



Blakely City Council Agenda

April 5, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. Public Hearing Zone Change Request Corner of Chattahoochee & Flowers Dr
- II. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance
- III. Mayor's Spotlight
- IV. Approve Minutes
 1. Minutes March 1, 2022
 - i. Work Session
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 4. Petition Requesting Speed Bumps on Chattahoochee Ave
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 5. Will Caudill – Updates
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 7. Planning Commission –
 - i. Zone Change Request Corner of Chattahoochee & Flowers Dr
 - ii. 99 Chattahoochee Ave
- VII. City Attorney's Report
 8. Second Reading and Adoption of Reapportionment Ordinance
 9. Telecom Year End Settlement
 10. MEAG Year End Settlement
 11. Verizon Site Plan for Water Tower Lease Agreement
 12. Resolution for GMA Financing for Semi Truck
- VIII. City Clerk's Report
- IX. New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council
 13. Proclamation Safe Digging Month
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- X. Public Comments
- XI. Adjournment

**CITY OF BLAKELY
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY**

March 21, 2021

6:00 P. M.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Zone change request for Corner of Chattahoochee Ave and Flowers Dr.

Parcel number: B008021036 Legal description: LL 169-28th. The property is vacant at this time. The owner would like to change the zone from R-1 to R-2 to construct a building with four apartments.

2. Property #2 Location: 99 Chattahoochee Ave.

Parcel number: B008021035

Legal description: LL 169-28th

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Wallace Oneal called the Public Hearing to order. The Commission members discussed The potential impact on the residents in the area and viewed a drawing of the Proposed project. No one from the public was in attendance.

A motion was made by McArthur Jones and seconded by Exie Smith to close the Public Hearing. **Motion Passed.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: INVOCATION.

Wallace Oneal called the regular meeting to order. Those in attendance: Wallace Oneal, McArthur Jones, Hope Fleming, Exie Smith, George Easom. Also attending were Building Official Mark Hawkins and Planning and Zoning Kenneth Jones. McArthur Jones gave the invocation.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF February 21, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

After a review of the minutes a motion was made by Exie Smith and seconded by McArthur Jones to approve the minutes. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

3. OLD BUSINESS: The Blakely City Council approved the zone change request for 16958 Cedar Springs Rd. from R-2 to Commercial- LU with the stipulations included from the Planning Commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

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The Planning members discussed at length the potential impact this could have on the area. Kenneth Jones advised them that the water and sewer department said that water and sewer would be available for a building with four apartments. The sewer may require a pump similar to one of the other apartment buildings near this location. Member Exie Smith asked if the zone is changed could a manufactured home be placed there. Kenneth Jones stated that it could unless the Commission limited the use. After the discussion, McArthur Jones made a motion to recommend to the Blakely City Council to approve the request to change the zone for both lots from R-1 to R-2 with any use allowed by R-2, the motion was seconded by Hope Fleming. McArthur Jones, Hope Fleming, and George Easom voting in favor of approving the request with Exie Smith voting no. **Motion Passed.**

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

There being no further business, a motion was made by McArthur Jones to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Exie Smith. **Motion Passed.**

Signed: _____
Chairman Blakely Planning Commission



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Work Session

Harry Crozier, with Birdsong, came before the Mayor and Council to request that Birdsong be allowed to close the balance of Bay St. between McDonald and Maple. He gave a brief history on the initial portion of Bay St. that the City had turned over to Birdsong. He then informed the Mayor and Council that since that time Birdsong had purchased the Day property and now own everything on both sides of Bay St. from McDonald St to Maple/Arlington St. they would like to be able to gate off Bay St. so that their property was more secure. He then informed the Mayor and Council that they will be replacing/repairing the storm drainage in the big ditch which will help the City as well with some of the storm water drainage through this area. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider and discuss letting Birdsong have this portion of Bay St so that they could move their gate on the North end to the stop sign so as to completely close of the Birdsong property. Councilmember Clenney question if the Day property was the only property that Birdsong had not owned until now to which Mr. Crozier stated that was correct.

Kenneth Jones spoke to the Mayor and Council about a proposal from AT&T to erect a tower on the back side of the Day property, which the Day's had retained. He informed the Mayor and Council that this property was already zoned Industrial so no zone changes would be needed. He stated that it would be a 180ft tower and access to the property would be off of Arlington St but may cross a portion of Clarney St . He stated that the tower could not be within 300ft of residential property and he did feel that would be an issue. The Mayor questioned if this was the project that had previous been looked at to which Kenneth stated that this had been ongoing. The Mayor stated that he would forward to the City Attorney for review. Kenneth also stated that the FCC and FAA had already given approval. There was discussion of if a current ordinance may be in conflict but that would be looked into as well. He also stated that they were hoping that others may get on the tower as well.

Chief Caudill spoke to the Mayor and Council about the need for kennel replacement at the Animal Shelter need to be replaced due to rusting out. He stated that this had been put into the budget. Sherry Hughes spoke on the previous care of the kennels and how dangerous the present shape is to the animals at the present time. She stated that they also need to be covered. She stated that there are different amounts of kennels on both sides. Chief Caudill spoke of the possibly at total replacement or at least replacement of at least the worst depending on what the Mayor and Council chose to do. The Mayor asked if any price quotes had been gotten to which Sherry stated that Lane had gotten some. Chief Caudill stated that it would depend on what was chosen as cover but the cost had been between \$9,000 and \$14,000 but that cost had been gotten the previous year. Councilmember Clenney



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questioned if it was the chemicals that had caused the deterioration to which Chief Caudill stated that this was caused previously because the current chemicals would not do the same.

Chief Caudill spoke to the Mayor and Council that in 2019 there had been discussions about organized parking on McDonald St. opposed to the parallel parking being done presently. He stated that two employee-owned vehicles have been struck. He stated that there needs to be something done but there needs to be some consideration because of Birdsong's building. He stated that there were options of possible closing with concession to Birdsong due to their building or making McDonald St. one way. He stated he just wanted to bring this up for discussion. He then stated that they would like to create parallel parking on Bay St. He stated that there had been discussion with DOT about this and they had submitted some ideas to possibly put up 6 spots but he feels that only 3 or 4 would be needed. He stated that these would be for Police vehicles and this would free up the parking lot for the public and make them going to a call a little faster. He stated some items that DOT had requested. He stated that there just needed to be some discussion with Birdsong about McDonald St.

Chief Caudill spoke to the Mayor and Council on the current Police uniforms. He stated that the day to day uniform is navy pants tend to fade fast but not so much in the shirts. He stated that he would like to go to a tan and feels that they wouldn't fade and fast but still look professional. He didn't feel they would show as much dirt as well. He stated he had a quote. He also spoke on needing some more of the undervest shirts called Sewak. He stated that they have found them to be more comfortable. He stated that he had found these at SCI-2-Way and approximately \$6,000 would outfit 18 officers. He stated they weren't currently at 18 officers but wants/needs to be at this. Councilmember Jarrett questioned where the officer count is currently. Chief Caudill stated that he is 2 short but there are 2 in the academy. He stated that one was just hired that was certified in FL and spoke on the training. Chief Caudill informed the Mayor and Council that Paul Chandler had resigned.

The Mayor asked Chief Caudill to speak on the alcohol license for CoCo's Lounge. Chief informed the Mayor and Council that no further documents had been received at this point. He stated that based on what had been received there was no information on the door sales. He stated that per the ordinance until the Council denies the application they can continue to operate as they have been. He stated that they have not paid for the license and his recommendation is that the Council deny the application. The Mayor stated that he had gotten an example of an ordinance and they require more information of the cash drawer. There was discussion about the difference of restaurants and clubs and about changing the ordinance or leave and enforce the ordinance. There was discussion on the options and the possible upcoming requests for serving alcohol outside on their property.

Chief Caudill spoke on declaring two seized vehicles as surplus to have the funds received go into a special account set up for seized property.



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The Mayor spoke on the denial of the SLFR grant. He informed the Council that the 8" sewer line on Flowers Dr. that affects the physical therapy building was included in the grant. He stated that since this was denied the City needs to get this care because of the continued issues. He reminded the Council that this also affects Mr. Lee's yard and that until corrected the wash out will continue in Mr. Lee's yard. He asked the Council to consider using the ARPA funds to get this item corrected. The Mayor informed the Council that the storm drain pipe issue on N. Main St. has been corrected that the customer has submitted a claim on damages and that this matter has been turned over to the City Attorney.

The Mayor informed the Council that the City was waiting on quotes from Oxford for the paving project to include Westview, Redbud, E. Butler, River to Church, S. Bay to Liberty and Liberty to Jesse Johnson.

