CITY OF HOOVER
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2020

The City Council of the City of Hoover met in regular session on this date at 6:00 PM, in the Hoover Senior Center, following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama Law. Council President Gene Smith called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll with the following:

Members Present:  Gene Smith, Council President
                  John Greene, Council Pro-Tem
                  Derick Murphy, Council Member
                  Curt Posey, Council Member
                  Mike Shaw, Council Member
                  Arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Members Absent:   Casey Middlebrooks, Council Member
                  John Lyda, Council Member

Other Officials Present:  Mayor Frank V. Brocato
                          Phillip Corley, City Attorney
                          April Danielson, Assistant City Attorney
                          Rod Evans, Assistant City Attorney
                          Jehad Al-Dakka, Executive Officer, Police Department
                          Amanda Borden, Library Director
                          Jason Cope, Technology Director
                          Chief Nick Derzis, Police Chief
                          Wendy Dickerson, City Clerk
                          Susan Fuqua, Municipal Court Director
                          Greg Knighton, Economic Development Director
                          Frank Lopez, Revenue and Taxation Director
                          Dr. Melinda Lopez, Finance
                          Ellen Madden Williams, Assistant to the Mayor
                          Mac Martin, City Planner
                          Dustin Moore, Fleet Director
                          Ben Powell, Purchasing Director
                          Melanie Posey, Public Information Officer
                          Chris Reeves, Acting City Engineer
                          Allan Rice, City Administrator
                          Mindy Wyatt, Applications Systems Specialist
                          Tina Bolt, Finance Director
Marty Gilbert, Acting Director of Building Inspections
Angela Roper, Fleet Management

Wendy Dickerson, Hoover City Clerk, led the invocation.

Mr. Posey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 17, 2020, regular meeting and February 13, 2020, work session was presented for approval.

**MOTION:** Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 17, 2020, (Regular Meeting) and February 13, 2020, work session and approve them as presented was by Mr. Posey and second by Mr. Greene. Mr. Smith called for a voice vote and the motion carried approving the minutes of the February 17, 2020, regular meeting and the February 13, 2020, work session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GUEST RECOGNITION**

- The Mayor presented the Proclamations. He stated that City Hall is blue in honor of Colorectal Cancer awareness for the month. He invited Ms. Susan Brouillette of the American Cancer Society to receive the award.

  Mr. Corley read the Proclamation.

  Ms. Brouillette thanked the Mayor and the Council for the award. She stated that she is part of the Go Blue Day for the State of Alabama and invited community members to share information about the importance of screenings. She stated that it is a preventable disease and encouraged them to get screened early.

- The Mayor stated that the next Proclamation was for Women in Construction Week for the National Association of Women in Construction. He invited Virnetta Woodbury, Stephanie Crane, Kristine Phillips, Elizabeth Sanfelippo, and Polly to receive the award.

  Mr. Murphy arrived.

  Mr. Corley read the Proclamation.

- The Mayor presented the Proclamation for Arbor Day. He invited Colin Conner, Betty Daigle, and Dawn Azok to receive the award.

  Mr. Corley read the Proclamation.
Ms. Azok thanked the City for the award. She invited everyone to come out for Arbor Day. She stated that they are giving away 250 trees this year and 17 different varieties of trees. They will have kids’ activities and the winners of the Arbor Day Essay Contest this year. They will, also, have the official measuring of what is believed to be the world’s largest oak leaf, which will be a new world record.

Mr. Smith asked if there was any more reports or recognitions from the Council.

There being none, Mr. Smith moved forward to the consent agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Smith asked if anybody wanted an item moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

There being no comment, he proceeded with the consent agenda.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6203-20**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE, GEMCO, LLC D/B/A BEEF O’ BRADY’S, GEORGE MCCLUNEY, III, EXECUTIVE(S).

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6204-20**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE, SC HOOVER, INC. D/B/A SUPER CHIX, NEHAL SONI, ARNOLD SONI, DEEPEN PATEL, RAJERH PATEL, KUMAR PATEL, AND ZAVERI REEL, EXECUTIVE(S).

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6205-20**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE, TACO MAMA HOOVER, LLC D/B/A TACO MAMA, NEHAL SONI, ARNOLD SONI, NAYANA SONI, AKASH PATEL, RAJERH PATEL, KUMAR PATEL, AND ZAVERI REEL, EXECUTIVE(S).
Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6206-20**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOL LICENSE, MELT HOOVER, INC. D/B/A MELT, NEHAL SONI, ARNOLD SONI, DEEPEN PATEL, RAJERH PATEL, KUMAR PATEL, AND IVON CROES, EXECUTIVE(S).

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6195-20**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOOVER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION DISTRICT.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6198-20**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HAILO-VENTURES, LLC.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6199-20**

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OF MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6200-20**

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OF MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY.
Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6201-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GONZALEZ-STRENGTH & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6202-20

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE HOOVER CITY HALL REROOFING.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6207-20

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OF MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6209-20

A RESOLUTION REJECTING A BID FOR EVENT SUPPLY RENTAL FOR THE CITY OF HOOVER, ALABAMA.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

MOTION Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried approving the consent agenda.
Regular Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6197-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PAYMENT COMMITMENT AND NAMING AGREEMENT WITH ABBEY RESIDENTIAL, LLC, AND J. FRANKLIN BAREFIELD, JR.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

MOTION    Motion to approve Resolution Number 6197-20 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mayor Brocato stated that they might have noticed a new building coming up next to Fire Station Number 4. That is the new state of the art Police Training Center that they are very proud of. The individual that had a lot to do with that is Mr. Frank Barefield. He is quite a friend to the City of Hoover and the law enforcement in general. He has made a substantial donation. As a result of that they are honored to name that facility after him and his late wife Pam. They are overwhelmed with his generosity and his dedication to law enforcement. He is very involved in an organization called Crime Stoppers. He told Mr. Barefield that they appreciate his support for their Police Officers. He asked Chief Derzis to come up and make comments.

Chief Derzis stated that this is an exciting time for them. They have been trying to put together a training center for years prior to this Administration. They used to train at the Old Berry High School on Columbiana Road, but were the City of Vestavia bought it. Frank and Pam Barefield have been dear friends of his for years. As his wife was battling cancer, they agreed to have Police Officers in the month of October all wear pink. They have been doing that for four years and Mr. Barefield had raised the money to purchase all of those. He stated that he could not tell them how many people have come up to their officers, men and women who have battled cancer. Everyone knows someone that has battled cancer. After his wife passed away, thanks to this Mayor and Council to appropriate the $4 million dollar funds to build this facility that they are very proud of. Mr. Barefield came to him one day and stated that he would love to be a part of it and Ms. Pam Barefield loved him and the Hoover Police department. He asked about making a contribution and putting their name on it. There had be $250,000 for the naming rights, which is considerable. He asked Mr. Barefield, his daughter, Lauren, and his son, John to come up.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any questions or comments from the Council.

Mr. Posey thanked Mr. Barefield for his generosity.

Mr. Barefield stated that it was a pleasure.
Mr. Smith stated that Chief Derzis mentioned his dedication in Crime Stoppers as well. He stated that he is always willing to help Police right where they are.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Council.

There being none, Mr. Smith called for the question with a roll call vote, as follows:

- Mr. Greene – yes
- Mr. Posey – yes
- Mr. Murphy – yes
- Mr. Smith – yes
- Mr. Shaw – yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Barefield stated that it is a pleasure to be a support to what he thinks is the best Police Department in the state and country. He stated that all of the citizens of Hoover are very lucky to have such a great, dedicated force that is so intent on having the best training and protection. He stated that it is a pleasure for him to be involved.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6210-20**

**A RESOLUTION NAMING THE POLICE TRAINING FACILITY**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution Number 6210-20.

**MOTION** Motion to approve Resolution Number 6210-20 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried adopting Resolution Number 6210-20.

Mr. Mayor stated that they would do a proclamation and present that as well.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6208-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BROAD METRO, LLC.**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**MOTION** Motion to continue Resolution Number 6208-20 to the call of the chair was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any further questions from the Council or the audience.
There being none, Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried to continue Resolution Number 6208-20 to the call of the chair.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6211-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. AND BLACKRIDGE PARTNERS, LLC.**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**MOTION** Motion to approve Resolution Number 6211-20 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Rice stated that this is a three party agreement between the City, the Blackridge Development Corporation and CSX to construct a railroad bridge over the second set of railroad tracks. Without the City’s participation, CSX will not allow them to stand that set of tracks with a bridge. It will be done by private funding, and, then, the City will accept it for permanent maintenance, because it is the primary access route for the public and emergency services.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any funds from the City in the construction.

Mr. Rice stated no.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any further questions from the Council or the audience.

There being none, Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried adopting Resolution Number 6211-20.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6212-20**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDER.**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**MOTION** Motion to approve Resolution Number 6212-20 with Alabama Power Company as the energy service provider was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any questions from the Council or the audience. He stated that he received a call from. He asked if Snider Electric was present.
The Snider Electric representative stated that in their last presentation he was asked to put together a package for them to consider in terms of what their scope of savings would look like. They finished it last week and mailed it out to everyone. There are two terms of what they can do for them. They believe that they can offer the same scope or a little bit greater scope under two different packages. The first one is a $4.4-million package, in which their cost of funding would be $371,000. The total program under the life cycle, which it pays back in 7 years, would be just under $4.8 million. It was previously presented as a 10-year program where they would pay $6 million for a $4.3 million dollar package. Another option would be a $5.5-million program, which has a much greater impact. It actually saves the City a bit more. It would pay back over 8 years. The cost of that would be just over $400,000. It would come in less than what they are currently planning on spending over a 10 year period. He stated that with their program, even if they pay it back over 7 or 8 years, that the 20 year guarantee is good to use so that they know that the revenue is coming to them no matter what. It will allow them to accomplish more as a City. They know that they have tremendous maintenance needs. They have some unfunded projects that are out there. They talked a little bit about things that the City was already tackling. They can easily leave those in. They have done that with dozens of other entities. Last time he was asked about the performance of their savings. They hit their guarantee at 99.6% of the programs that they implement. They typically exceeded by over 11% which is their average. He was recently in a meeting with the Jefferson County Commission at the County Courthouse about 2 years ago. They guaranteed $550,000. They delivered $625,000. He stated that he wanted to make a point before they make everything official. He stated that they have a 15 year track record doing over $300-million worth of work, just like in this state. They think that both of their packages that they put together accomplished more at a lower cost and faster time-period. They have a track record of being there, a couple of miles down the road with over 100 people dedicated to doing this exact type of progress. He stated that he appreciates their consideration and told them congratulations on granting a program, regardless of how they do it. He truly feels that over his 15 year career that they have a huge opportunity and he knows that they can do an excellent job for them.

Mr. Smith asked why this information was not available at his last presentation.

The representative stated that he was asked to present on the potential that they found initially on the offices. He was never asked to put together a project for the City. After the meeting they were asked to do that. They scrambled over the last couple of weeks to get this together. This shows the impact of what they can do. Last time they talked about a $15-25 million impact. Now they have nailed it down to exactly what they think that they can accomplish. He stated that the next step would be that they go and design all of it. In his previous proposal, he was not expecting to present a project to them. He thanked them for giving him the time to put that forth to them.

Mr. Smith stated to Mr. Powell that apparently he did not know specific information. He asked if Mr. Powell sent out the information.

Mr. Powell stated that he did. He said that actually, Mr. Westhoven was over this project, but he was actively involved in the process. He is not sure how that information was put together for that presentation. He stated that he knows that the focus of it was related to preliminary audits.
Mr. Rice stated that the most recent presentation was not really part of the RFP process. They came in yields of many months of conversation and deliberation. There was no script for those. They simply invited both companies to come back to the Council to make a final presentation. It was open for them to present whatever they wanted. They did not tell them what to say and what not to say. It was an opportunity to be in front of the Council.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any comments or questions from the Council or the audience.

There being none, Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried adopting Resolution Number 6212-20.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6213-20**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PROVISION OF TIER I BENEFITS TO TIER II PLAN MEMBERS.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

**MOTION** Motion to approve Resolution Number 6213-20 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith stated that he wanted to give a short explanation on this and asked Mr. Rice to correct him if he was wrong. After this session, the RSA needs to review their payout plan in deciding that they need to create Tier II. This would allow people hired after that point, and cities were mandated to do this. No matter how many years they have put in, they had to reach age specific requirements which are age 62 for non-public safety employees and age 56 for those that were sworn in. If they started when they were 22 years old, they would obviously have to put in many years. Now that the economy has righted itself and the RSA finds themselves in better financial position, they have now created a Tier III, which basically gives Tier II employees the opportunity to become Tier I retirees if those cities and or counties choose to do so.

Mr. Rice stated that he thinks that Mr. Smith is right. In 2010, the Legislature decided to revamp the RSA program and created Tier II in response to the economic turn in 2008. They were able to find that they could get that age down to 56 but they could not get it below that. They have witnessed employees fall off after seeing what they were not going to get. This year the Council has authorized them to take all of the Tier II employees to take on Tier I benefits, which will add an impact to the amount that they paid. This is not without their contribution as well. It will have no impact on the existing Tier I employees. He knows that many people were concerned about that. The day after the law passed, the Mayor sent an email to staff. They began researching this. They had conversation with the Council. He stated that they wanted to commend each of them because they had nothing but support from the Council. On behalf of the department heads that have to seek, find, and try to keep the best people. This is going to be a very valuable tool to continue to recruit at a high level that Hoover has always been known for.
Mr. Smith stated that this particular action was not embodied with other discussions when it comes to new personnel policies that the Council is working with the Administration on. Not knowing how long those other conversations were going to take, he, personally, wanted to bring this out and get it taken care of.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any comments or questions from the Council or audience.

There being none, Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried adopting Resolution Number 6213-20

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-2474**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOOVER TO MODIFY CHAPTER 9, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOOVER IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. MOTION TO APPROVE. ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Ordinance.

**MOTION** Motion to approve Ordinance Number 20-2474 was made by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Greene.

Mr. Smith stated that this is in response to the fact that they have people wanting to offer these services, but they really had no particular place to issue proper licensing under so they are creating that area tonight. Mr. Smith asked if there were any comments or questions from the Council or the audience.

Mr. Posey asked if they could discuss more in detail what they are going to repeal and what parts of ordinances are going to be removed. This is not going to affect parking in the right way together in the changing of these ordinances.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any comments from the audience.

Mr. Greene asked how many companies are operating horse drawn carriages in the City.

Mr. Smith said one.

Mr. Gene Powell, Brook Lane, stated the he questions that last portion of the Ordinance. They can change anything that refers to a car. They can repeal anything else. He is interested in the parking situation that they have on the right-of-way on Highway 31. He stated that this has been going on for a long time and he thinks that it could have been handled a long time ago. He thinks that that last part to repeal all ordinances and parts of the ordinances of the City of Hoover that conflict therein. He stated that they can come up with a lot of things in conflict with it.
Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Powell had a section number.

Mr. Corley stated page eight section three.

Mr. Smith asked which ordinances. He stated the legal staff can identify the conflict.

Mr. Corley stated that this is simply standard language for any new ordinance to make sure the Council is not passing any contradictory ordinances. This ordinance does not speak to parking or repeal to change any ordinance related to any other traffic controls, specifically.

Mr. Smith asked if the Council addressed street parking about a year ago in an ordinance.

Mr. Corley stated that he thinks so, but he is going to have to look.

Mr. Smith stated that he would like to have a copy of that Ordinance. He asked Mr. Wyatt if he wanted to speak to this. He stated that he is sure that Mr. Powell would like to see a copy of the Ordinance as well.

Mr. Wyatt stated that he was involved a couple of years ago. He has not seen it recently, so he does not know if there has been any changes. He used other cities that had a similar ordinance and they submitted them to the legal to review that. He has not seen it since then.

Mr. Smith stated that perhaps they can give Mr. Powell a copy of it. He asked if there were any other questions from the audience or the Council.

There being none, Mr. Smith called for the question with a voice vote and the motion carried adopting Ordinance Number 20-2474.

**1\(^{st}\) Read (Items to be considered on March 16, 2020)**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-2476**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF HOOVER, AL FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF HOOVER.

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Ordinance.

Set Public Hearings For *March 16, 2020 (No Action To Be Taken At This Meeting)*
Set public hearings for **Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** to consider the following requests, which come forward with a positive recommendation from the Month Year Planning and Zoning Commission meeting:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 6196-20**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL FOR ADDITION TO EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2142-2146 TYLER ROAD, HOOVER, ALABAMA. **NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Resolution.

Mr. Martin stated that this is a revision to a site plan for an existing shopping center. This is for the location of the new Piggly Wiggly as well as a new pharmacy located in Bluff Park. The Board of Zoning Adjustment heard a variance request. The site is able to achieve 73% of required material parking. The Board of Zoning Adjustment waives the additional. The Planning Commission has reviewed the site plan for this Conditional Use and has recommended approval to this location.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any comments or questions from the Council.

There were no further questions.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-2475**

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2429 SAVOY STREET, 2441 SAVOY STREET, AND 648 KLEINS DRIVE FROM HOOVER R-1 TO HOOVER R-1 WITH CONDITIONS, 621 KLEINS DRIVE FROM HOOVER A-1 TO HOOVER E-2 WITH CONDITIONS, 631 KLEINS DRIVE FROM HOOVER E-2 TO HOOVER E-2 WITH CONDITIONS AND 644 KLEINS DRIVE FROM HOOVER A-1 TO HOOVER R-1 WITH CONDITIONS, CK ENTERPRISES, LLC (LANCE KITCHENS), REPRESENTING. **NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.**

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Ordinance.

Mr. Martin stated that Mr. Corley covered it pretty well. The property is subject to the request with Lot 7 going from A-1 to R-1 with conditions. Lot 5 will be going from A-1 to E-2 with conditions. The remainder of the property would take on existing zoning with the conditions that Mr. Corley
mentioned. There are 48 total units with one existing home located on Savoy. The respective developer and applicant is present and can present anything that this body wishes to hear.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Kitchens if he had any type of presentation.

Mr. Kitchens stated yes. He stated that they had been before the Planning and Zoning Commission three times and had two meetings with local residents. The subject property as Mr. Martin outlined is highlighted on the slide. He stated that this is the existing home that they are hoping to leave in place to allow someone to remodel it. They will be subdividing and putting that on a two and a half acre tract of land. The total conditions are a total of about 26.4 acres. There are six parcels that make up the overall track of land. There is a current zoning right now that is Residential, R-1. Two parcels are A-1, Agricultural. One Parcel is E-2. Almost 79% of it is already zoned for Residential, so they are focused on the remaining 21%. He showed an overall map of the Hoover GIS system. The green represents the Agricultural parcels, the pink represents E-2, and the tan color represents R1. The two parcels that they are dealing with are the highlighted area on his slide. The tanned parcel for Parcel 7 as R-1 would be surrounded by R-1 and the pink parcel to the north is E-2 and to the east is E-2. In the finished product, that is what the zoning would look like. Everything on the right would be E-2 and everything on the left had side would be R-1. The new property lines of the new subdivision would not follow its own property line, its own parcel would have to rezone to E-2 or half, of the house would be zoned R-1. They could have incompatible zonings within the same lot and they are looking for consistency with in the same zoning. He presented the latest layout that is approximately five parcels that are greater than a half-acre 10 that are greater than 20,000 square feet, which meets the E-2 category. They have about 32 parcels that are less than 20,000 square feet that would meet the R-1 category. He stated that again, that would be 47 parcels. One thing that was bought up is if they would be able to do anything that was beneficial to the community. They have looked at it and wanted to present it to the City. At the intersection of what will be Smith Drive and Savoy Street, being able to dedicate a piece of land to the City to allow a playground facility to be built to serve the community.

Mr. Smith asked if he was going to build the playground.

Mr. Kitchens stated that they were not planning to build the playground. They just want to donate the land.

Mr. Smith asked was this due to protect the children that were playing there.

Mr. Kitchens stated that he would have to look at the landscape and there would be a fence as well.

Mr. Smith asked if there would be a guardrail.

Mr. Kitchens stated that if it is wanted. It would be for the City Engineers to discuss.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any questions or comments from the Council.
Mr. Posey asked a question about one of Mr. Kitchen’s slides and wanted to know the size of one of the parcels.

Mr. Kitchen’s stated that that parcel is a little over 90,000 square feet.

Mr. Posey asked where that sits.

Mr. Kitchens stated that just off to the left of the screen would be where Rayburn lines up. Rayburn is just beyond their property line.

Mr. Posey asked if there is a reason that he did not seek to develop a residential district for this property.

Mr. Kitchens asked if he was talking about the PRD overall.

Mr. Posey stated yes.

Mr. Kitchens stated that he guess that their thought was that with 79% already zoned Residential. They were willing to comply with the zoning that is currently there. He stated that he is open for suggestions if it is something that the PRD would allow them to benefit. They thought that was the most straight forward way.

Mr. Posey stated that he asked out of curiosity because so many things are being developed now. They cannot have a district built with that plan, but he is thinking that that may have allowed them to work together. He thinks that the PRD might have been beneficial.

Mr. Kitchens stated that he could see where people want to be a little tighter with their setbacks, or have the houses are closer together. He does not think that they will be looking for that type of development where homes would be clustered together.

Mr. Shaw stated that they have had similar discussions with a similar zoning. PRD is pretty dense.

Mr. Posey that is why they put conditions on it.

Mr. Greene asked Mr. Kitchens for a review.

Mr. Kitchens stated that they have a layout, assuming that there are no rezonings that they could produce by 43 parcels and in his request, it would be 47.

Mr. Greene asked if they were looking at four residences.

Mr. Smith stated that he attended one of his meetings. He asked him to report the home values again.

Mr. Kitchen’s stated that they think that it will be in the $500,000-$700,000 range.
Mr. Smith asked if that concludes the cost of the parcel itself.

Mr. Kitchens stated yes.

Mr. Smith asked if he was going to put a $300,000 house on a $200,000 lot.

Mr. Kitchens stated no.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any further comments or questions for the Council.

There were no further questions.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-2477**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED AT MOSS ROCK IN THE CITY OF HOOVER, ALABAMA, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SAID CONTRACT AND ANY ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE SALE PURSUANT TO TERMS, PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID CONTRACT

Mr. Corley read the summary of the Ordinance.

Mr. Smith asked if the seller has been able to get all of the documents to the legal staff. Mr. Corley stated they are still waiting on final approval of the contract.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Council or the audience.

There were no further questions.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Mr. Smith stated that he is opening the meeting to comments and questions.

Mr. Smith asked if the Historical Society would like to make comments.

Mr. Jim Langly, Hoover Historical Society Representative stated that a lot of people come to him asking what the Hoover Historical Society is and what they do. He stated that he would give a short outline of what they do. He stated that before that, he would like to offer a thanks to the City of Hoover for their support. The Hoover Historical Society has been around for 30 years. They celebrated their 30th Anniversary last year. They hope that they have developed a good program
that will exhibit the History of Hoover. He stated that as they see on the monitor, they have many things that they do. One of the things that they do involves taking historical trips of Hoover. He pointed out a picture of the Mayor and someone else that he would like to thank, which was John Lyda. He stated that John Lyda went and got his CDL license so that he could drive the Historical Society on their tours. He painted a picture of Mr. Lyda from the Society. He stated that he appreciates Mr. Lyda and his efforts as well as Mr. Moore. He stated that Mr. Moore does a great job supporting them. He stated that they say that the study of history can prevent one from making their own mistakes, but he stated that through the City Council, also they document everything that they made throughout the years. He stated that they preserve and protect in their archives, which are at the Public Safety Center on Valleydale. They have down there a storage of documents, maps, artifacts, newspapers, articles, yearbooks, genealogical histories of Hoover families. These are all available to the public to do their research and study their family history, or whatever they have associated with Hoover. He stated that there are also history stories and they have some on their website. He likes to tell stories with his presentations. He stated that they, also, place the historical marks around town. They evaluate places that they can do that. Another thing that he thinks that they do most is educate and spread knowledge of Hoover. They do this in many ways. One being through their Hoover History tours. They give 2-3 hour tours to groups or anyone that comes to them that wants a tour. He invited members of organizations that would like to know the history of Hoover to let him know. They also take tours and trips to other local areas. In December they went on a tour at the American Village. They are going to Montgomery to see the Legacy Museum in May. There are a lot of other Alabama tours that they support. They also do Hoover History presentations which goes from the Creek Indians to date. They have programs every month and those programs are in the Library every other month. They go all the way from the Gulf to the Birmingham train terminal. They have a wide range of historical discussions. They also have a Hoover History Book, Newsletters, and Facebook. They give Scholastic Scholarships to Hoover students at Hoover High School and Spain Park High School of $1,000. They just started giving scholarships to a skill of trade’s person who is going to a trade school. He showed of picture of what it looked like in Shelby County in 1840. They moved that in conjunction with the City of Hoover and there are several people in the Society back in 1997 that moved it log by log behind the school and reconstructed it. It is now called the Folklore Center. They get kids from Bluff Park Elementary and other schools in Hoover and take them up there so that they can see what it was like in the Pioneer times. They have stations set up and teach them how to wash clothes out of a pot, how to tend to things, make toys, and make wealth. They take them in the cabin and show them what life was like. He stated that they support Hoover Day, Moss Rock Festival, Hoover Holiday Open House, and Bluff Park School Open House. They have had Santa Clause at the Cabin. They have clean up days like at Lover’s Leap. Their Spring Tea this year will be April 19 at the Hoover Randall House and it is open to the public. They have bi-monthly meetings and he has been giving presentations to retirement places like Galleria Woods. They have been all out in the community. Another function is that they support preserving historical materials. They are very interested in preserving Bluff Park School, the Hoover Randall House, Ross Bridge, Lovers Leap, Brocks Gap, and Hale Springs. He stated that they support the efforts of the Friends of Shades Mountain to preserve Hale Springs and it is up for sale now. Riverchase, at one time was the City of Acton. The first City Hall is coming up and they want to make sure that that keeps a spot light in the Historical building. He stated that they have several things on their wish list. One thing on their list is that they are at the archives.
The request is for a more accessible working space, hopefully in a historical building. Next, regarding the Folklore Center, is when they closed down the school they did away with their bathroom. They mostly use the center for kids and senior adults, so they need a bathroom. They would also like to see more improvement on accessibility to a pass across Ross Bridge. At Brocks Gap, they would like to put some signage up at Lover’s Leap. There are engravings there that are disappearing. He would like to put those in a plaque and put them up there. They also would like to preserve the Hale Springs. They just want to grow and be more involved in the Folklore Center and the seniors groups. They want to develop strategies for usage and maintenance. Sometime in the future the Folklore Center will be a centerpiece information center for the City of Hoover. They want to start a service providing help for those looking for their family histories. They want to work with those who work in real estate to make sure that people coming in to review their history book and history. They are working closely with the Chamber of Commerce to get in more new businesses coming into Hoover. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Smith stated that he thinks that he did an extremely thorough job explaining that and thanked him. He asked if the Council had any question or comments.

