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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON

ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
JANUARY 20, 2009

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

Earl V. Johnson, Mayor
Will Sconiers, Councilmember
Kenneth C. Mount, Councilmember
Hazel Griffin, Councilmember
Jason Jewell, Councilmember
Terry Powell, Councilmember
Mark Christensen, City Attorney

ABSENT:

None

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama met in room 340 at city hall for a work session for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda. Chase Cotton updated the council about the Industrial Park Access Road Project and Becky Courson and other citizens spoke to the council about the Covington Arena.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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ABSENT:

None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the January 6, 2009, regular meeting. Councilmember Mount moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RETIREMENT/SERVICE PROCLAMATIONS PRESENTED TO BETTY WINDHAM AND JERRY NEAL:

Mayor Johnson called on Leisure Services Director, Dwight Mikel, to present retirement/service proclamations to Betty Windham and Jerry Neal.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 01, ALABAMA SMALL TOWNS AND DOWNTOWNS:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2009 – 01, Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns Homecoming.

CITY OF ANDALUSIA
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ALABAMA
SMALL TOWNS AND DOWNTOWNS – 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 01

WHEREAS, the Alabama Tourism Department has declared that 2010 will be the Year of Alabama Small Towns & Downtowns throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bob Riley encourages small towns to invite former residents back for a special homecoming weekend, and

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WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia welcomes the opportunity to showcase a new and revitalized downtown to travelers and the opportunity to show former residents its progress in protecting, preserving and promoting the historic value of Andalusia, as well as its enrichment through education and the arts, and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia is proud to highlight the South Alabama Regional Airport and its infrastructure expansion, which has provided job creation through diversity and a boost to the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia and its Tourism and Relocation Committee are committed to providing wholesome family events for the community to enjoy and promoting the city of Andalusia as a great place to live, and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia has every reason to celebrate its rich history as well as its many accomplishments since its founding,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mayor Earl Johnson and the City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama in regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, that Andalusia joins with the State of Alabama to participate in the Year of Alabama Small Towns & Downtowns and do hereby declare the November 11 - 14, 2010, as Absolutely Andalusia Homecoming 2010.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of January, 2009.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk – Treasurer

Councilmember Griffin moved to approve Resolution No. 2009 – 01. Councilmember Jewell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 02, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH STREET ARTS CENTER:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2009 – 02, authorizing the mayor to seek proposals for the development of the Church Street Arts Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH STREET ARTS CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia currently holds title to the property known as the Church Street School; and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia desires to restore and preserve the historic building for the use of current and future citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia desires to develop a community arts center in the building and has sought and received grants for that purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA that the mayor be authorized to seek proposals from interested parties for the purpose of the development of an agreement including, but not limited to the use, maintenance, financing and management of the Church Street School Building as an arts center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor be authorized to negotiate a contract with any party or parties that submit proposals to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of January, 2009.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk – Treasurer

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Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2009 – 02. Councilmember Mount seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 03, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE GOODWYN, MILLS AND CAYWOOD FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR UPGRADES TO JOHNSON PARK:

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution No. 2009 – 03, authorizing the mayor to engage Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood to develop engineering plans for upgrades to Johnson Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE GOODWYN, MILLS AND CAYWOOD, TO DEVELOP ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL PLANS TO UPGRADE JOHNSON PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Andalusia desires to upgrade the facilities at Johnson Park; and

WHEREAS, such a project will require detailed engineering and architectural plans,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA that the mayor be authorized to engage the firm of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc., to develop plans necessary to upgrade the facilities at Johnson Park.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of January, 2009.

THE CITY OF ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

By: _____
Earl V. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

John M. Thompson, City Clerk – Treasurer

Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2009 – 03. Councilmember Jewell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES HR2009-001, FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT AMENDMENT:

Mayor Johnson Presented HR2009-001, amending city policies and procedures, in compliance with federal laws. Councilmember Sconiers moved to approve HR2009-001. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MAKES LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Johnson announced that there was an opening on the Library Board. Councilmember Powell nominated Jean Bishop to fill the vacant position on the Library Board. Councilmember Mount seconded the nomination which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MAKES UTILITIES BOARD APOINTMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced that there were two openings on the Utilities Board. Councilmember Jewell nominated Ricky Jones to serve the remaining four years of a vacant position on the board ending on January 8, 2013. Councilmember Mount seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:	No:	Abstained:
Earl V. Johnson		Will Sconiers
Kennith C. Mount		
Hazel Griffin		
Jason Jewell		
Terry Powell		

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Councilmember Mount nominated Jim Smith to serve the six year term ending on January 8, 2015.
Councilmember Jewell seconded the nomination. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:	No:	Abstained:
Earl V. Johnson		Will Sconiers
Kennith C. Mount		
Hazel Griffin		
Jason Jewell		
Terry Powell		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Johnson announced that during work session the council received a report from Chase Cotton from DMD Engineers about the Industrial Park Access Road and talked to citizens about the Covington Arena.
2. Mayor Johnson called on Planning and Development Director, Andy Wiggins, to inform the council about plans for trees on the square.

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