The Mayor presented the Council with a list of items to be declared surplus and put up for auction on the GovDeals website. He informed the Council that to lease a new semitruck it would be approximately \$2,440 per month and .08 per mile if the mileage goes over the lease amount but it was felt that the miles should stay under. He stated that he would continue to keep the Council updated as quotes came in.

The Mayor stated that a trash hauling trailer had to be taken out of commission and that the tire trailer is having to be used currently. He stated that Gabe had gotten a quote on a new trailer for \$86,300 with the auto tarp system. He asked the Council to consider locking in this price quote. He stated that he had spoken with Chairman Jester due to the County being in their budget process and Chairman Jester it would be an issue.

The Mayor update the Council on the Civic Center stating that they were still waiting on the Fire Marshall

The Mayor discussed with the Council having a special called meeting in March to discuss the possibly of a new building at the City barn. He explained the buildings conditions. He stated that he felt the City employees could completed the interior of the building and that Lane was currently working on getting an approximate building price. He informed the Council that a new building would correct so many issues at the City barn and open up space to protect more of the City equipment.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



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March 1, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. **Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance**
Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush called the meeting to order. Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Margaret Davis, Councilmember Ray Jarrett, Councilmember Al Hutchins and Councilmember Brad Clenney were all present. Also present was the City Attorney Hayden Hooks and the City Clerk Melinda Crook. There was a moment of silence. Charlie Sol gave the invocation and led the Mayor, Council and Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Mayor's Spotlight**
Electric Department City employee Patrick White was the February Mayor's Spotlight. The Mayor spoke on how and what all Patrick does to assist all City departments.
- III. **Approve Minutes**
A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the Work Session and Regular Session minutes from the February 1st City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present
- IV. **Citizens And Delegations**
None Present
- V. **Administrative Committee**
Will Caudill – Updates
Chief Caudill gave his monthly report for February activity. Councilmember Hutchins questioned a drive by shooting on Fort Gaines St. Councilmember Hutchins stated that E911 had sent it out. Chief Caudill stated that he was not familiar with the incident but would check reports to find out. Chief Caudill spoke on two vehicles that he would like declared surplus. He explained that these vehicles had been seized and turned over to the City and he would like to be able to place them up for sale. Chief Caudill spoke on his staffing issues. He stated that an officer had resigned but that he had picked up another hired and that there were two cadets at the academy. He informed the Mayor and Council that Lt. Naramore had completed the Use of Force Instructor training.

Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates
E911 Director Matt Hromalik gave the E911 monthly report. He stated that the total monthly calls were 3,824.
- VI. **City Attorney's Report**



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First Reading of Reapportionment Ordinance

City Attorney Hayden Hooks explained that for a City sized such as Blakely per the Census, the apportionment would be about 2686 per district. She then stated that one district is a little over where it needs to be. She stated that the only shift would be an area South of Jesse Johnson for the North, Lancelot on the right, South St on the South and Main St on the West which are currently District 2 and moving them to District 1. She stated that there is no incumbent that lives in this District. She informed the Mayor and Council that this would need to run in the paper three times. She stated that since there was no election this year the Mayor and Council could take some more time to review. She stated that they could have the first reading at this meeting and adopt at the next meeting. The Mayor asked the Council if they would prefer to wait and let the three notices run for there to be time in case questions arise from the constituents because this was not an election year. Ms. Hooks stated that someone was willing come and speak about this matter if needed. She also stated that from all the maps she had seen this was one of the best. The Council chose to take the time and adopt at the next meeting.

The Mayor question the City Attorney about the Verizon agreement to which he was informed that work was still being done on the site assessment.

VII. City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk presented the Mayor and Council with January financial reports. She also gave a power point presentation of the financials to the public

VIII. New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Proclamation Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Natural Gas Utility Worker's Day. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to recognize March 18th as "Natural Gas Utility Worker's Day." The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

Zone Change Ric Hall Lane

Kenneth Jones informed the Mayor and Council that after a second meeting of the Planning Commission the zone change for Ric Hall Lane from R2 to City Commercial had gone through. He stated that it was passed due to the issues regarding the road remaining open, and a privacy fence/buffer being installed had been resolved. He stated that their recommendation to approve motion included a negative use section to limit the use to storage buildings if permissible by the Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the zone change from R2 to City Commercial. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present



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The Mayor spoke on the hold up at the Civic Center stating that it was due to Fire Marshall having to approve the extension plans because of capacity/occupancy. Kenneth stated that he had been informed by Lane Davis that the plans had been rejected as presented and that more information was needed. Lane stated that the architect is in communication with the Fire Marshall on what more may be needed.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Early County Bobcats had advanced to the Elite 8 and asked everyone for their support and prayer.

The Mayor asked the Council about making the mask wearing optional. He stated that if it was chosen to keep the policy in place that it needs to be enforced. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to make the mask mandate optional. Councilmember Clenney and Councilmember Jarrett voted "YEH" and Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Hutchins voted "NAY". The Mayor questioned the City Attorney if there were any legal updates regarding mask mandates. Ms. Hooks suggested she would look at the policy and compare to the CDC guidelines due to recent updates. She then suggested holding this item for further research to which the Mayor stated this item would be held pending an legal option from the City Attorney

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the payroll changes as presented by the Mayor. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the list of items presented by the Mayor along with the two cars presented by Chief Caudill. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

The Mayor presented a price quote for purchasing a trailer with automatic tarp system, for the landfill, in the amount of \$86,300. He stated that this was from the same company the City had purchased a trailer from last year. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve taking the quote to the County for approval of the trailer purchase in the amount of \$86,300. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

Councilmember Hutchins questioned the City Attorney about raise approvals and if they should be taken into Executive Session to discuss. The City Attorney stated that they had already been



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approved. She then went on to say that this could be handled either way the Mayor and Council chose to do the process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the 900 linear foot 8" sewer main extension 900ft South of the Columbia St and Flowers Drive intersection along with the repair of pipe work under the road toward Mr. Lee's property in the amount of \$100,000 per Still Water Engineering bid. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

IX. Public Comments

JB Jones questioned the Mayor and Council on the drainage/road project on E. South Blvd. He questioned what the holdup was because this has been ongoing for several years. There was a short discussion on the employee's time to do the project.

Charlie Sol spoke on the mask mandate and what had happened regarding the mask mandate and why the action had been stopped. He spoke on the current mandate/ordinance.

Ms. Mells spoke on the interest of having an adult playground at the Senior Center and the grant funds possibly available to help with this type of project.

Ms. Celia Bostwick spoke about the mask mandate and breathing issues that some people have breathing problems that could be affected by the mask wearing. She then spoke on the cemetery and commented on the City cutting down the ragged looking trees. She then spoke on the Chamber banquet and how the Mayor and other members of leadership stepped up and helped serve when the hired servers did not show up. She thanked everyone for their support coming to the banquet due to the Chamber being a non-profit and this helps raise funds for the Chamber.

X. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarret to enter into Executive Session on the matter of Personnel and Legal matters on a business license. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to deny the on-premise consumption of distilled spirits for CoCo Lounge until the City Attorney presented a new ordinance. Ms. Hooks then stated that she would investigate the revision of the alcohol ordinance to separate for restaurants and for clubs and at which time the owner



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could reapply. Councilmember Clenney, Councilmember Hutchins and Councilmember Jarrett voting "YEH" and Councilmember Davis voting "NAY." The Mayor asked the City Clerk to poll the Councilmembers for their votes. After the poll the Clerk informed the Mayor that there were three votes of "YEH" and one vote of "NAY." The motion to deny carried

The Mayor stated that he recommended Billy Powell for the Street Department Foreman. Councilmember Hutchins asked that all the applicant names be stated for the record. The Mayor informed the Council that Billy Powell, William Hancock and Donell Bryant had applied for the position. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to deny the Mayor's recommendation of Billy Powell for the Street Department Foreman position Councilmember Hutchins and Councilmember Jarrett voted "YEH", Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Clenney voted "NAY." The City Attorney informed the Mayor that due to there being a tie the motion failed and that another motion would need to be made. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to go with the Mayor's recommendation to hire Billy Powell as the Street Department Foreman. Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Clenney voted "YEH", Councilmember Hutchins and Councilmember Jarrett voted "NAY," the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of "YEH" the motion to hire Billy Powell carried.

