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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
March 1, 2022, 6:00 PM**

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 third-floor conference room at the city hall for a work session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

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ABSENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the regular meeting on February 15, 2022. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ANDALUSIA HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Mayor Johnson announced that there was an opening on the Andalusia Housing Authority. Councilmember Griffin moved to reappoint Willie Locke to the Andalusia Housing Authority. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPOINTS VOTING DELEGATES FOR ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

Mayor Johnson announced that the annual Alabama League of Municipalities meeting was scheduled for May 11-14, 2022, in Tuscaloosa. It would be necessary to elect a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the business meeting. Councilmember Mount nominated Mayor Johnson as voting delegate and Joe Nix as an alternate voting delegate. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12, AUTHORIZING SALES TAX REBATE, TABBY D'S:

Mayor presented Resolution No. 2022-12, Authorizing a Sales Tax Rebate to Tabby D's.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 12

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**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A REBATE ON SALES TAXES
GENERATED AT THE TABBY D'S RESTAURANT
IN THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it serves a public purpose to encourage economic development in the city of Andalusia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the restaurant known as Tabby D's has recently changed ownership and is now owned by Carnivore Cafe and Catering, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Tabby D's plays a significant role in the economy of Andalusia and employs cooks, waiters, and other workers, is an important gathering point for many in the community, and serves as the meeting place for a number of service clubs, the City Council finds that encouraging the continued of this restaurant in the City of Andalusia by refunding a portion of the sales tax generated at said restaurant amounting to two percent (2%) of the sales at said restaurant for a period of three (3) years will serve valid and sufficient public purposes including, but not limited to, further expansion and enhancement the City's economic and tax base, thereby providing additional revenues for schools, municipal services, and other public needs, and increased employment opportunities within the City, promotion of the City as a center for retail and commercial activity, and provision of additional goods and services to the residents of Andalusia and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 725 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901 provides that in promoting local economic development, the City Council may grant public moneys and things of value in aid to any individual, firm, association, corporation, or entity whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the agreement attached as an exhibit hereto will carry out the intent of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement for the purposes expressed therein.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Wells moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-12. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES HR2022-002, POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL SHELTER STRENGTH PLAN AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Johnson presented HR2022-002, Police Department Animal Shelter Strength Plan Amendments. Councilmember Griffin moved to approve HR2022-002. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTY:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2022-13, Abatement of Nuisance Property.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13

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

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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:

- 1) 809 Lindsey Bridge Road parcel # 1304201003002000

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 1st day of March 2022

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-13. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14, AUTHORIZING PERMANENT FINANCING FOR THE COVINGTON CASKET COMPANY PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2022-14, Authorizing permanent financing for The Covington Casket Company Project.

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**CITY OF ANDALUSIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 14

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT FINANCING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY FOR COVINGTON CASKET COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia authorized financing for the construction of a new facility for the Covington Casket Company; and

WHEREAS, CCB Community Bank has submitted a proposal for long-term financing of the project, attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, that the mayor and city administrator are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2022.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-14. Councilmember Wells seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15, AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH COTTON FOR FUTURE PUBLIC PARK:

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Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2022-15, Authorizing the removal of structures on the east side of south cotton for future public park.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia owns certain buildings on the East side of South Cotton Street to the North of the Train Depot; and

WHEREAS, said buildings would all require significant repairs in order to be useable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama finds that the highest and best use of the property would be to incorporate it into the proposed Heritage Park; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to demolish the following buildings: 229, 231, 233, 235, and 237 South Cotton Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also finds that the attached offer by Edwin McIntyre Company, Inc. to demolish the buildings for the sum of \$32,794.50 is reasonable and is also under the bid limit for a public works project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama that the attached offer to demolish the buildings listed above is hereby approved and accepted.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2022.

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Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

Councilmember Nix moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-15. Councilmember Mount 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