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**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COVINGTON**

**ANDALUSIA CITY HALL
ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA
JUNE 16, 2009**

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Hazel Griffin, Councilmember

The City Council of the City of Andalusia, Alabama met in room 340 at city hall for a work session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of planning and finalizing the agenda.

Members of the Board of Education of Andalusia City Schools spoke to the council regarding funding and Mark Pugh and Tim Ramsden of CDG Engineers & Associates, updated the council on the River Falls Street Project.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Johnson presented the minutes from the June 1, 2009, regular meeting. Councilmember Jewell moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GRANT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Johnson announced that a public meeting was now open in order to seek comment from citizens concerning a grant for the police department. Hearing no comment from the public, Mayor Johnson announced that the public hearing was closed.

COUNCIL APPROVES A TRAILER INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH SHAW INDUSTRIES:

Mayor Johnson presented a trailer interchange agreement with Shaw Industries, Inc. Councilmember Mount moved to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Jewell seconded the motion. Mayor Johnson called for a vote which produced the following results:

Yes:	No:	Abstained:
Mayor Johnson		Councilmember Powell
Councilmember Sconiers		
Councilmember Mount		
Councilmember Jewell		

COUNCIL APPROVES HR2009-0008, AMENDING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE STRENGTH PLAN:

Mayor Johnson presented HR2009-008, revising Public Works Department Position Descriptions, amending the employee strength plan and the classification and pay plan. Councilmember Powell moved to approve HR2009-008. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION 2009 -07, AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution 2009 – 07, authorizing the mayor and city clerk to acquire the real property associated with the Old AlaTex Plant and six and one – half acres on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Expressway at Sixth Avenue. Councilmember Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2009 – 07. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR GOING FORWARD WITH RIVER FALLS STREET PROJECT:

Mayor Johnson announced that the City of Andalusia had received a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation for \$1.5 million for the River Falls Street Project and called on Mark Pugh to give the council an update on its status. Mr. Pugh outlined options to the council with regard to phasing the project and recommended that the council complete it in one phase to optimize use of funds, current market conditions, etc. Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Pugh and DCG Engineers, Speaker Hammett, Senator Holley, officials at the Department of Transportation and the council for their efforts to bring the project to its current position. He added that he had begun preliminary discussions with Merchant Capital to finance the city's portion as well as other capital projects that the council previously identified as priorities. Councilmember Jewell moved to authorize the mayor to move forward with the River Falls Street Project with the Alabama Department of Transportation and CDG Engineers and to secure financing for it and other projects with Merchant Capital. Councilmember Sconiers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced that there was one opening on the Recreation Board.

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