The Mayor reminded the Council that Peanut Proud was the last Saturday of March and that the Poker Run would be this coming Saturday.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adjourn the March 1st City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



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March 22, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

I. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance

Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush called the meeting to order. Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Brad Clenney, Councilmember Margaret Davis, Councilmember Ray Jarrett were all present. Councilmember Hutchins was present later in the meeting. Also present was the City Clerk Melinda Crook. The Mayor informed the Council of the passing of Ms. Julie Childress and asked that there be a moment of silence for her and others who have passed away. After the moment of silence Mr. Wallace O'Neal gave the invocation. The Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Resurfacing Project

The Mayor presented to paving proposals to the Council for the paving of streets previously presented by Councilmembers. He stated that the Oxford quote was for \$246,700 for South Bay Street, Bobwhite Drive, River Street, Redbud Street, Westview Street and East Butler Street and that it was done by square footage. He stated that the Mickey Rice Paving quote was over \$300,000. The Mayor then informed the Council that Oxford had presented a second quote with some additional streets, which were Flowers Drive, Meadowbrook and South Howell Street. He stated that the second quote with the additional streets was \$436,400. There was then discussion about water and sewer work needing to be done on East Butler and how it would make more sense to repave the street after the water and sewer work was done so that the new pavement wouldn't be cut up. The Mayor stated that this would decrease the cost and if speed bumps were excluded as well because the proposal included speed bumps. He stated that the cost of asphalt was going to increase as of April 1 which is why this meeting and presentation being done at this time. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the second proposal from Oxford in the amount of \$436,400 to exclude East Butler until after the water and sewer work has been done. The motion carried by Councilmembers present (Councilmember Clenney, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Jarrett.) The Mayor informed the Council that this would be paid out of the TSPLOST account.

The Mayor then informed the Council that the striping could be done by Peek Pavement Marking. He stated that there were two separate quotes one in the amount of \$7,422.75 and the second for \$9,072.25 which would be decrease with taking out East Butler Street. He stated that the second quote was what the striping that the City has gone with in the past which is the High Build Traffic paint. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the Peek Pavement Marking in the amount for \$9,072.25 for the High Build Traffic paint. The motion carried by Councilmembers present (Councilmember Clenney, Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Jarrett.)



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III. Purchase Of Semi Truck

The Mayor reminded the Council that this has been presented at the last Council meeting the old semi was declared surplus due to the amount of repairs it was continuing to need. He reminded them that the option to lease instead of purchase had been researched and found that with the shortages of vehicles it would have been 16 to 24 months before a lease would be available. He stated that the company that was contacted about the truck had one where a customer had backed out of the sale and the rep had made the department head had been made aware. He informed the Council that since the last meeting he had presented this to the County Commissioners and it was felt that this was a window of opportunity to get a truck quickly. He stated that the department heads of both the landfill and shop felt that this truck would be very reliable. The Mayor informed the Council that the County approved the price of \$177,475 and that there was also a surcharge of \$5,000 which would make the full total \$182,475. He stated that he had also discussed the addition cost with the County Chairman and he was in agreement for the additional cost. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the purchase of the semi truck in the amount of \$182,475 with the County covering half the cost. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present (Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Jarrett and Councilmember Clenney.)

The Mayor reminded the Council of their approval for the purchase of a new trailer at the landfill in the amount of \$86,300, which the County had approved also. He then stated that from the time of approval and the submission of the PO the cost had increased from \$86,300 to \$90,900. He stated that he was bringing this to the Council's attention so that it was put on record of this cost increase which will be split with the County.

IV. Alcohol License For Coco's Lounge

The Mayor asked the City Clerk to present new items presented to her by the owner of CoCo's lounge. The City Clerk reminded the Council of the denial of renewal for the on-premise consumption of distilled spirits alcohol license that had taken place at the last Council meeting. She then informed the Mayor and Council that Mr. Johnson has presented another letter from his CPA stating that his food sales were at 51%, his alcohol sales were at 29% and his door admission sales were at 20%. Councilmember Jarret asked Chief Caudill is he had anything to discuss on this matter to which he stated that he did. Chief Caudill stated that he had some concerns which were that the first letter gave dollar amounts for food sales and alcohol sales and that admission fees were not included. He stated that with the new letter there were no specific dollar amounts listed for any of the items. He stated that he didn't understand that if there was no change in revenue how only the alcohol percentage changed. He stated that he couldn't see how that was feasible and that all percentages should have changed if door admissions had been added. He stated that he didn't have hard evidence and hadn't looked at



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Mr. Johnson's financials but that mathematically this didn't add up to him. The Mayor stated that he had put this on the agenda after being made aware that the additional information. He then suggested that this matter be tabled and ask Mr. Johnson to come before the Mayor and Council at next months work session if there are questions from the Council. The Mayor informed the Council that even though the current Mayor and Council were looking at a change to the ordinance the referendum to add on-premises consumption of distilled spirits was passed due to having to have 50% food sales. He stated that the City Attorney was looking into whether there was a way to change the ordinance to stay within the confines of the referendum or if a new referendum would have to be done. The Mayor asked the Council to renew the ordinance he had provided to them and the City may be able to change the ordinance to be more detailed. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to table the alcohol license update for CoCo's Lounge. Councilmember Davis question why he was being asked to provide something that was not currently in the ordinance and this was a concern to her. She brought up the fact that other ordinances have been altered to work for other individuals and why he had never been asked this before and it just being brought up presently. The motion passed with Councilmember Jarrett and Councilmember Clenney voting "YEH", Councilmember Davis voting "NAY" and the Mayor breaking tie "YEH"

V. GDOT List Of Railroad Crossing Change Requests

The Mayor asked the City Clerk to discuss this item with the Council. The City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council that the GDOT had requested the City's approval or denial for changing crossbucks/yield signs to stop signs. It was stated that GDOT would make the public aware. They Mayor stated that GDOT is trying to make these areas safer. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the changes proposed by GDOT. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Councilmember Hutchins questioned who is over the Building Official. The Mayor stated that they answer to the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Hutchins then stated that Planning Commission members didn't know about it.

The Mayor reminded the Council that this weekend was Peanut Proud and asked if any member wanted to be in the parade to turn in an application.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Civic Center. He stated that the current building was exempt for having to provide a blueprint because of the square footage and the age. He then stated that the law has changed that there are more requirements based off what is to be done. He stated that the materials have already been paid for but to get with Lane or Kenneth to make the determination if the Council wants to just renovate what is currently existing or do they



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want to hire an architect for more extensive drawing. He stated that this needs to be finalized because the public is getting impatient for the building to be back open.

Councilmember Hutchins stated that he had received a phone call about property the City own on 200 past the old Busy Bee. The Mayor stated that he had spoken with the lady as well and informed her to get on the agenda for the next meeting.

VI. Public Comments

Wallace O'Neal came before the Council to request traffic control on Church St. He stated there was speeding and passing each other at high rates of speed. The Mayor asked if there was a certain time of day this was taking place. Mr. O'Neal stated that it was mostly all day.

Ms. Hope also spoke of speeding on Lee St and the fact that there were no speed limit signs. He stated that there needed to be an oversized stop sign coming off Jackson St because the bushes covered up the existing sign. She stated that there needs to be some children at play signs put up.

Chief Caudill spoke on the traffic issues on updated the Mayor, Council and public on their speed detection permit. He stated that there are issues where some streets weren't on the permit. He stated they are working with GDOT to try to correct this. He stated they could have more presence on these streets but doesn't know if a speeding case could be made because of the permit issues. He also suggested possible speed bumps. There was some discussion between the Mayor, Council and Chief Caudill.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to adjourn the March 22, 2022 Special Called Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY
SPEAKER APPEARANCE FORM**

NAME: Darrell Alexander / Elbert Lee

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DETAIL OF AGENDA ITEM TO BE ADDRESSED: Request the use of Howell Park location on May 3, 2022. Use to Host a Community Gathering for Youth. This is an Alcohol Free event.

Any individual wishing to address the Blakely City Council must complete the information requested above. Speakers will be allotted five minutes in which to complete their presentation abiding by the following rules:

- a. Agenda item to be addressed must be specified, vague answers such as "concerns" or "policies" will not be accepted.
- b. Mayor and Council have the right to decline hearing issues that have been previously presented.
- c. No person shall be allowed to make obscene, derogatory or slanderous remarks that disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- d. No person shall disrupt or interfere in any way with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- e. Remarks shall end when a speaker's allotted time has expired.
- f. Speakers may respond to questions from Council members and the Mayor, should clarification be necessary; provided, however, no person shall be permitted to enter discussion with a Council member or any member of the City staff during the conduct of a meeting.
- g.

Any person willfully violating these rules may be prohibited from appearing before the Council for a period of 60 days.

