

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

**GLPC Commission Members Present:** Franklin Bailey, Johnny Ball, Ron Bythwood, James Miller, Ed Hightower (Chairman), Steve Miller, Vicki Rountree, Chris Webb, and Tommy Willis

**GLPC Commission Members Absent:** Chip Wildes

**Staff:** Matt Martin - City of Valdosta Planner; 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**

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes: September 25, 2023**

Chairman Hightower called for additions, questions, and corrections of the September 25, 2023, GLPC meeting minutes. There being none, Chairman Hightower called for a motion. Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the September 25, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Bythwood second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (7-0). Motion carried. \*\*Commissioner Ball arrived after the September 25, 2023 Minutes were approved.\*\*

**Agenda Item #3**

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Hickory Heights LLC (802 Harmon Drive, 1501 & 1509 Hickory Road),  
Rezone 2.52 acres from R-10 to R-M