

GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
325 WEST SAVANNAH AVENUE
Monday, July 31, 2023 – 5:30 PM

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

GLPC Commission Members Absent: Tommy Willis

Staff: Matt Martin - City of Valdosta Planner, JD Dillard - County Planner, Lowndes County; and 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 5:30 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

Welcome of new Greater Lowndes Planning Commission member, James Miller

Chairman Hightower introduced and welcomed new GLPC member James Miller, City of Valdosta appointee.

Agenda Item #3

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2023

Chairman Hightower called for additions, questions, and corrections of the June 26, 2023, GLPC meeting minutes. There being none, Chairman Hightower called for a motion. Commissioner Bythwood made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Rountree second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (7-0). Motion carried. (**Commissioner Wildes arrived at 6:37pm**)

Agenda Item #4

VA-2023-12 Jonathan Irvin, 510 & 512 N. Barack Obama Blvd., Planned Development amendment for a mixed-use Child Daycare and School facility in O-P and R-6 zoning