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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
October 20, 2020**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Will Sconiers, Councilmember
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember
Ralph Wells, Councilmember
Terry Powell, Councilmember
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

ABSENT:

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, met in the auditorium at the city hall for a work session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Mayor Johnson led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on October 06, 2020. Councilmember Sconiers moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-40, AUTHORIZATION TO ORGANIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WIREGRASS TRAIL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RECREATIONAL TRAIL:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-40, Authorization to Organize the Establishment of the Wiregrass Trail Partnership for the Development of a Recreational Trail.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-40**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WIREGRASS TRAIL PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is a place of exceptional natural beauty with abundant untapped outdoor recreational opportunities that Alabamians have enjoyed for generations; and

WHEREAS, recreational tourism is an increasingly important strategy for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama and Florida Railway ceased operations along its rail line and removed tracks, ties, and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, CSX Transportation is the property holder, and any agreement to purchase this approximately 43-mile rail corridor is conducted through CSX; and

WHEREAS, the communities abutting this rail corridor have an opportunity to leverage the economic potential these assets represent to develop one of the longest Rails to Trails projects in the Southeast United States; and

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WHEREAS, studies have shown that similar long-distance multi-use non-motorized trail projects have a positive benefit to impacted areas through leveraging tourism to enhance economic development through recreational tourism, including supporting existing businesses and increased new business development and entrepreneurship, which would be advantageous to the communities along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, CSX Transportation is only interested in the acquisition of the entire length of the rail corridor necessitating a partnership between the jurisdictions along the 43-mile rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions directly affected by the abandonment of the Alabama and Florida Railway, held by CSX Transportation, are establishing the Wiregrass Trail Partnership with the purpose to jointly facilitate and coordinate the potential acquisition and development of the existing rail corridor into a multi-use non-motorized trail.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Andalusia supports its membership in the Wiregrass Trail Partnership and authorizes City Councilmember, Kenneth Mount, to represent the interests of the City of Andalusia in the rail corridor project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that membership in the Wiregrass Trail Partnership does not obligate the City of Andalusia to any expenditures or other liabilities at this time. Any obligations associated with this process will be proposed for deliberation when appropriate.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October 2020

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-40. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2020-41, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2020-41, Abatement of Nuisance Properties.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 41**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama that we, after having examined the report of the City Building Inspector, do hereby find that the property in question specifically described below and denominated as parcel numbers by the Revenue Commission of Covington County is hazardous to the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the citizens of Andalusia and thereby constitute a public nuisance pursuant to the Alabama Act No. 94-540 as adopted by the City Council of the City of Andalusia:

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|----|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) | 312 Fletcher Rd. | parcel # 1401124004029000 |
| 2) | 600 Rankin St. | parcel # 1304191004007000 |
| 3) | 605 Fletcher Rd. | parcel # 1401124002007000 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the Building Inspector to proceed with the abatement of these nuisances as authorized under State of Alabama Act. No. 94-540 as adopted by the City of Andalusia.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October 2020

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

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Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-41. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MAYOR JOHNSON PRESENTED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09, SIGNAGE REGULATION FOR A FIRST READING:

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2020-09, Signage Regulation, for a first reading.

COUNCIL APPROVES THE REAPPLICATION TO REBUILD ALABAMA ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAM:

Mayor Johnson presented a reapplication to the Alabama Department of Transportation for a Rebuild Alabama Act Grant Program for an entranceway to the Andalusia High School on Coleman Avenue. Councilmember Sconiers moved to approve the application. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mayor Johnson called the meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer