



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED VOTING MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady – Mayor
George Holt – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Mike Ready – Councilmember
Jim Windham – Councilmember
Erik Oliver – Councilmember
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Andrew – City Manager
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
Jody Reid – Supervisor of Utilities and
Maintenance
David Strickland – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Gafnea (Oxford College).

1. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable David S. Eady, Mayor.

Laura McCanless made a motion to accept the agenda for the April 15, 2024 Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0). (Attachment A)

2. **Consideration of a Resolution to Relocate a Portion of Whatcoat Street**

Mayor Eady provided an overview of the proposed resolution.

Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the resolution. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion carried (5/2). Erik Oliver and Jim Windham voted nay.

3. **Consideration of a Resolution for the conveyance of land and property from the City of Oxford to the Oxford Downtown Development Authority for the purposes of redevelopment** (Attachment B)

Mayor Eady proposed that the City accept payment for rental of the Whatcoat Street building that is now due. The DDA would handle any expenses on the property in coordination with Oxford College with funds already in their bank account. He proposed that no funding should be included in the FY 2025 budget for the DDA.

Laura McCanless made a motion to convey the property as recommended. Mike Ready seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Erik Oliver asked why the pre-payment for the next leasing period is not going to the DDA. Mayor Eady stated that the DDA does not need the money because they already have funds available. They will also work out a lease agreement with Oxford College for lease of the building. The City needs the money in its operating budget. Mike Ready added that the DDA did not request any funds and it would be cleaner to put the rental payment in the City's account. The DDA will have a much clearer picture in twelve months of where things stand with redevelopment of the property.

The motion carried (5/2). Erik Oliver and Jim Windham voted nay.

4. Adjourn

Mike Ready made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcia Brooks".

Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer