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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
MARCH 4, 2008**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor
Bridges D. Anderson, Councilman
Michael L. Jones, Jr., Councilman
Andy Alexander, Councilman
Don Cotton, Councilman
Terry Powell, Councilman
Tom Albritton, City Attorney

ABSENT:

None

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama met in room 340 at the Andalusia City Hall for a work session for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

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None

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Councilman Jones led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Andrews presented the minutes from the February 19, 2008, regular meeting to the council for its consideration. Councilman Jones moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL PASSES ON RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 05, CREATING THE CHURCH STREET CULTURAL ARTS CENTER COMMITTEE:

Mayor Andrews announced that the council would pass on Resolution No. 2008 – 05, creating a Cultural Arts Center Committee.

COUNCIL APPROVES APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENCY TO SUPPORT GRANT MATCH FOR LBW COMMUNITY WALKING TRAIL:

Mayor Andrews presented a letter from LBW College President, Edward Meadows, requesting that the city honor its 2004 commitment to support a grant match for the walking trail at the college. Councilman Jones moved to appropriate \$7,000 from contingency to fulfill the city's commitment. Councilman Cotton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL PASSES ON PETITION, DECLARATION AND RESOLUTION 2008 - 06, CLOSING UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF JACKSON AVENUE:

Mayor Andrews announced that a petition, declaration and resolution closing an undeveloped portion of Jackson Avenue, would be passed over allowing for more time to evaluate the issue.

COUNCIL APPROVES PROPOSAL FROM LEISURE SERVICES FOR ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS:

Mayor Andrews presented a proposal from Leisure Services for improvements to the Adult Activity Center. Councilman Anderson moved to appropriate \$16,964 to complete the project. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES PROPOSAL FOR LANDSCAPING ON CHURCH STREET:

Mayor Andrews presented a proposal for landscaping on Church Street to complete the recent sidewalk improvement project. Councilman Alexander moved to appropriate \$13,000 for the landscaping project. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL APPROVES HR2008-002, PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Andrews presented HR2008-002, amending three Leisure Services position descriptions, the employee strength plan, reclassifying a non-exempt (Horticulturist) position and relocating three full time positions and one part-time position from Leisure Services to Planning and Development, including all necessary salaries and fringe benefits. Councilman Cotton moved to approve HR2008-002 and Councilman Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES HR2008-003, ADDING AN OVERLAP POSITION TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE STRENGTH PLAN:

Mayor Andrews presented HR2008-003 adding an overlap position to the Planning and Development Department employee strength plan, per Personnel Policy Section 2.1.2. Councilman Powell moved to approve HR2008-003. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES PAYMENT OF CARTER'S CONTRACTING PAY REQUEST NO. 7 FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Mayor Andrews presented Pay Request No. 7 from Carter's Contracting Services for \$6,239 for the Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project. Councilman Alexander moved to appropriate \$6,239 from contingency to cover the invoice. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL AGREES TO PASS ON INVOICE FROM CDG ENGINEERS, FOR THE SOUTH THREE NOTCH STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Mayor Andrews announced that the next item on the agenda, an invoice from CDG Engineers, for the South Three Notch Street Sidewalk Improvement Project, would be passed over pending clarification.

COUNCIL AGREES TO PASS ON TOURISM AND RELOCATION COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS:

Mayor Andrews announced that applications for the Tourism and Relocation Committee would be passed over pending further evaluation.

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COUNCIL APPROVES A SPECIAL EVENT RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE COVINGTON COUNTY ANNUAL DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET:

Mayor Andrews presented an application for a special event retail liquor license for the Covington County Annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet to the council for its consideration. Councilman Jones moved to approve the license. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. Mayor Andrews called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:	No:	Abstained:
Mayor Andrews		Councilman Powell
Councilman Anderson		
Councilman Jones		
Councilman Alexander		
Councilman Cotton		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Andrews announced that a parking space would be removed from South Three Notch Street at Dunson Street as soon as possible. Councilman Jones suggested that the area where the space was to be removed be marked with yellow stripes indicating that it was not a parking space.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Andrews called the meeting adjourned.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

BY: _____
Jerry B. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk/Treasurer