

GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
325 WEST SAVANNAH AVENUE
Monday, June 26, 2023 – 5:30 PM

GLPC Commission Members Present: Franklin Bailey, Ron Bythwood, Calvin Graham, Ed Hightower (Chairman), Steve Miller, Chip Wildes, Chris Webb, and Tommy Willis

GLPC Commission Members Absent: Johnny Ball and Vicki Rountree

Staff: Loretta Hylton - South Georgia Regional Commission, Matt Martin - City of Valdosta Planner, Jeff Brammer - City of Valdosta, JD Dillard - County Planner, Lowndes County; Molly Stevenson - Lowndes County Planning Analyst (Clerk) and Jason Davenport - Lowndes County Projects Assistant

VISITORS PRESENT:

(Sign-In sheet available in file.)

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hightower called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: May 22, 2023

Chairman Hightower called for additions, questions, and corrections of the May 22, 2023, GLPC meeting minutes as amended. There being none, Chairman Hightower called for a motion. Commissioner Bythwood made a motion to approve the May 22, 2023, meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Bailey second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (7-0). Motion carried.

Agenda Item #3

TXT-2023-01, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) update

Mr. Davenport presented seven (7) amendments to the ULDC. Minor edits were made after the GLPC work session after meeting with the County Attorney. Six public meetings were held which exceeds the requirement.

Commissioner Bailey asked if there were originally nine (9) amendments. Mr. Davenport stated two were withdrawn and deemed not ready yet. Commissioner Willis asked if there are any changes yet to solar