

GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
325 WEST SAVANNAH AVENUE
Monday, May 22, 2023 – 5:30 PM

GLPC Commission Members Present: Johnny Ball, Franklin Bailey, Ron Bythwood, Calvin Graham, Ed Hightower (Chairman), Steve Miller,

GLPC Commission Members Absent: Vicki Rountree, Chip Wildes, Chris Webb, Tommy Willis

Staff: Matt Martin, City of Valdosta Planner, JD Dillard, County Planner – Lowndes County; Molly Stevenson, Lowndes County Planning Analyst (Clerk)

VISITORS PRESENT:

(Sign-In sheet available in file.)

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hightower called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Chairman Hightower led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner Bailey. Chairman Hightower welcomed everyone to the GLPC meeting and explained that the Planning Commission serves as an advisory (recommending) body to the local member governments regarding land use requests, and the final determination of the requests presented at this meeting will be made by the applicable local governments. Chairman Hightower then explained the meeting procedures and announced the dates of the public hearings for the local member governments, as listed on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2023

Chairman Hightower called for additions, questions, and corrections of the April 24, 2023, GLPC meeting minutes. There being none, Chairman Hightower called for a motion. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the April 24 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Bythwood second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (5-0). Motion carried.

****Agenda Item #7****

Chairman Hightower stated that case number VA-2023-09 would be discussed out of the printed agenda order and turned the floor over to Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin gave preliminary feedback to the application regarding the proposed design, and recommended TABLING of the request for one month. Chairman Hightower asked if there was anyone present who had planned to speak either in favor of or against this case. Mr. George Avery, 201 W. Cranford Ave. rose and stated that he was present to gain a better understanding of the request. Mr. Martin proposed meeting with Mr. Avery following the meeting.

There being no further citizens wishing to be heard, Chairman Hightower called for a motion. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to Table case number VA-2023-09 for one month. the April Commissioner Graham second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (5-0). Motion carried.