10 March 22 [Signature]
Date Speaker Signature

Date City Clerk

Citizen and Residents of
Chattahoochee Avenue/Cedar Avenue

To The Mayor and City Council, Chief of Police:

The Citizens and Residents of Chattahoochee Avenue,

We are requesting that Speed Bumps be placed

Strategically on Chattahoochee Avenue and Cedar Avenue.

We have vehicle including Cars, Trucks, and ATV's traveling well over posted speed limits. Also semi trucks traveling on the streets, including Flowers Drive where no Trucks signs are posted.

A list of Names of residents are attached, with their signatures.

Thanks and Appreciate Your Consideration.

The Citizens and Residents
Chattahoochee Ave./Cedar Ave.

03/28/2022

To Whom this may Concern
 We the people's of Chattahoochee
 Ave. are very concern about the
 safety of our neighbor. Do to
 the reckless driving we see
 constant everyday, We are
 reaching out to see if we
 can be provided with speed bumps
 to resolve our issue. Thank A lot.

Chattahoochee
 Ave.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Sharon Johnson | 14. Cynthia J Howard |
| 2. Carziah Johnson | 15. Rebecca Taylor |
| 3. John Wesley Jenkins | 16. Willie Smith |
| 4. Marcella Barnum | 17. Cissy Lawrence |
| 5. Helen Herndon | 18. |
| 6. Henry Bullock | 19. |
| 7. Ms. Levi Bryant | 20. |
| 8. Bettye Williams | |
| 9. Britany Brown + Stacy Brown | |
| 10. Jessica Hightower | |
| 11. Monnisha Hutchins | |
| 12. April Foster | |
| 13. Johnny Foster | |

Chattahoochee Ave

Name	Address	Signed Petition
BROWN, BRITANY N	165-D CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
HIGHTOWER, JESSICA NICOLE	189 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
WILLIAMS, BETTY ANN	205 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
BRYANT, TERRI	221 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
BULLOCK, HENRY A	320-A CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
THOMPSON, GLENIS JOHNSON	364 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
MAYS, MARCELLA	380 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
JENKINS, JOHN WESLEY	394 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
JOHNSON, SHARON, DENISE	408 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
TAYLOR, REBECCA	454 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	Yes
MCCLENDON, FREDRIC LADON	15 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
WRIGHT, JOSEPH BENJAMIN JR. APTS	165 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
DAVIS, TABITHA D	165 E CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
HAYES, KIERRA SHENIQUE	165-A CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
WIMBERLY, CATESHA	165-B CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
LYLES, BREUNCLE	165-C CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
PERRY, HATTIE MAE	239 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
GRAHAM, VERA	255 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
WILLIAMS, VELMA THERETHA & SHAWAN	258 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
DICKEY, JESSIE MAE	271 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
POWELL, LINDA	299 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
WELLS, APRIL	313 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
BUSH, DAMETRICE D.	320-B CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
TINSON, ANNIE	328 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
OFTON, MARY H	331 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
OFTON, LAKEITHA LASHA	347 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
CAIN, EDDIE	37 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
LAWRENCE, ANNA L.	379 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
REED, MARY ANN	397 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
MANNING, SHIRLEY	417 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
SPENCER, TERESA RENEE	422 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
HAYES, REBECCA	438 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
HENDERSON, LATRECIA A	482-A CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
REED, MARANDA	482-B CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
OFTON, ALLISIA	511 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
GODWIN, CARSINA	531 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	
HAMMOND, GEORGE & AMANDA JR.	600 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE	

MURRELL, JESSICA LASHON

WILEY, TRACY LYNN

ENFINGER, BOBBY JOE JR

Foster, April

Foster, Johnny

Howard, Cynthia

Hutchins, Ronniesha

Johnson, Caziah

Lovering, Cissy

Smith, Willie

601-A CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE

601-B CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE

623 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE

No utility account on Chattahoochee

No utility account on Chattahoochee

No utility account on Chattahoochee

No utility account on Chattahoochee

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No utility account on Chattahoochee

10 signed for

7 signed with no utility account

30 other accounts



**CITY OF BLAKELY
REZONING APPLICATION**

Please fill in all information and return to City Hall.

Date	2-15-22	Application Number	ZCA-2022-5
APPLICANT / OWNER INFORMATION			
Applicant Name	Nancy Wright		
Applicant Mailing Address	132 Fort Gaines St.		
Applicant City, State, Zip	Blakely, GA 39823		
Applicant Home Phone	229-220-1559	Cell Phone	
Applicant Signature	Nancy Wright		
Property Owner(S) Name If Different From Applicant			
Property Owner Mailing Address			
Property Owner City, State, Zip			
Property Owner Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Property Owner(S) Signature			
<p><i>Note: If property owner is different from the applicant the owner must give authorization for the applicant to act on their behalf. This authorization must be notarized.</i></p> <p><i>Applicant must provide a photo ID.</i></p> <p><i>The applicant, owner, or a representative must be present at the hearings.</i></p>			
PROPERTY INFORMATION			
General Location Of The Property (Street Or Road Name)	Chattahoochee Drive 99 Chattahoochee		
Legal Description Of Property (Copy Of Plat And Deed Will Be Sufficient)			
Current Zoning Classification			

Proposed Zoning Classification	R-2		
Current Use Of Property	Vacant		
Proposed Use Of Property	Four plex apartment		
Reason For Request	Developing Property		
BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT USE			
Date Application Received	2-15-2022		
Fee	100.00		
Payment Type	Cash _____	Check # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Credit card _____
Application Reviewed By	Kenneth Z Jones		
Date Of Planning Commission Public Hearing	MARCH 21, 2022	Time	6:00 P.M.
Date Of City Council Public Hearing	APRIL 5, 2022	Time	6:00 P.M.
Date Public Notice Posted	MARCH 2, 2022		
Date Sign Posted	march 4, 2022		
Planning Commission Action	Approved _____	Denied _____	Tabled _____
Signature Of Planning Commission Chairman		Date	
Blakely City Council Action			
Mayor Signature		Date	
Request To Change Zone Of Property	Approved _____	Denied _____	Tabled _____
Effective Date			

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE OF NOTICE: 3-2-2022

Public Hearing Issue: Application has been made for *Zoning Change*.

Property #1 Location: Corner of Chattahoochee Ave and Flowers Dr.

Parcel number: B008021036

Legal description: LL 169-28th

Property #2 Location: 99 Chattahoochee Ave.

Parcel number: B008021035

Legal description: LL 169-28th

Current Zone: R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Proposed Change: R-2, TWO-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Proposed Property Use: Construct building with four residential apartments

Public Hearing before the Blakely Planning Commission is scheduled :

Date: March 21, 2022

Time: 6:00 P. M.

Location: Council Room City Hall

Official Public Hearing before the Blakely City Council is scheduled:

Date: April 5, 2022

Time: 6:00 P. M.

Location: Council Room City Hall

SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL APPLY

**CITY OF BLAKELY
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY**

March 21, 2021

6:00 P. M.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Zone change request for Corner of Chattahoochee Ave and Flowers Dr.

Parcel number: B008021036 Legal description: LL 169-28th. The property is vacant at this time. The owner would like to change the zone from R-1 to R-2 to construct a building with four apartments.

2. Property #2 Location: 99 Chattahoochee Ave.

Parcel number: B008021035

Legal description: LL 169-28th

The property is vacant at this time. The owner would like to change the zone from R-1 to R-2 to construct a building with four apartments.

Wallace Oneal called the Public Hearing to order. The Commission members discussed The potential impact on the residents in the area and viewed a drawing of the Proposed project. No one from the public was in attendance. A motion was made by McArthur Jones and seconded by Exie Smith to close the Public Hearing. **Motion Passed.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: INVOCATION.

Wallace Oneal called the regular meeting to order. Those in attendance: Wallace Oneal, McArthur Jones, Hope Fleming, Exie Smith, George Easom. Also attending were Building Official Mark Hawkins and Planning and Zoning Kenneth Jones. McArthur Jones gave the invocation.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF February 21, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

After a review of the minutes a motion was made by Exie Smith and seconded by McArthur Jones to approve the minutes. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

3. OLD BUSINESS: The Blakely City Council approved the zone change request for 16958 Cedar Springs Rd. from R-2 to Commercial- LU with the stipulations included from the Planning Commission.

#1

Summary

Parcel Number B008021036
 Location Address
 Legal Description LL 169-28TH LD
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)
 Class R3-Residential
 (Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.)
 Tax District BLAKELY (District 02)
 Millage Rate 30.849
 Acres 0.8
 Homestead Exemption No (S0)
 Landlot/District 169 / 28

[View Map](#)

Owner

[WRIGHT NANCY](#)
 132 FORT GAINES ST
 BLAKELY, GA 39823

Land

Type	Description	Calculation Method	Square Footage	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Lots
Residential	FLOWERS 8500L	Lot	8,869	49	181	0.8	1

Sales

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
11/5/2019	366 733		\$0	Tax Sale	TAX COMMISSIONER ADN EX OFFICIO SHERIFF	WRIGHT NANCY
11/1/1995	204 432		\$0	Old Sale		ROBINSON RELIFORD

Valuation

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Previous Value	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Land Value	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
+ Improvement Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
+ Accessory Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= Current Value	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500

No data available for the following modules: Rural Land, Conservation Use Rural Land, Residential Improvement Information, Commercial Improvement Information, Mobile Homes, Accessory Information, Prebill Mobile Homes, Permits, Photos, Sketches.

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Summary

Parcel Number B008021035
 Location Address 99 CHATTAHOOCHEE AV
 Legal Description LL 168/169-28TH LD
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)
 Class R3-Residential
 (Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.)
 Tax District BLAKELY (District 02)
 Millage Rate 30.849
 Acres 0.96
 Homestead Exemption No (S0)
 Landlot/District 168 / 28

[View Map](#)

Owner

[WRIGHT NANCY ROBINSON](#)
 132 FORT GAINES ST
 BLAKELY, GA 39823

Land

Type	Description	Calculation Method	Square Footage	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Lots
Residential	CHATTAHOOCHEE 8500L	Lot	41,752	136	307	0.96	1

Sales

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
11/2/2021	382 266		\$0	Tax Sale	TAX COMMISSIONER & EC SHERIFFS DEPT	WRIGHT NANCY ROBINSON
7/25/1972	102 41	103 22	\$0	Old Sale		ROBINSON RELIFORD JR

Valuation

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Previous Value	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Land Value	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
+ Improvement Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
+ Accessory Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= Current Value	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500

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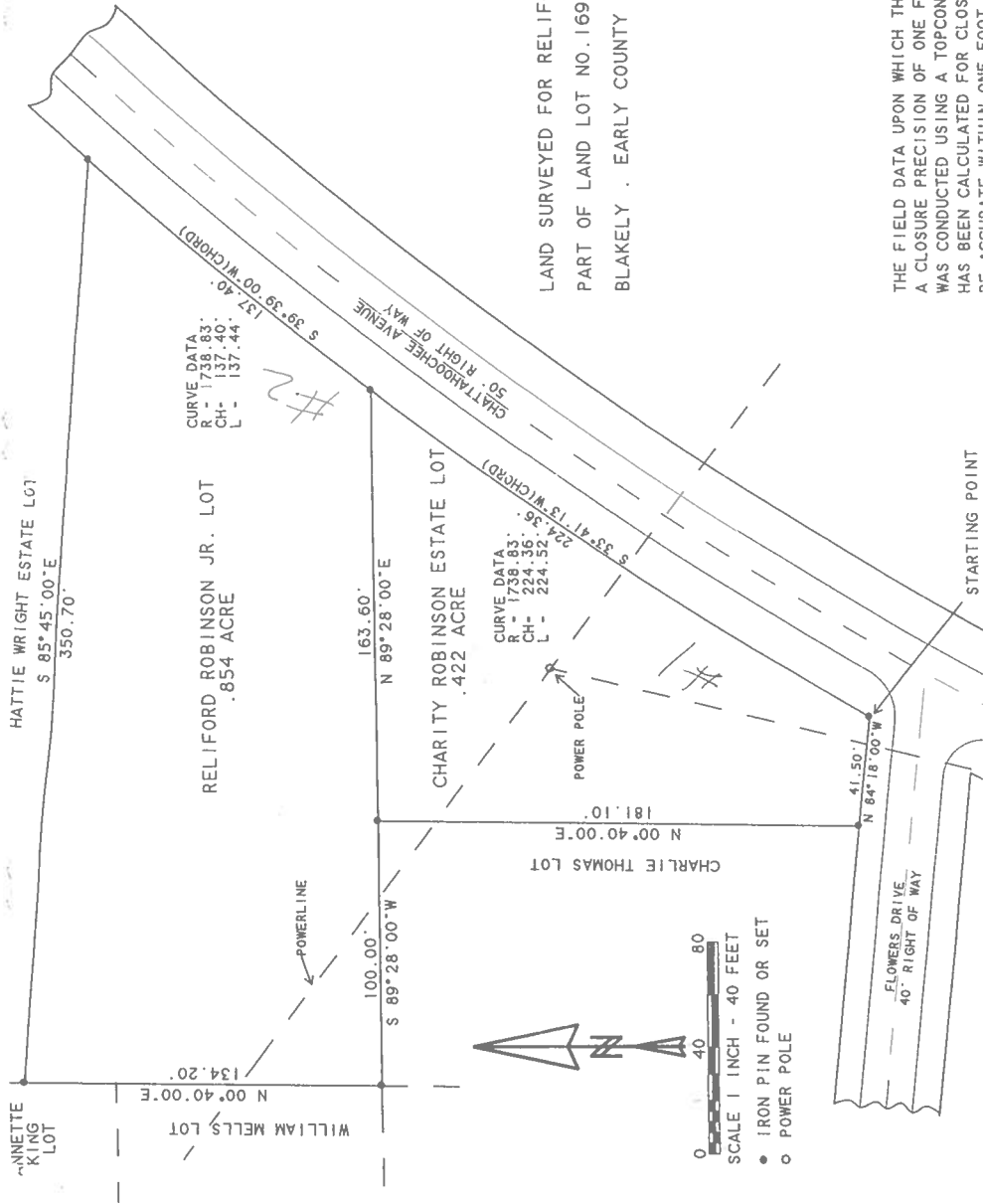
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LAND SURVEYED FOR RELIFORD ROBINSON
PART OF LAND LOT NO. 169 - 28TH LAND DISTRICT
BLAKELY, EARLY COUNTY, GEORGIA

AUGUST 11, 1995

GRADY LODGE

LAND SURVEYOR

No. 2033

THE FIELD DATA UPON WHICH THIS PLAT IS BASED HAS
A CLOSURE PRECISION OF ONE FOOT IN 10000 FEET AND
WAS CONDUCTED USING A TOPCON GTS-304. THIS PLAT
HAS BEEN CALCULATED FOR CLOSURE AND IS FOUND TO
BE ACCURATE WITHIN ONE FOOT IN 10000 FEET

Please Return To:
Franklin T. Coleman, IV
Perry & Walters, LLP
P.O. Box 71209
Albany, Georgia 31708-1209

STATE OF GEORGIA
EARLY COUNTY

Georgia, Early County
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LIEN FOR EXPENSES OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT

IN RE: STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 99 CHATTAHOOCHEE AVE., CITY OF BLAKELY,
GEORGIA, KNOWN AS PROPERTY OF RELIFORD ROBINSON, JR.
Map/Parcel No. B008021035

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

The following is a detailed list of the expenses of the City of Blakely in abating the nuisance at the above-referenced property property which shall, upon filing along with the attached certified copy of the order of the Municipal Court of the City of Blakely, constitute a LIEN on the above-referenced proeprty, pursuant to the Property Maintenance Ordinance of the City of Blakely:

Contract Labor: Big Bend Abatement, Inc. Removal of Transite/Asbestos	\$2,090.00
Labor and Equipment Costs: City of Blakely	\$2,741.57
Cost of Filing Lis Pendens Noctice	\$7.00
Cost of Advertising Notices	\$280.00
Attorney's Fees:	\$500.00
Total:	\$5618.57

Submitted this the 9th day of October, 2012.

By: [Signature]
PERRY & WALTERS, LLP
FRANKLIN T. COLEMAN, IV
Attorney for the City of Blakely
Ga. State Bar No. 177580

File & Return To:
NANCY WRIGHT
132 FORT GAINES ST
BLAKELY, GA 39823

EARLY COUNTY, GEORGIA
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GAYLE W. ANDERSON
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

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STATE OF GEORGIA
EARLY COUNTY

TAX PARCEL ID: B008 021 036
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 FILE#: 60

EARLY COUNTY TAX DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this Tuesday, November 5, 2019, between the TAX COMMISSIONER AND EX OFFICIO SHERIFF OF EARLY COUNTY, as GRANTOR, and NANCY WRIGHT as GRANTEE.

