CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 5, 2021
Pre-Council Meeting - 6:15 PM
Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

B.1. Councilwoman Sharon Jones led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

E. Approval of Agenda

Council President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. President Pro Tempore Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

F.1. Approval of July 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt the July 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes. President Pro Tempore Moore seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Council President Collins, President Pro Tempore Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Williams, Sr.

No: None

G. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Copeland made a motion for unanimous consent to consider the consent agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Council President Collins, President Pro Tempore Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Williams, Sr

No: None

Councilwoman Copeland made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Council President Collins, President Pro Tempore Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Williams, Sr.

No: None

G.1. Resolution No. 2021-29 Authorizing Travel Advance

G.2. Ordinance Rezoning property 1636 Old Springville Road from C-1 (Commercial) to R-1 (Residential)

H. Public Comment

Gary Chambers expressed concerns about the proposed cell tower on 2nd Street Ne. He is opposed to the cell tower 100%. He wants the zoning change to be rescinded. He does not want a cell tower on his street.

Arlene Cosper expressed concerns about the proposed cell tower on 2nd Street NE. She wants the zoning change to be rescinded. She does not want a cell tower on her street.

Mae Ola Wood expressed concerns about the proposed cell tower on 2nd Street NE. She does not want a cell tower on her street.
Council President D.M. Collins said that once more information comes out about the 5g cell tower, there will be a public hearing.

Don Halsey- presented the council with ideas to assist the homeless community.

Rosie White expressed concerns about parking issues and fireworks. The mayor will have code enforcement to aid in resolving the issue.

I. Presentation

Donnetta Wells, Telcom, plans to submit her contract and proposal for a public safety plan.

J. Discussion/Action

J.1. Upland Hearing

The Upland Apartments hearing was held and Brandon Plowden said they have replaced 16 wooden decks and completed four sets of new metal stairs. Currently, they have 10 more metal sets to replace and there are 14 total that need to be repaired or replaced.

Whitney Bryant mentioned during the Upland Apartment's hearing that they also have a new courtesy officer that stays at the property full-time, and he has made an effort to make relationships with the residents and notifies the team of safety issues.

Mr. Plowden mentioned that they have added temporary breezeway lights for residents to see going to and coming from the apartments. Other improvements are in the works to make residents have a safer Upland experience.

Ricky Hinkle, Building Inspector, informed attendees Upland & Southwind Apartments do not have a current business license nor have they required the necessary building permits. None of the work has been inspected.

President Collins suggested that the representatives for the Upland Apartments come back to the council for another discussion on Nov. 4, after they have the proper documentation from the inspection department concerning new and upcoming changes.

J.2. Security proposal for the community center

After much discussion, the council asked Mayor Scott to obtain additional proposals. It will be presented at the next council meeting.

J.3. Proposal from GMC

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to accept GMC Proposal. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority consent.
Yes: Council President Collins, President Pro Tempore Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones Councilman Williams abstained.

No: None

J.4. Rebuild Alabama

Councilwoman Copeland made a motion to adopt the Rebuild Alabama Act Resolution. The approved streets are 9th Street NW., 9th Street Circle, & 9th Place NW. President Pro Tempore Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Yes: Council President Collins, President Pro Tempore Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Williams, Sr.

No: None

K. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

K.1. Economic Development- President D.M. Collins

The Economic Development Committee had its organizational meeting last Thursday. The members were sworn in and the mission statement was adopted. East Gate Shopping Center has been sold and we are looking forward to the new development. Buddy Aydelette informed us we have two new businesses that will be opening soon: J Wings and B &W Philly Steaks and Seafood.

K.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

Councilman Glenn Williams- the kids of the community are now registering to play football and the first football game is August 21. Councilman Williams said 177 kids are registered to play in August and there are 60 cheerleaders for the games. He encouraged the public to attend the games.

K.3. Public Safety- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

Councilwoman Tiffany Moore said she met with the block captains for the neighborhood watch program on Tuesday and Sherrif Pettway gave the members present great information about their role.

Councilwoman Moore said she is still looking for more participation and now the current block captains are planning events in their neighborhoods in the upcoming months.

K.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

Councilwoman Sharon Jones gave thanks to the neighborhood Walmart in the city for donating back-to-school supplies. She distributed the supplies to several schools.

K.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

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Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

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D.M. Collins, President

Date: ________________________________

All items designated as “Consent” are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. NO separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a Councilmember, the Mayor, or citizen interested in further discussion or hearing so requests, if so, such item (s) will revert to its normal place on the Agenda Order of Business.