

COVID-19 Protocol: Required Meeting Summary
THESE ARE NOT MEETING MINUTES

Per the directive of Chairperson Gina Garth, this meeting was conducted pursuant to Section 3 of Governor Kay Ivey's March 18, 2020 Proclamation concerning the operation of the Open Meetings Law during the state of emergency related to COVID-19. All deliberations conducted, and actions taken, during the meeting were limited to matters within the Planning Commission's statutory authority that are (a) necessary to respond to COVID-19, or (b) necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Planning Commission. As such, some members of the Planning Commission may have physically attended the meeting at the Council Chambers at City Hall at 200 W. Hobbs Street, and other members of the Planning Commission may have participated in this meeting by means of electronic communications. Additionally, the meeting was not open to physical presence by members of the general public, but the meeting was livestreamed so that the public (including any applicant or other person interested in any agenda item) was able to listen, observe, and participate in the meeting without being physically present. Persons interested in doing so were able to utilize the ZOOM meeting invitation and/or meeting phone number found on the Planning Commission page of the City of Athens website, and contact etidwell@athensal.us with any additional questions for how to do so. No less than twelve (12) hours after the meeting, the City is required to post a summary of the meeting on its website. **This document will serve as the required summary. This document has not been reviewed by the Commission prior to publication and is not intended to take the place of approved meeting minutes.**

Call to Order:

The Planning Commission of the City of Athens, Alabama was called to order by Chairperson Gina Garth, at 5:45 p.m. on April 21, 2020. This meeting was held online via Zoom

Roll Call.

Members present:

Gina Garth, Chairman
Rick Johnson, Vice Chairman
Venard Hendrix
Roderick Herron
Mayor Ronnie Marks
Robert Malone
Chief Bryan Thornton

Members absent:

Jerold Blaxton

Also present:

Erin Tidwell, Planner & Planning Commission Secretary
Michael Griffin, City Engineer

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

I. Resolution: Minutes from March 19, 2020 were approved contingent upon Mr. Hendrix being shown as absent instead of present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MANNER FOR CONDUCTING MEETING.

II. Resolution Mr. Hendrix offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve a motion to (a) approve this April 21, 2020 agenda; (b) find that all items on this agenda (and all deliberations related thereto) are matters within the Planning Commission’s statutory authority that are (i) necessary to respond to COVID-19, or (ii) necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Planning Commission; (c) to approve the conduct of this meeting pursuant to the Section 3 of Governor Kay Ivey’s March 18, 2020 Proclamation concerning the operation of the Open Meetings Law during the state of emergency related to COVID-19; and (d) to suspend, for this meeting, any by-law or other rule of the Planning Commission that would conflict with the conduct of the meeting as stated in this motion and the April 21, 2020 agenda.

Mr. Malone seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

II. Resolution Mr. Malone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the request of Shawn and Tessa Baerlocher for Baerlocher Certificate to Consolidate, the consolidation of two parcels into a single tract, located at 2498 South Hine Street, in an R-1-1 Single Family Low Density Residential District and an EST, Estate Agricultural and Residential District.

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Mr. Malone seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

- III. Public Hearing** Request of Athens West, LLC. for Athens West Subdivision Replat, a minor subdivision located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Lucas Ferry Road and West Washington Street , in an INST, Institutional District.

Mr. Griffin explained the request.

No one else spoke for or against the request, therefore the public hearing was closed.

- IV. Resolution** Mayor Marks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the request of Athens West, LLC. for Athens West Subdivision Replat, a minor subdivision located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Lucas Ferry Road and West Washington Street , in an INST, Institutional District.”

Mr. Malone seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

- V. Public Hearing** Request of Bill and Richard Keyes for a Final Plat of Keyes Estate Subdivision, a minor subdivision of a single lot into two lots sized +/-4.57 acres and +/- 0.71 acres, located at 803 Forrest Street, in a TN-2, Traditional Neighborhood 2 District.

Mr. Griffin explained the request.

Ms. Canna Ricketts, 709 E. Forrest Street, inquired as to the purpose of the subdivision.

No one else spoke for or against the request, therefore the public hearing was closed.

- VI. Resolution** Mayor Marks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the request of Bill and Richard Keyes for a Final Plat

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of Keyes Estate Subdivision, a minor subdivision of a single lot into two lots sized +/- 4.57 acres and +/-0.71 acres, located at 803 Forrest Street, in a TN-2, Traditional Neighborhood 2 District contingent upon there being adequate room for city services to turn around without having to back out onto Forrest Street.”

Mr. Herron seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

- VII. Public Hearing** Request of Bill and Richard Keyes for a Final Plat of Keyes Estate Subdivision, a minor subdivision of a single lot into two lots sized +/-4.57 acres and +/- 0.71 acres, located at 803 Forrest Street, in a TN-2, Traditional Neighborhood 2 District.

Mr. Griffin explained the request.

No one else spoke for or against the request, therefore the public hearing was closed.

- VIII. Resolution** Mr. Herron offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the request of the Health Care Authority of ALC for a Resubdivision of Lot 3 of Athens-Limestone Medical Village Subdivision, a subdivision creating two lots and a new right-of-way for construction of a street, located directly south of the intersection of Medical Village Drive and Greenfield Drive, 390’ east of Lindsay Lane, in an INST, Institutional District contingent upon the City receiving all necessary bonds and re-labeling the instrument as a final plat.”

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

- IX. Resolution** Mayor Marks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the request of John Plunk for a Layout of Wauchula Farms Phase 2, a major subdivision of a single tract into 10 lots, located on the north and south sides of Wauchula Private Drive, on the west side of US HWY 31, in an EST, Estate Agricultural and Residential District contingent upon providing a turnaround for

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City and emergency services and addressing connectivity as required by the City Zoning Ordinance.”

Mr. Malone seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

X. Resolution Mr. Malone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, to approve the request of Elite Properties and Development for a Final Plat of Sycamore Square Phase 1, located on the northern side of Newby Road, 1500 feet west of Mooresville Road, directly north of 24686 Newby Road, in a R-1-3 Single Family High Density Residential District contingent upon all bonds and agreements being in place.”

Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

XI. Adjourn There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.