WITNESSETH THAT, WHEREAS, in obedience to writ(s) of Fieri Facias issued against Robinson, Reliford and B008 021 036 / LL 169-28th LD, the Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias, for unpaid State, County and School taxes for the year(s) 2012-2018, said Tax Commissioner and Ex Officio Sheriff did levy the within property as property of Robinson, Reliford & Charity, Estates IN REM, All Heirs Known & Unknown, serve notice, and, after the same being duly advertised agreeable to law, expose the said property within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry before the Courthouse door in EARLY COUNTY on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, offering the whole said lot for sale, at which time the GRANTEE herein was the best and highest bidder of said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of \$1,606.48, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said GRANTOR, does grant, bargain, sell and convey, so far as the Office of Ex Officio Sheriff authorizes him, unto the said GRANTEE, heirs and assigns, said property to wit:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel B008 021 036, lying and being in Land Lot 169 of the 28th Land District, City of Blakely, Early County, Georgia, shown in Deed Book 200, Page 114, described in Deed Book 204, Page 432, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located at Chattahoochee Ave and Flowers Drive.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described premises, together with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereof; and, also, all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand of the said Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias, heirs and assigns, legal, equitable or otherwise whatsoever, in and to the same, unto the said GRANTEE, heirs and assigns, subject to the right of redemption as provided by law. Said property is sold subject to all recorded easements, covenants, and right of ways in the said county land records.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said GRANTOR has signed and sealed this deed, the date first above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness (Seal)

Mikella & Sonett (Seal)
Notary Public

My Commission Expires
12-30-2023

Ann Harrell (Seal)
Ann Harrell, as Tax Commissioner and
Ex Officio Sheriff of EARLY County Georgia



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY, GEORGIA ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1 REAPPORTIONING THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY ARE ELECTED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCE AND CHARTER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Federal and State law require the reapportionment of the election districts from which the members of the governing authorities of the municipalities of the State of Georgia are elected to reflect demographic changes shown by the Federal census of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1945, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1, authorizes municipalities to reapportion its election districts, using the procedures provided by § 36-35-1 *et seq.* of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto the Mayor and Council of the City of Blakely have prepared a plan (the “Plan”), a copy of which is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth verbatim; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-1 *et seq.* public notice of the proposed adoption of the Plan was published in compliance with the requirements of the statute, a copy of which notice and the affidavit of the publisher evidencing publication are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Blakely, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same as follows:

Section 1. The reapportionment plan (the “Plan”), a copy of which is on file with the clerk of the City of Blakely, and a copy of which is attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to file, immediately upon the effective date of this ordinance, a copy of this ordinance and Plan and the attachments thereto, with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia and with the Clerk of the Superior Court for Early County, Georgia, in compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. §36-35-5.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF BLAKELY

By: _____
Mayor, Travis Wimbush

(S E A L)

Attest: _____
Clerk, Melinda Crook

First Reading: _____

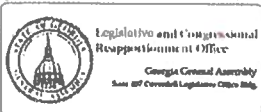
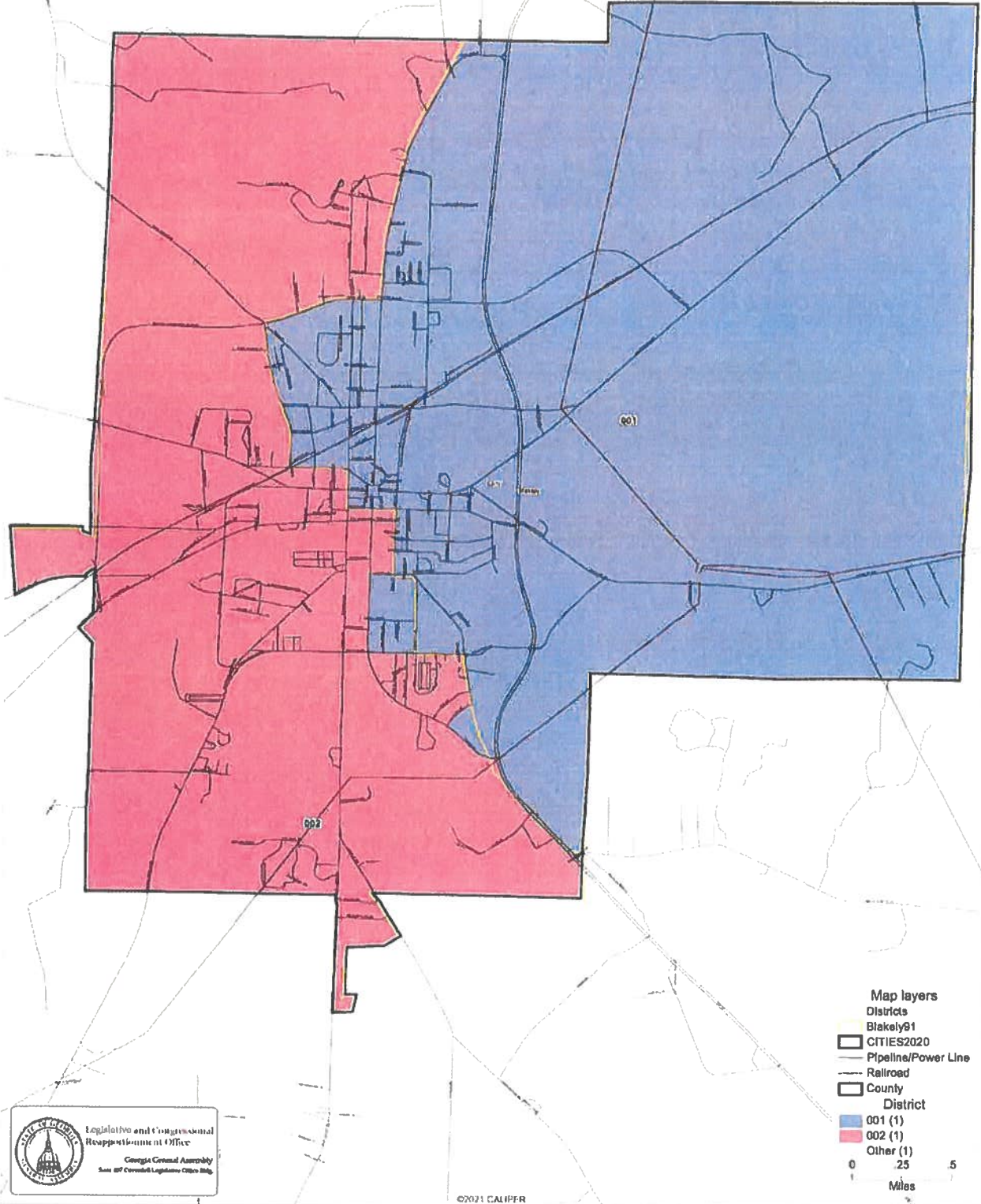
Second Reading: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

Blakely City Council Districts - Draft1

Client: Blakely
 Plan: BlakelyCity-Draft1-2021
 Type: Local

Proposed



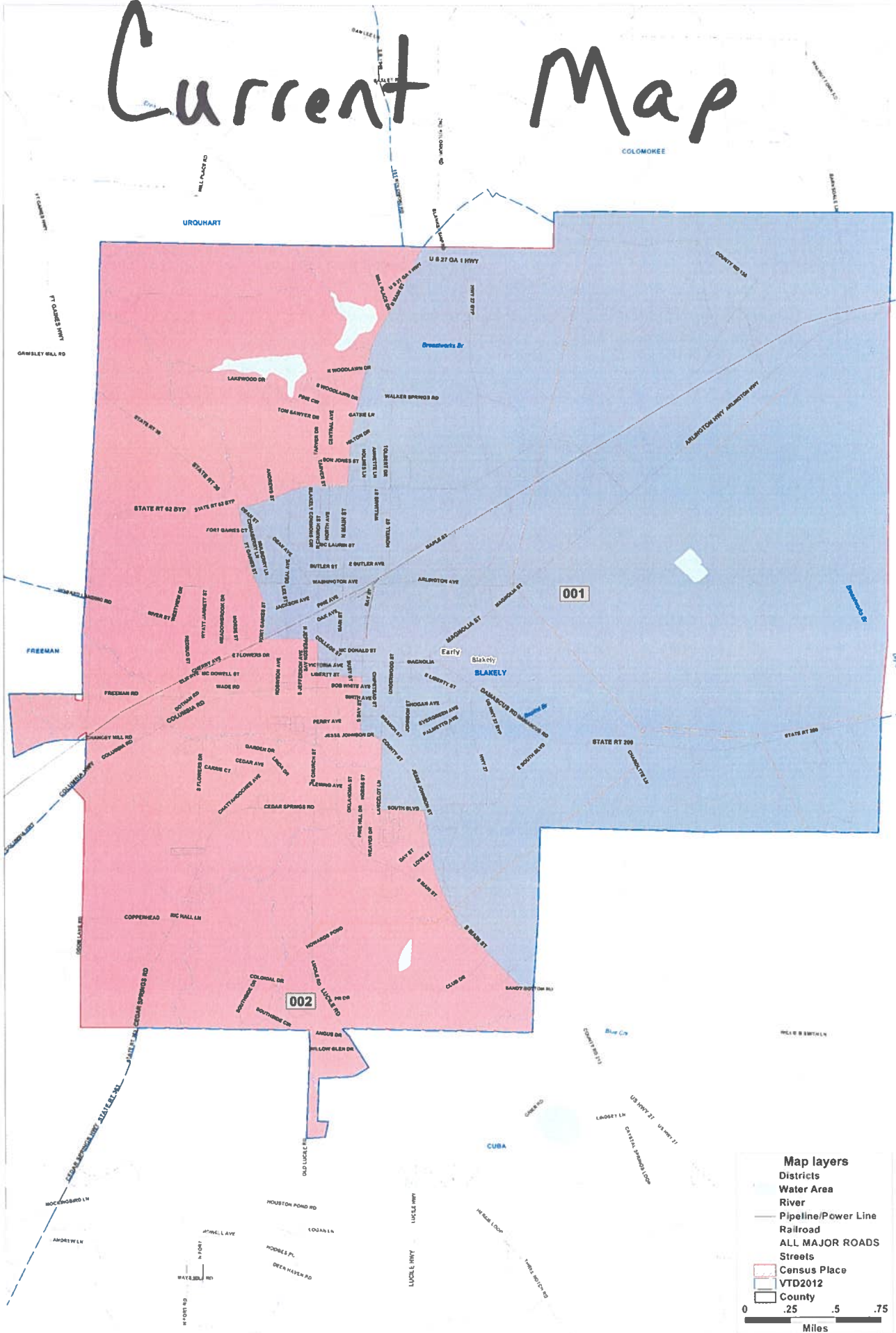
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District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	18+ Pop	% 18+ Pop	% NH, 2004	% NH, 2010	% Hispanic Origin	% NH, 2004	% NH, 2010	% NH, 2004	% NH, 2010	% NH, 2004	% NH, 2010
001	1079837	10,705,194	-3	787,110	72.4%	20.07%	30.58%	10.45%	4.44%	0.19%	0.22%	0.06%	0.11%	1.64%
002	2667	-	0.04%	1876	69.9%	8.2%	88.44%	1.04%	0.41%	0.22%	0%	0%	0.11%	1.97%
002	2667	1	0.04%	2011	75.4%	43.95%	51.54%	1.34%	0.78%	0.22%	0%	0%	0%	2.12%

Blakely City Council Districts



Current Map





TO: Travis Wimbush, Mayor
City of Blakely

FROM: James E. Fuller *J.E.F.*
President & CEO

DATE: March 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Telecom Project—2021 Year-end Settlement

The 2021 Telecom Project's Year-End Settlement was approved by the MEAG Power Board on March 17, 2022. In summary, net billings to Telecom Participants and other adjustments exceeded costs by \$6,361.

A copy of your prior election form is attached to allow review of the previous election. Please complete the enclosed 2021 election form and return it as soon as possible, but no later than May 1, 2022.

Please feel free to contact Cindy Clarke at 770-563-0456, your assigned Regional Manager or me at 770-563-0522 with any questions or comments.

Attachments

cc: Mendy Crook, City Clerk
Matthew Chancey, Regional Manager

City of Blakely

MEAG POWER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2021 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

The 2021 Telecom Year-End settlement refund from MEAG Power applicable to your City/Utility Commission is:

**Telecommunications Year-End Settlement
Refund**

\$ 98

Please choose between A, B or C below regarding the distribution of your Telecom 2021 Year-End Settlement

A. DEPOSIT TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST

1. Flexible Operating Account—Short Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
2. Flexible Operating Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
3. Flexible Operating Account, Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	_____ \$
4. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Short Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
5. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
6. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account –Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	_____ \$

Subtotal of Dollars into Municipal Competitive Trust \$ _____

B. CREDIT TO MEAG POWER MONTHLY BILL:

Credit \$ _____ dollars evenly over _____ number of month(s)

Subtotal of Dollars to be Credited to Monthly Bill

TOTAL YES REFUND

\$ 98

C. Please Distribute My Entitled Portion of 2021 Telecom Year-End Settlement in the Form of a Check.

If you would like the choice you made above to be permanent for your Telecom distributions, until you notify us in writing otherwise, please check this box.

*** By authorizing the transfer into the new Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio, the undersigned acknowledges the following potential liquidity restrictions:**

Under normal circumstances there will be no restrictions on investment purchases into or sales of shares from the Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio. On the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio, as determined by MEAG Power in its role providing direction to the Municipal Competitive Trust Trustee, MEAG Staff may limit purchases into or sales from the Intermediate Extended Portfolio for a period not to exceed 120 days. Restrictions on investments or sales beyond 120 days would require authorization from the MEAG Board. Such restrictions shall be immediately disclosed to all beneficiaries investing in the Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio of the Municipal Competitive Trust as well as the Trustee of the Municipal Competitive Trust (US Bank or its successor).

City of Blakely

MEAG POWER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2021 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

For the election form to be complete, the two signatures listed below are required.

By: _____ Date: _____
The Honorable Travis Wimbush
Mayor of Blakely

By: _____ Date: _____
Ray Jarrett
Councilmember

Please return this election form as soon as possible, but no later than May 1, 2022 to:

MEAG Power
c/o Cindy Carter
1470 Riveredge Parkway NW
Atlanta, GA 30328
ccarter@meagpower.org
Phone: 770-563-0526

City of Blakely

MEAG POWER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2020 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

The 2020 Telecom Year-End settlement refund from MEAG Power applicable to your City/Utility Commission is:

Telecommunications Year-End Settlement Refund	\$1,017
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Please choose between A, B or C below regarding the distribution of your Telecom 2020 Year-End Settlement

A. DEPOSIT TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST

1. Flexible Operating Account—Short Term Portfolio	<u>100</u> %	<u>\$ 1,017</u>
2. Flexible Operating Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
3. Flexible Operating Account, Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	_____ \$
4. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Short Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
5. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	_____ \$
6. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account –Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	_____ \$

Subtotal of Dollars into Municipal Competitive Trust \$ _____

B. CREDIT TO MEAG POWER MONTHLY BILL:

Credit \$ _____ dollars evenly over _____ number of month(s)

Subtotal of Dollars to be Credited to Monthly Bill

TOTAL YES REFUND

\$1,017

C. Please Distribute My Entitled Portion of 2020 Telecom Year-End Settlement in the Form of a Check.

If you would like the choice you made above to be permanent for your Telecom distributions, until you notify us in writing otherwise, please check this box.

* By authorizing the transfer into the new Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio, the undersigned acknowledges the following potential liquidity restrictions:

Under normal circumstances there will be no restrictions on investment purchases into or sales of shares from the Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio. On the occurrence of an event that has a material impact on liquidity or operations of the Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio, as determined by MEAG Power in its role providing direction to the Municipal Competitive Trust Trustee, MEAG Staff may limit purchases into or sales from the Intermediate Extended Portfolio for a period not to exceed 120 days. Restrictions on investments or sales beyond 120 days would require authorization from the MEAG Board. Such restrictions shall be immediately disclosed to all beneficiaries investing in the Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio of the Municipal Competitive Trust as well as the Trustee of the Municipal Competitive Trust (US Bank or its successor).

City of Blakely

MEAG POWER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2020 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

For the election form to be complete, the two signatures listed below are required.

By:  Date: April 6, 2021
The Honorable Travis Wimbush, Mayor of Blakely

By:  Date: April 6, 2021
Ray Jarrett, Councilmember

Please return this election form as soon as possible, but no later than April 30, 2021 to:

MEAG Power
c/o Cindy Carter
1470 Riveredge Parkway NW
Atlanta, GA 30328
ccarter@meagpower.org
Phone: 770-563-0526



TO: Travis Wimbush, Mayor
City of Blakely

FROM: James E. Fuller JEF
President & CEO

DATE: March 22, 2022

SUBJECT: MEAG Power's 2021 Year-end Settlement

The 2021 Year-End Settlement was approved by the MEAG Power Board of Directors on March 17, 2022. In summary, net billings to Participants and other adjustments exceeded costs by \$48,935,836.

