**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODBINE CITY COUNCIL**

**April 4, 2022 6:30 P.M. WOODBINE CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Woodbine City Council held on April 4, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Knight, with the following Councilors present via Remote Video Conference: C.C. Higginbotham Jr., Richard Baird, Louise Mitchell, and Phyllis Drummond. City officials present: City Administrator Samantha Young and City Clerk Elaine Koch.

The invocation was led by Mayor Knight.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Knight.

Jimmie Cohen gave a Public Works update. Elaine Koch gave an Administrative update, and Samantha Young gave an Administrative and Finance update.

Mayor Knight asked that the agenda be amended to add 10a. In Person Meetings to New Business.

Motion made by C. C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Phyllis Drummond to amend the agenda as requested by Mayor Knight. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Motion made by Phyllis Drummond, seconded by C.C. Higginbotham to go into Executive Session. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Executive Session convened at 6:45 p.m.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Rick Baird to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Knight advised that no actions were taken during Executive Session.

Motion made by C.C. Higginbotham Jr., seconded by Louise Mitchell to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting as.presented. Motion was unanimously approved and so declared by Mayor Knight.

Old Business -

Samantha Young presented Council with updates regarding Woodbine Grocery Package Store. Mr. Akash Patel will need 400 signatures by registered voters of the City of Woodbine, and must have any and all petitions submitted to City Hall by August 1, 2022. This item can be added to the ballot in November, provided all requirements and deadlines are met by Mr. Patel.

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New Business -

Mayor Knight made the suggestion to return to in person meetings starting May 2, 2022. The Council agreed to returning to in person meetings, provided CDC Guidelines would be followed for social distancing and masking requirements.

Public Comments -

Erica Brown (600 Bedell Avenue) asked the City to consider applying to Georgia Department of Community Affairs to become a Rural Zone. By doing so, it would allow tax credits for business owners.

Cynthia Ellison (106 West 8th Street) wanted to comment on the continued nuisance of Kelley's Scrap Metal Recycling. Ms. Ellison stated that the noise, dust and the house shaking were unbearable.

Sheila Sapp (508 West 10th Street) asked how many signatures would be needed by Woodbine Grocery to have their request for a liquor store put on the November ballot. Dr. Sapp also asked if there were specific distance requirements that allow a liquor store to be opened at 908 Georgia Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Elaine J. Koch

City Clerk