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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
April 20, 2021**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Joe Nix, 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 utility board conference room 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. Councilmember Powell led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on April 6, 2021. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02, 2021 “BACK TO SCHOOL” SALES TAX HOLIDAY:

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance No. 2021-02, 2021 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE THIRD FULL WEEKEND OF JULY, 2021, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2006-574 OF THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE, AND THE AMENDING ACT NO. 2017-120, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions of Act 2006-574 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2006 Regular Session, and the Amending Act No. 2017- 120, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Andalusia, Alabama, exempts “covered items” from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday in July, 2021 (July 16, 2021) and ending at twelve midnight on Sunday (July 18, 2021).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2006-574 and Amending Act 2017 - 120, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above and not for all years thereafter.

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Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the City Andalusia of Andalusia, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF April, 2021.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

**BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor**

ATTEST:

John Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14, AUTHORIZING THE
EXPANSION OF THE COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT OF THE NATIONAL
REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF STATE AND
FEDERAL TAX CREDITS:**

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2021-14, Authorizing the Expansion of the Commercial Historic District of the National Register of Historic Places for the Utilization of State and Federal Tax Credits.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 14

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL HISTORIC TAX CREDITS

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia, has invested in infrastructure improvements necessary for the revitalization of the Historic Downtown; and

WHEREAS, historic tax credits stimulate private investment in historic properties that otherwise might not be revitalized; and

WHEREAS, the current Commercial Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, of the City of Andalusia, needs to be expanded to provide for the utilization of historic tax credits for future projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the mayor and city administrator be authorized to execute the attached proposal by McNair Historic Preservation, Inc., for the expansion of the Commercial Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$45,100 be appropriated from contingency to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-14. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15, JUNK ABATEMENT:

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Councilmember Wells moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-15. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS IN JUNE 2 – 6, 2021:

Mayor Johnson announced that the Alabama High School Rodeo Association planned their State Finals in Andalusia at the Covington Arena during June and noted that the rodeo traditionally drew large crowds and promoted rodeo safety to participants and spectators. Councilmember Griffin moved to appropriate \$5,000 from contingency to support the event and promote safety. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE ABATEMENT OF 201 COLLEGE STREET:

Mayor Johnson announced that the council would consider the abatement of a dangerous structure on 201 College Street; all notices, filings, and due diligence had been completed and asked City Attorney, Mark Christensen, to brief the council on the process, per Ordinance 2015-03. Mr. Christensen detailed the abatement of the dangerous building and asked Whit Carroll, former Assistant Director of Planning and Development, to make further comments on the abatement of 201 College Street. Mr. Carroll reported on his work on the abatement of 201 College Street, his contact with the property owner, etc. Mayor Johnson called on the property owner, Elrand D. Denson, to address the council and noted that Mr. Denson previously filed his “Objections to Finding of Public Nuisance, Notice and Order to Remedy and Notice of Lis Pendens,” with the city council prior to the work session at 5:30 PM. Mr. Denson objected to the abatement of 201 College Street, referring to his written response. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Denson to contact Planning and Development Director Andy Wiggins to see if an agreement for the abatement of 201 College Street could be reached in a timely matter for the council to consider. Mayor Johnson announced that the council would continue consideration of the abatement until the next meeting on May 4, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer