

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE MINUTES

JULY 7, 2022 AGENDA WORKSHOP

Members of the City Council met in a **workshop session** on **Thursday, July 7, 2022** at 5 pm at City Hall to review the proposed agenda for its next regular session. Council President Perry H. Cook presided over the meeting and Dan Weinrib acted as recording secretary. Those members present were as follows:

Council President Perry H. Cook
Councilor Lisa Bright
Councilor Jaime Anderson
Councilor Ben Short
Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib
 Mayor Buddy Choat

The City Council then determined the order of consideration for its upcoming agenda. The Council informally agreed they no longer need to review expense reports, personnel decisions and travel requests for the consent agenda. Instead, those can be briefing items attached at the end of the agenda. At Mayor Choat's prompting, Stacy Frazier introduced David Blumberg of Clarity Studio. Clarity already handles the branding of Sand Mountain Amphitheater and The Big Chill, formerly known as The Hub. After Blumberg's presentation, the City Council agreed to add a resolution to the agenda, authorizing the Mayor to sign a professional services contract with Clarity for rebranding the City Entertainment District and amending the FY2022 budget to fund this agreement. Councilor Taylor and Mayor Choat updated the Council regarding median curbing along parts of US Highway 11 and the need to fill in ditches flanking the highway near Complete Cleaners. The public works project too will require a budget amendment. Aslin Beer Company owners Scott Worthington and Eric Mitchell introduced themselves and their master brewer Andrew Kelly. They plan to update the former Slagheap Brewery location and bring a brewery manufacturing operation to Trussville over the next four years. They received a warm welcome. The meeting ended around 6:12 pm.

JULY 12, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

The City Council of the City of Trussville met in **regular session** on **Tuesday, July 12, 2022** at 6 pm at Trussville City Hall, with Council President Pro Tem Lisa L. Bright presiding over the meeting and City Clerk Dan Weinrib serving as recording secretary.

Council President Cook called the meeting to order. Councilor Taylor led the prayer. Councilor Short led the pledge to the flag.

The following answered present to roll call: Council President Pro Tem Lisa Bright
 Councilor Ben Short
 Councilor Jaime Anderson
 Councilor Alan Taylor

Others present in their official capacity: City Clerk Dan Weinrib
 Attorney Rick Stotser
 Mayor Buddy Choat

The following were absent: Council President Perry H. Cook

The council members reviewed minutes from the June 28th agenda workshop and regular session. Councilor Short moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS**

President Pro Tem Bright introduced the agenda. Councilor Taylor moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion to accept the proposed agenda as submitted. **UNANIMOUS** President Pro Tem Bright pointed out to the public that there was no consent agenda. Instead, the Council reviewed the listed briefing points of information at the end of the agenda. Since all items had already been budgeted, the Council regards them as already approved.

There were no public comments.

President Pro Tem Bright opened a public hearing regarding the rezoning of property located at 7432 Roper Road. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, she promptly closed the hearing.

Councilor Short then read for the second time a proposed ordinance to rezone 7432 Roper Road property to R-1 (Single Family Residential) from R-6 (Single Family/Mobile). He moved and Councilor Taylor seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-012-PZ**

President Pro Tem Bright opened a public hearing regarding the rezoning of undeveloped property located at 132 Glen Cross Circle and the adjoining Wisteria Trace triangular lot. She recognized Lynn Emmerich (318 Glen Cross Way), who spoke in opposition. Prior to the meeting, Charles Cox (124 Glen Cross Circle) emailed his opposition to the City Clerk. Had he not been hospitalized, he would have been at the meeting. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Pro Tem Bright promptly closed the hearing.

Councilor Short then read for the second time a proposed ordinance to rezone 132 Glen Cross Circle and the adjoining triangular lot on Wisteria Trace as R-G (Garden Home) from A-1 (Agricultural) He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-013-PZ**

President Pro Tem Bright opened a public hearing regarding the rezoning of property located at 7097 Happy Hollow Road. Owner Cindy Dunaway briefed the Council on her and her husband's reasons for rezoning back to A-1.

Councilor Short then read for the second time a proposed ordinance to rezone 7097 Happy Hollow Road property to A-1 (Agricultural) from C-P (Preferred Commercial) He moved and Councilor Anderson seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Ordinance No. 2022-014-PZ**

President Pro Tem Bright opened a public hearing regarding the alcohol license application by Rare Hospitality International, Inc, the parent company for Longhorn Steakhouse. General Manager Scott McCullom addressed the City Council. He introduced himself and gave his background. Longhorn plans to open its doors on Chalkville Mountain Road on August 23rd. He mentioned their responsible vendor training program. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Pro Tem Bright promptly closed the hearing.

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution approving Longhorn Steakhouse's alcohol license application. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-32**

President Pro Tem Bright opened a public hearing regarding the public nuisance located at 7651 Happy Hollow Road. Upon recognition, Director of Planning, Building & Sustainability J.R. Malchus gave the Council an update on the property, particularly that last this afternoon, the absentee owner was belatedly performing some property clean-up, yet it still requires City intervention. Since nobody in the audience spoke up, President Pro Tem Bright promptly closed the hearing.

Councilor Anderson then introduced a proposed resolution to abate the the public nuisance located at 7651 Happy Hollow Road. She moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-33**

Councilor Taylor then introduced a proposed resolution amending the FY2023 City budget and authorizing the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Clarity Studio for rebranding the City Entertainment District. He moved and Councilor Short seconded the motion for approval. **UNANIMOUS Resolution No. 2022-34**

During Council reports, Councilor Anderson reported that actors will perform Gypsy at the ACTA theater July 14-17 and July 21-24. ACTA's next production is Murder's a Game. She acknowledged Jane Alexander of the City Historical Commission, who then announced that the City Museum will be open 10 am – 2 pm on July 16.

Councilor Bright reported that Public Works continues to cut grass. She acknowledged school board member Sherrye Tolbert, then announced that nine HTHS seniors are in this summer's state softball, tennis and baseball all-star games. Tickets for football and volleyball games are now available. Huskies football scrimmages occur on August 3; high school band's pre-season performance, on August 4. Both occur at the football stadium.

Councilor Short delayed his committee reports.

Councilor Taylor reported from Finance Committee that the City's finances remain strong, particularly sales taxes, over last year. Also, on behalf of the Public Safety Committee, Taylor thanked the Utilities Board and both chiefs for their departments' assistance with Freedom Celebration Day. He recognized June Matthews of the Chamber of Commerce. She announced dates for Movie on the Mall,

Restaurant Week, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and City Fest. Also, Leadership Trussville starts on September 8 with a class of 30.

Mayor Choat thanked Councilor Taylor and Trussville First Baptist Church for sponsoring Freedom Celebration Day. He invited department heads and the public to the Gymnastics Academy ceremonial groundbreaking on July 13. Also, he announced that the new traffic light near Winn-Dixie and the school board offices go live on July 14. ALDOT altered its I-59 highway access plans for its lane widening project next year, so that drivers can use the Chalkville Mountain Road and Argo on-ramps for three months. ALDOT plans to replace all highway lights along that same stretch with LEDs. He remains hopeful that City Hall will move to its temporary quarters by August 1. Also, he reminded the public about his August 5 prayer breakfast and mentioned the name of the guest speaker.

There were no audience comments.

With no further public business, the Council promptly adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Weinrib', is centered on the page.

City Clerk Dan Weinrib