

GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
325 WEST SAVANNAH AVENUE
Monday, March 25, 2024 – 5:30 PM

GLPC Commission Members Present: Franklin Bailey, Johnny Ball, Ron Bythwood, Ed Hightower (Chair), James Miller, Steve Miller (Vice-Chair), Vicki Rountree, Chris Webb, Chip Wildes and Tommy Willis

Staff: Matt Martin - City of Valdosta Planner; JD Dillard – Lowndes County Planner, and Molly Stevenson - Lowndes County Planning Analyst (Clerk)

VISITORS PRESENT:

(Sign-In sheet available in file.)

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hightower called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Hightower led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Commissioner James Miller. Chairman Hightower welcomed everyone to the GLPC meeting and explained that the Planning Commission serves as an advisory (recommending) body to the local member governments regarding land use requests, and the final determination of the requests presented at this meeting will be made by the applicable local governments. Chairman Hightower then explained the meeting procedures and announced the dates of the public hearings for the local member governments, as listed on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2024

Chairman Hightower called for additions, questions, and corrections of the February 26, 2024, GLPC meeting minutes. There being none, Chairman Hightower called for a motion. Commissioner Bythwood made a motion to approve the February 26, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Bailey second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (9-0). Motion carried.

Agenda Item #3

TXT-2024-01 Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, ULDC Amendments, County-wide

Mr. Dillard presented the updates which include general amendments to the Code regarding signage, submittal requirements, procedures, updates required by changes in state law (OCGA), and administrative and/or clerical changes. To help organize these amendments, they were grouped together and organized by number. Short versions of the proposed amendments were