Mr. Murphy wanted to thank the School Board President, Mr. Craig Kelley, for coming. Mr. Murphy said this is the time of year where it is time to decide for the next board member for the school board. Mr. Murphy said they do have an interview process that they go through. Mr. Murphy said March 6, they will put out the applications for school board and March 20 will be the deadline. He is asking the Council to consider April 2 for scheduling interviews. This will lead to April 6th for the appointment or reappointment by state law.

Mr. Greene stated that he would like to commend the Hoover Library Director Amanda Borden and their Board for another successful Southern Voices event. He has heard an overwhelming number of positive comments about the outstanding quality of the program and the professionalism and graciousness of Ms. Borden and her staff. Once again, the Hoover Library has made their citizens proud.

Mr. Smith stated that it seems that they keep getting better and better. He stated one day they will get a better venue with more patronage. He asked if there were any further comments from the Council.

Mr. Smith asked if there was anything else from the Council or the audience.

Mr. Schultz, Albemarle Drive, stated that they will have a presentation on the 16th on the rezoning of the Smith Farm. He stated that he wanted to clarify a question that Mr. Greene asked. At the Planning and Zoning meeting on December 9 and January 13, the community meetings of January 2 and January 7, and his meeting with Mr. Kitchens on January 5, the number of houses was 36 that he could build not 43. Mr. Cook asked about 43 at the January 13 meeting. He stated that he just wanted to clarify that in this time.

Mr. Kelly stated the Fine Arts Center and the Performing Arts Center are separate this is huge for the City. Their interest with the tax-payer education money is to educate their students in Fine
Arts, which is extremely important. With that being said, they would always like to share with the City, if possible. He stated that they are looking at some serious issues on the funding because in the last four of 5 years they were about $9-million less because of the raises giving by the legislature. They have been talking to the City to see if there is any way that they can collaborate.

Mr. Murphy asked if this was in the Preliminary discussion.

Mr. Posey stated that he thinks that should find where the School Board is going and where they are going. He stated that he sent out the packages they want to look at and talk about some of the approvals there. He stated that they really do not know where they are going until they get that study. Once they get that study, they will be able to determine what best fits in the City to kind of mirror the conversations that they have had. They do not have the finance or the education that the school system has, but they do have to find their need for the community. He thinks that they can have that discussion. They have not started the study process, yet. They still have to find finances for Parkside, which he thinks that discussion will be on the next Agenda and could happen more once they, finally, decide where they are going with that study. There was an initial conversation about what they are doing and what they are looking at doing study wise and what they are looking at building.

Mr. Kelly stated that Ms. Todd, one of their Board Members, had a lead for discussion on Fine Arts. The community meeting that they had a couple of months ago was a collaboration at that point. Anytime they can share they can share assets and tax money, they welcome the conversation. They have to go slow, because of the budget that it falls under.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any further comments from the Council or the audience.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Gene Smith
Council President

Frank V. Brocato
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

Wendy Dickerson
City Clerk