CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
March 15, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

   President Smith called the council meeting to order at 07:11 pm and asked Mr. Jones to call the roll.

2. ROLL CALL

   The Mayor and all City Council members were present.

   1. George Allen, Erica Norris, Tim Aja, Todd Rauch, Eddie Smith

3. INVOCATION

   Mr. Meadows provided the invocation.

   1. Owen Meadows from First Baptist Church Opelika.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

   Mr. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

   1. Russell A. Jones, CMC - City Clerk.

5. READING OF MINUTES

   1. Minutes from the 03-01-22 council meeting.

      President Smith stated that a copy of the minutes had been previously received by the council and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rauch made a motion to approve. Mr. Aja seconded the motion. President Smith then asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. President Smith stated having no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

6. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

   Mayor Fuller first announced that Niagara Bottling would be opening a bottling plant in the Northeast Industrial Park with a total investment of $112 million that will initially create 50 jobs. Mayor Fuller then shared a few words from both Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and Niagara Bottling Executive Vice President Brian Hess about the investment in Opelika, Alabama. Mayor Fuller also thanked Lori Huguley, John Sweatman, and Kathy Daugherty from Economic

Development, along with Vince Perez from the Alabama Department of Commerce, and Jeff Hilyer and the folks from Opelika Utilities, as Niagara will be a large user of water. Mayor Fuller then asked Lori Huguley to introduce her guests that were present. Mrs. Huguley introduced Mr. Perez, from the Alabama Department of Commerce, and Kevin Kieft and Tobias Turner from Niagara Bottling.

1. City's Financial Summary Report for February 2022.

   Mayor Fuller asked if the council had any questions about the city's financial summary report to ask Cindy Boyd, Mr. Motley or himself about it.

2. February 2022 Monthly Building Report.

   Mayor Fuller asked Mr. Motley to give the monthly building report and Mr. Motley did so. Mr. Aja asked Mr. Motley questions about when the report says new apartment units, does that mean the entire apartment building or the individual units, and also, are the permits issued to build or are they post build when they are ready to move in. Mr. Motley answered that these are permits to build, and it lists individual apartment units.

3. Meritorious Service Awards for Detective Taylor, K9 Bane, and Officer Santiesteban.

   Mayor Fuller then invited Police Chief Healey, Assistant Police Chief Brown, Captain Cook, Captain Clifford and the officers to be recognized up front. Mayor Fuller then read each officer's meritorious service award description and Chief Healey presented them with the awards.

7. IMMEDIATE BUSINESS

MOTION TO MOVE ITEMS TO IMMEDIATE BUSINESS: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

1. Public Hearing - Project Agreement between the City of Opelika, Opelika Industrial Development Authority, and Niagara Bottling, LLC.

   Mr. Jones presented the public hearing. President Smith opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against said agreement. Joyce Newland of 1708 Oak Bowery Road spoke first. Ms. Newland asked President Smith how this would affect Opelika's water supply in case of drought or in case we had someone else using our water. President Smith answered that Opelika has an abundance of water and we are tickled to death to have them come here to use it. Ms. Newland stated she knows we are happy because of the money being spent, but again asked what's going to happen to our water supply. Lori Huguley then answered that they have been working on this project with Opelika Utilities and Opelika has so much excess water that we actually need a large water user like Niagara, Opelika Utilities is very much on board, there is no danger to our water supply, and if she had any other specific questions to contact Opelika Utilities. Marilyn Vogel of 711 4th Avenue spoke next. Ms. Vogel then spoke about the need for more explanation about the water use and the standing of the utility system because, regionally, we are starting to see a lot of conflict about the Chattahoochee River watersheds due to a major federal lawsuit about water location. Ms. Vogel then also stated concerns about Alabama, regionally, protecting our water supply when we are going up against Georgia and Florida over the Chattahoochee. President Smith answered that the Chattahoochee is our back-up resource, our primary water resource is Saugahatchee Lake out at Grand National, and both of these together give Opelika more water than we could ever possibly use, and that has allowed us to recruit a company like Niagara, a large water user, for Opelika. President Smith closed the public hearing.

2. Resolution - Authorize Project Agreement between the City of Opelika, Opelika Industrial Development Authority, and Niagara Bottling, Inc. - ED.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Resolution - Approve Certain Tax Abatements and Exemptions for Niagara Bottling, LLC and Bo Knows Bottling! Properties, LLC - ED.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

8. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS (Limit comments to five minutes or less)

None.

9. REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

President Smith asked Mr. Jones to present the general business.

