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**STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA  
ANDALUSIA CITY HALL  
October 1, 2024, 6:00 PM**

**REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Joe Nix, Councilmember  
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember  
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember  
Presley Boswell, Councilmember  
Terry Powell, Councilmember  
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

**ABSENT:**

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented the minutes from the regular meeting on September 17, 2024. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES ANDALUSIA CITY SCHOOLS EDUCATION SALES TAX REQUEST FOR 2024-2025:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell announced that Andalusia City Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel Shakespeare presented the Education Sales Tax Request 2024-2025 to the Council during the work session at the last Council meeting. Councilmember Griffin moved to approve the request. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**ANDALUSIA CITY SALES TAX REQUEST**

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Items for consideration from the City Sales Tax collected in FY 24 to be spent in FY 24 and FY 25.

	<b>Project or Program</b>	<b>Dollar Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1.	Auditorium/Stadium	\$500,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$456,000 to apply to principal and interest payment of Bond Payment Schedule.</li><li>• \$44,000 to apply to repairs and maintenance of the newly remodeled facilities as we ARE ANDALUSIA.</li></ul>
2.	Education Technology Specialist	\$115,000.00	Over the last several years, with the City's help, ACS has become a 1 to 1 system for both teachers and students. It is vital that we have someone in place to instruct the teachers how to use this technology effectively and efficiently to help improve our academic scores as well as reach children through this innovative method of teaching.
3.	Art and Music Support	\$155,000.00	Continuation of the art and music program at ACS.
4.	Construction and Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	\$500,000.00	ACS requests funding for projects as needed to ensure the structural integrity of buildings, maintenance needs, and ongoing or upcoming construction projects. -TAP Grant matching portion of 20% or approximately \$200,000 if ACS TAP grant is approved. -\$250,000 towards implementing sidewalks on and immediately adjacent to AHS. -PA system for new cafeteria \$25,000 -\$25,000 new signage at schools
5.	Technology for Classrooms and System	\$100,000.00	Refresh technology needs throughout the school system as needs arise.
6.	Intervention and Other Program Needs	\$200,000.00	Salary and benefits for STEM and Intervention Teachers. Lab items and furniture for setting up the Health Sciences classroom.
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,570,000.00</b>	

Originally presented to Andalusia City Board of Education September 10, 2024.

\*Most costs are for FY 2025 however, some are FY 2024 such as computer lease payments or salary for the start of the school year, etc. Additionally, the costs above are based on a best estimate at the time of presentation. ACS would appreciate consideration to adjust our request to include additional funding if a project runs over budget.

*D. S. [Signature]*  
9/10/2024  
*[Signature]*

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**COUNCIL APPROVES AMENDED POLICY MANUAL FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented an Amended Policy Manual for the Police Department. Councilmember Boswell moved to approve the Amended Policy Manual. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50, ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented Resolution No. 2024-50, Andalusia City School Board Appointment.

**CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50**

**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) | 203 Baker Street   | parcel # 1304191101052000 |
| 2) | 619 Rankin Street  | parcel # 1304191005017000 |
| 3) | 503 Seegers Street | parcel # 1304193001010000 |

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

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**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Terry Powell, Mayor Pro Tempore**

**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk**

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-50. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51, PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH HILA GATEWOOD:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented Resolution No. 2024-51, property exchange with Hila Gatewood.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA  
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR  
A PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH HILA GATEWOOD**

**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 attached contract for a property exchange with Hila Gatewood as a part of the on-going effort to revitalize the Robinson Park area and to develop workforce housing serves valid and sufficient public purposes including, but not limited to, expansion and enhancement the City's economic and tax base, thereby providing additional revenues for schools, municipal services, and other

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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 the improvement of the visual attractiveness of the City in support of the foregoing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the contract 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 contract and other necessary documents for the purposes expressed in said contract.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA**

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**Terry Powell, Mayor Pro Tempore**

**ATTEST:**

**John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer**

Councilmember Mount moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-51. Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2024-52, AUTHORIZING A CREDIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HANGER AT ANDALUSIA REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR ENTERPRISE AIR RESCUE:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented Resolution No. 2024-52, authorizing credit for the construction of a hanger at Andalusia Regional Airport for Enterprise Air Rescue.

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**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-52**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CREDIT TO THE SOUTH ALABAMA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HANGER FOR ENTERPRISE RESCUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Andalusia City Council finds that it serves a public purpose to encourage economic development and promote health and wellness in the city of Andalusia: and

**WHEREAS**, the South Alabama Regional Airport Authority desires to construct a hanger facility to accommodate Enterprise Air Rescue; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama, that credit be provided to the South Alabama Regional Airport Authority, not to exceed \$200,000, for 4% for up to ten years, to support the construction of a hanger for Enterprise Air Rescue.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funds for the credit will come from the city's capital improvement account.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

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**Terry Powell, Mayor Pro Tempore**

**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer**

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Councilmember Boswell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-52. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL APPROVES HR2024-004, AMENDING POLICY 6, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented HR2024-004, amending Policy 6, employee benefit training reimbursement. Councilmember Mount moved to approve HR2024-004. Councilmember Nix seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**MAYOR PRO TEMPORE POWELL PRESENTED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11, DECLARING A FIFTEEN-ACRE PARCEL IN THE ANDALUSIA INDUSTRIAL PARK SURPLUS FOR CONECUH SAUSAGE FOR EMPLOYEE HOUSING, FOR A FIRST READING:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell presented Ordinance No. 2024-11, declaring a fifteen-acre parcel in the Andalusia Industrial Park surplus for Conecuh Sausage for employee housing, for a First Reading.

**COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST WITH BETHESDA HOUSE:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Powell announced that the council received a report from Dr. Alison Jackson-Wood from Bethesda House during the work session. Councilmember Nix moved to appropriate \$40,000 from Contingency to assist Bethesda House and noted the public benefit of the assistance. Councilmember Griffin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tempore Powell called the meeting adjourned.

**THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Terry Powell, Mayor Pro Tempore**

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**ATTEST:**

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**John M. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer**