job creating and business development investments.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this the **7**th day of **June**, **2022**.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

Jack Draper, Mayor

Jay Jenkins, Council Member

Demetric Roberts, Council Member

Ciara Smith, Council Member

Millie Harris, Council Member

ATTEST:

Skyler Bass, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R-___

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 5310 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1991

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance as authorized under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Amendments of 1991, is available through the Alabama Department of Transportation to provide transportation services to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the submission of an application for said financial assistance for a 15 passenger transit van is deemed necessary to aid in addressing the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities residents of the City of Anniston; and

WHEREAS, any agreement for capital financial assistance with the State of Alabama, acting by and through its Alabama Department of Transportation, will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the **provision by it of the local share of project costs, required to be 20%, or \$13,115.00 of the total project cost of \$65,575**; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant to provide the best transit project that can be provided with the funds available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Anniston that the Mayor is authorized to execute, file an Award application, and enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of a Section 5310 transportation assistance project and provide the required 20% match.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this the **7th** day of **June**, **2022**.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

Jack Draper, Mayor

Jay Jenkins, Council Member

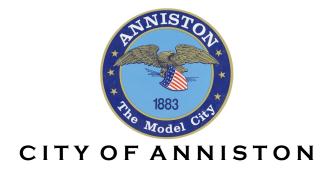
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ATTEST:

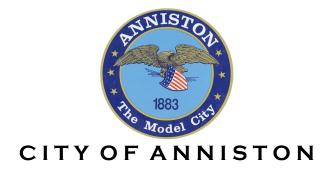
Skyler Bass, City Clerk



FINANCE DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

TO:CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGERFROM:ALISA JAMES, REVENUE COMPLIANCESUBJECT:18 QUINTARD SHELL LLCDATE:5/27/2022CC:

- Formal action is required for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only)
- Decated inside the City Limits at 1731 QUINTARD AVE, Anniston, AL 36201.
- Police background check showed no criminal activity.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

TO: CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER
FROM: ALISA JAMES, REVENUE COMPLIANCE
SUBJECT: 202 SHELL LLC
DATE: 5/27/2022
CC:

- Formal action is required for Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only)
- Decated inside the City Limits at 720 QUINTARD AVE, Anniston, AL 36201.
- Police background check showed no criminal activity.