1. Request Alcohol License - Billiards Asset Management Inc dba Auburn Billiards and Brew, Lounge Retail Liquor Class I and On premise Beer License.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Request Alcohol License - Demaj Inc dba Maffias Italian Restaurant, Restaurant Retail Liquor and On Premise Beer License.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Request Alcohol License - Mariscos Playa Azul LLC dba Mariscos Playa Azul, Restaurant Retail Liquor and On premise Beer License.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Updated Request by Opelika Chamber for Food Truck Friday Nights in Downtown Opelika.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Public Hearing - Vacation of an Unnamed 16-foot Alley Between South 10th Street and the Railroad ROW.

Mr. Jones presented the public hearing. President Smith opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against said vacation of an unnamed alley. No one came forward to speak. President Smith closed the public hearing.

6. Public Hearing - Amend Zoning Ordinance and Map, South 10th Street and Avenue C, from M-1, GC-S and C-2, GC-S to C-1, GC-S.

Mr. Jones presented the public hearing. President Smith opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against said rezoning.

Katherine Greene of 400 N. 6th Street spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including cost, traffic, all rental units, and it will not fit aesthetically into the historic downtown.

Kathy Bonafede of 456 S. 10th Street spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including it being across the street from her house and causing harm to her home's location.

Bill Montgomery of 601 S. 7th Street simply stated that if these folks don't like what's going to happen, then they should pool their money, buy the property from the current owners, and then they can put whatever they want there.

Matthew Curtis of 2211 Suzanne Lane spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including having more young people coming to Opelika and spending their time downtown.

Robert Johnson of 1014 Auburn Street spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including concerns as a small business owner trying to stay afloat after COVID, and needing more patrons downtown.

Joyce Newland of 1708 Oak Bowery Road simply stated concerns about transparency in the process, and asked the council to consider keeping downtown Opelika consistent with the way it is now.

Clay Williford of 1216 Brookwood Circle simply stated his opposition to any imminent domain into existing private property to widen the road.

Tiffany Gibson of 903 E. Towne Lake Circle spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including gentrification of Ward 1.

Suzanne Montgomery of 601 S. 7th Street spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including losing the farmers' market.

Kimberly Golden of 2704 Cunningham Court spoke about issues with trust and transparency with the developers, and whose vision we are following, the developers or the citizens of Opelika.

Robert Jones of 700 6th Ave spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including location, size, and the businesses in that area that will be lost.

Patrick Rickabaugh of 407 Terracewood Drive spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including the design, with its aesthetics not fitting into downtown, and safety issues because of its location next door to the police department.

Karen Frick of 900 Morris Avenue spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including the height of the buildings and the aesthetics of the design.

City Clerk Russell Jones read a letter submitted by a citizen unable to attend the meeting. Iain Stewart of 709 Avenue D spoke against the development in the letter, citing many reasons including the need for a master plan, and more time to study the area so that a development in the location would properly serve the city into the future.

Ken Ward, Executive Director of Opelika Main Street, of 1420 Victoria Avenue spoke about the need for more residential housing in and around the downtown area, like the proposed development, due to numerous studies done by Main Street and other organizations on how to continue downtown Opelika's great success and growth.
Deborah Bedell of 1838 Wildwood Drive spoke about the homeless problem in Opelika.
Lela Lofton of 908 3rd Avenue spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including the appearance and loss of the farmers' market.
Emily Baas of 314 N. 9th Street spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including having more residential housing within walking distance of downtown.
Nelson Marsh of 808 B Torbert Blvd spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons, but also stated that most of the people against the development are against it because of his family being involved with it.
Phil Moody of 803 Avenue D spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including the high cost of the apartments being a good thing, because it will bring in more people with disposable incomes that can put more money into downtown.
Christine Litas of 1002 Auburn Street spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including it bringing in only transient people, and the need for more permanent housing within walking distance of downtown.
Holly Surrency of 1902 Northgate Drive spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including being a small business owner downtown, and the need for more people with a disposable income living within waking distance to support the downtown businesses.
Deke Hilyer of 2224 Sanders Creek Drive spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including having more residential inventory within walking distance of downtown, per the multiple studies done on the sustainability of downtown Opelika.
Rylan Chapman of 1012 Auburn Street spoke in favor of the proposed development, citing many reasons including having more options for walkability and that actually should alleviate the concerns about more traffic, due to those people not having to drive because they can walk downtown.
Marilyn Vogel of 711 4th Avenue spoke against the proposed development, citing many reasons including concerns about gentrification and the elderly community.
Johnny Ivey of 313 S. 2nd Street spoke against the proposed development, citing concerns about gentrification and the manner in which Opelika is growing. Mr. Ivey then spoke about some issues around the area where he lives when President Smith asked him to only speak about the rezoning for which the public hearing was for. Mr. Ivey refused, President Smith asked him to have a seat, and Mr. Ivey decided to leave.
Jim Daws, President of Sierra Development Group, from Macon, Georgia spoke last. Mr. Daws spoke, as the developer, about how they always try to have a positive impact on each community they serve, and how they have done similar developments in other places that have been very successful, and this will be no different.
President Smith closed the public hearing.

7. Public Hearing - Amend Zoning Ordinance Section 7.3 District Regulations & Use Categories, and Section 7.7 Downtown Residential Living.

Mr. Jones presented the public hearing. President Smith opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against said text amendment.
Kimberly Golden of 2704 Cunningham Court spoke about what conditional use means in regards to how the property is zoned, and also noted statistics about the population in Lee County not being able to afford these types of apartments.
Deke Hilyer of 2224 Sanders Creek Drive spoke in favor of the text amendment, citing outside of the historic core to not require a certain percentage of commercial property on the first floor is a good idea.
President Smith closed the public hearing.

8. Request by Envision Opelika for the Annual Unity Stampede 5K/Walk on 04-09-2022.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

12. AWARDING OF BIDS

President Smith asked Ms. Finley to present the bids.

1. OPD Scanning Project - IT.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Door Access Key System- IT.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Archery Range at Spring Villa - P&R.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Roundabout at Sportsplex Parkway and West Point Parkway - ENG

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

13. RESOLUTIONS

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the resolutions.

1. Purchase - (624) Toter 96 GAL EVR II Universal/Nestable Carts - Sourcewell Contract #041521-TOT - OES.

During discussion, Ms. Norris asked "what are these". Mr. Gunter and Mr. Aja answered "trash cans".

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Purchase - Desktop/Endpoint, Server Security, and Firewall Protection - NATL IPA Contract #2018011-01 - IT.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Purchase - VMware Maintenance and Support for Server Cluster - NATL IPA Contract #2018011-01 - IT.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Purchase - Network Equipment and Cameras for New OES Building - NATL IPA Contract #2018011-01 - IT.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Accept Professional Services Agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. for Construction Inspection of Sportsplex Parkway Roundabout - ENG.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Approve Agreement for Realignment of North 28th Street - ENG.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

7. Approve Change Order #1 for North Uniroyal Bridge Project - ENG.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**

MOVER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

8. Approve Change Order #3 to the Geneva Street Improvements Project with Robinson Paving Co. - ENG.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Approve the Vacation of an Unnamed 16-foot Alley Between South 10th Street and the Railroad ROW - PLAN.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

10. Special Appropriation to Envision Opelika.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

11. Special Appropriation to Southern Union State Community College Foundation.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch

AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

12. Special Appropriation to Envision Opelika - Annual Unity Stampede Walk/Run.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

14. ORDINANCES

President Smith asked Mr. Gunter to present the ordinances.

1. Approve Leasing of the Property Located at 200 South 6th Street to the Opelika Chamber of Commerce - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

President Smith asked for a member of the council to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Aja introduced the ordinance.

2. Amend Zoning Ordinance and Map, South 10th Street and Avenue C, from M-1, GC-S and C-2, GC-S to C-1, GC-S - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

President Smith asked for a member of the council to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Allen introduced the ordinance.

3. Amend Zoning Ordinance - Section 7.3 District Regulations & Use Categories, and Section 7.7 Downtown Residential Living - 1st Reading.

FIRST READING: INTRODUCED

President Smith asked for a member of the council to introduce the ordinance. Mr. Allen introduced the ordinance.

15. APPOINTMENTS

President Smith presented the appointments.

1. Reappoint Auzzie Comer to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. New Term ends 03-16-2025.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None

ABSTAIN:	None

2. Reappoint David Hudmon to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. New Term ends 03-16-2025.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 1 Willie Allen
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Reappoint Michael Carter to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. New Term ends 03-16-2025.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Reappoint Kevin Royal to the Board of Education. New Term ends 04-01-2027.

MOTION TO APPROVE: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilman Ward 5 Todd Rauch
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

16. ADJOURN

The City Council meeting minutes of March 15, 2022 are hereby adopted and approved this the 5th day of April, 2022.

/s/ Eddie Smith

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President of City Council
City of Opelika, Alabama

ATTEST:
/s/ Russell A. Jones, CMC

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City Clerk

1. Character Trait of the Month - Compassion, sympathy and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

   President Smith read the character trait of the month and then asked for a motion to adjourn.

2. Motion to Adjourn.

   MOTION TO ADJOURN: UNANIMOUS

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Erica Norris
SECONDER:	Councilman Ward 3 Tim Aja
AYES:	Councilman Ward 1 Allen, Councilwoman Ward 2 - President Pro-Tem Norris, Councilman Ward 3 Aja, Councilman Ward 4 - President Smith, Councilman Ward 5 Rauch
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

   The council meeting ended at 09:18 pm.