The attached election form identifies your city's refund amount as well as the investment options available for your City/Utility Commission's year-end settlement refund. Transfers to the Municipal Competitive Trust will be completed on a weekly basis as the approved election forms are received. Credits to monthly billings, if applicable, will begin the first month following the receipt of the election form.

A copy of your prior election form is attached to allow review of the previous election. Please complete the enclosed 2021 election form and return it as soon as possible, but no later than May 1, 2022.

Please feel free contact Cindy Clarke at 770-563-0456, your assigned Regional Manager or me at 770-563-0522 with any questions or comments.

Attachments

c: Mendy Crook, City Clerk
Matthew Chancey, Regional Manager

Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
1470 Riveredge Parkway NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30328-4686

1-800-333-MEAG 770-563-0300

City of Blakely

MEAG POWER PROJECTS 2021 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

The 2021 year-end settlement refund from MEAG Power applicable to your City/Utility Commission is:

Year-end Settlement Refund	\$453,435
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Please complete the following form with respect to the distribution of the above refunds. This election form is to be completed by the City's designated officer(s) authorized to direct the utilization of funds in the Municipal Competitive Trust.

We hereby direct that the following amount of funds available from the 2021 Year-end Settlement from MEAG Power be distributed as follows:

A. DEPOSIT TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST

1. Flexible Operating Account—Short Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
2. Flexible Operating Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
3. Flexible Operating Account, Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	\$ _____
4. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Short Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
5. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
6. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account –Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	\$ _____

Subtotal of Dollars into Municipal Competitive Trust \$ _____

B. CREDIT TO MEAG POWER MONTHLY BILL:

Credit \$ _____ dollars evenly over _____ number of month(s)

\$ _____

Subtotal of Dollars to be Credited to Monthly Bill _____

TOTAL YES REFUND

\$453,435

If you would like the selection(s) you made above to be permanent, until you notify us in writing otherwise, please check this box. This permanent selection will apply only to your MEAG Core Projects year-end settlement over-recovery.

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City of Blakely

MEAG POWER PROJECTS 2021 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

For the election form to be complete, both of the signatures listed below are required.

By:

Date: _____

The Honorable Travis Wimbush
Mayor of Blakely

By:

Date: _____

Ray Jarrett
Councilmember

To be included on your next bill, the form must be returned no later than May 1, 2022 to:

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City of Blakely

MEAG POWER PROJECTS 2020 YEAR-END SETTLEMENT ELECTION FORM

The 2020 year-end settlement refund from MEAG Power applicable to your City/Utility Commission is:

Year-end Settlement Refund	\$202,604
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Please complete the following form with respect to the distribution of the above refunds. This election form is to be completed by the City's designated officer(s) authorized to direct the utilization of funds in the Municipal Competitive Trust.

We hereby direct that the following amount of funds available from the 2020 Year-end Settlement from MEAG Power be distributed as follows:

A. DEPOSIT TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST

1. Flexible Operating Account—Short Term Portfolio	<u>100</u> %	\$ <u>202,604</u>
2. Flexible Operating Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
3. Flexible Operating Account, Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	\$ _____
4. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Short Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
5. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account—Intermediate Term Portfolio	_____ %	\$ _____
6. New Generation and Capacity Funding Account –Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio*	_____ %	\$ _____

Subtotal of Dollars into Municipal Competitive Trust \$ _____

B. CREDIT TO MEAG POWER MONTHLY BILL:

Credit \$ _____ dollars evenly over _____ number of month(s) \$ _____

Subtotal of Dollars to be Credited to Monthly Bill _____

TOTAL YES REFUND

\$202,604

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City of Blakely

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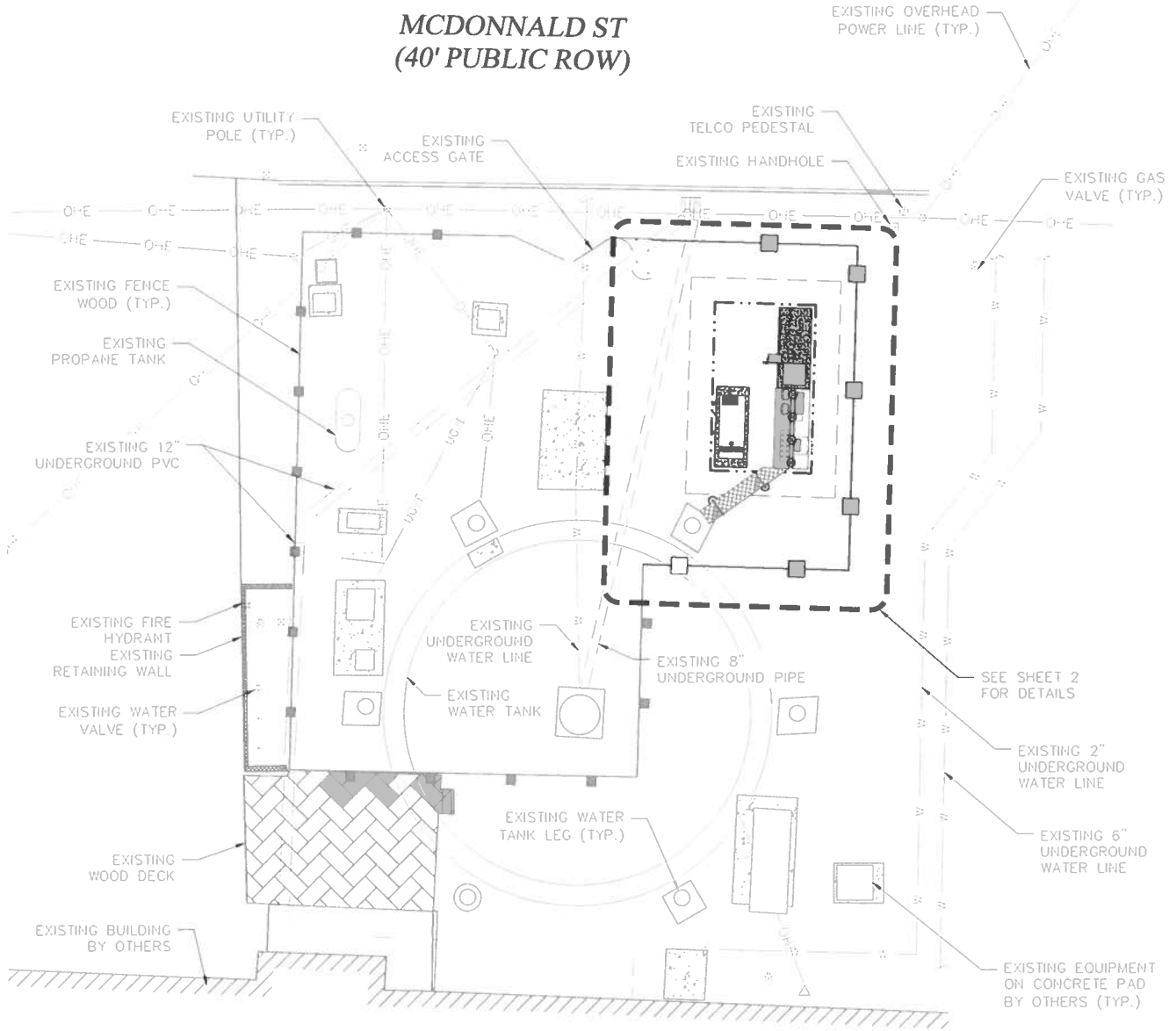
By:  Date: April 6, 2021
Ray Jarrett
Councilmember

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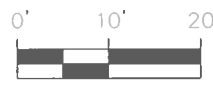
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UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SCALED FROM
HARRELL & JACKSON CONSTRUCTION
DRAWINGS DATED 02/20/2017

**MCDONNALD ST
(40' PUBLIC ROW)**



GRAPHIC SCALE



(SCALE IN FEET)
8.5x11 SCALE: 1"=20'

OVERALL SITE PLAN

VERIZON WIRELESS IS REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT AS LESSEE

REVISION: B
DATE: 3/23/2022
SHEET 1 OF 3
PROJECT #214.010

PROJECT: EARLY
VERIZON LOCATION CODE: 417686
LOCATED AT: MCDONALD ST. BLAKELY, GA 39823
LATITUDE: 34° 22' 40.98" LONGITUDE: -84° 55' 56.84"

PREPARED FOR:

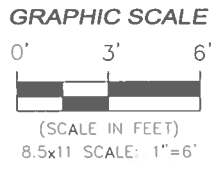
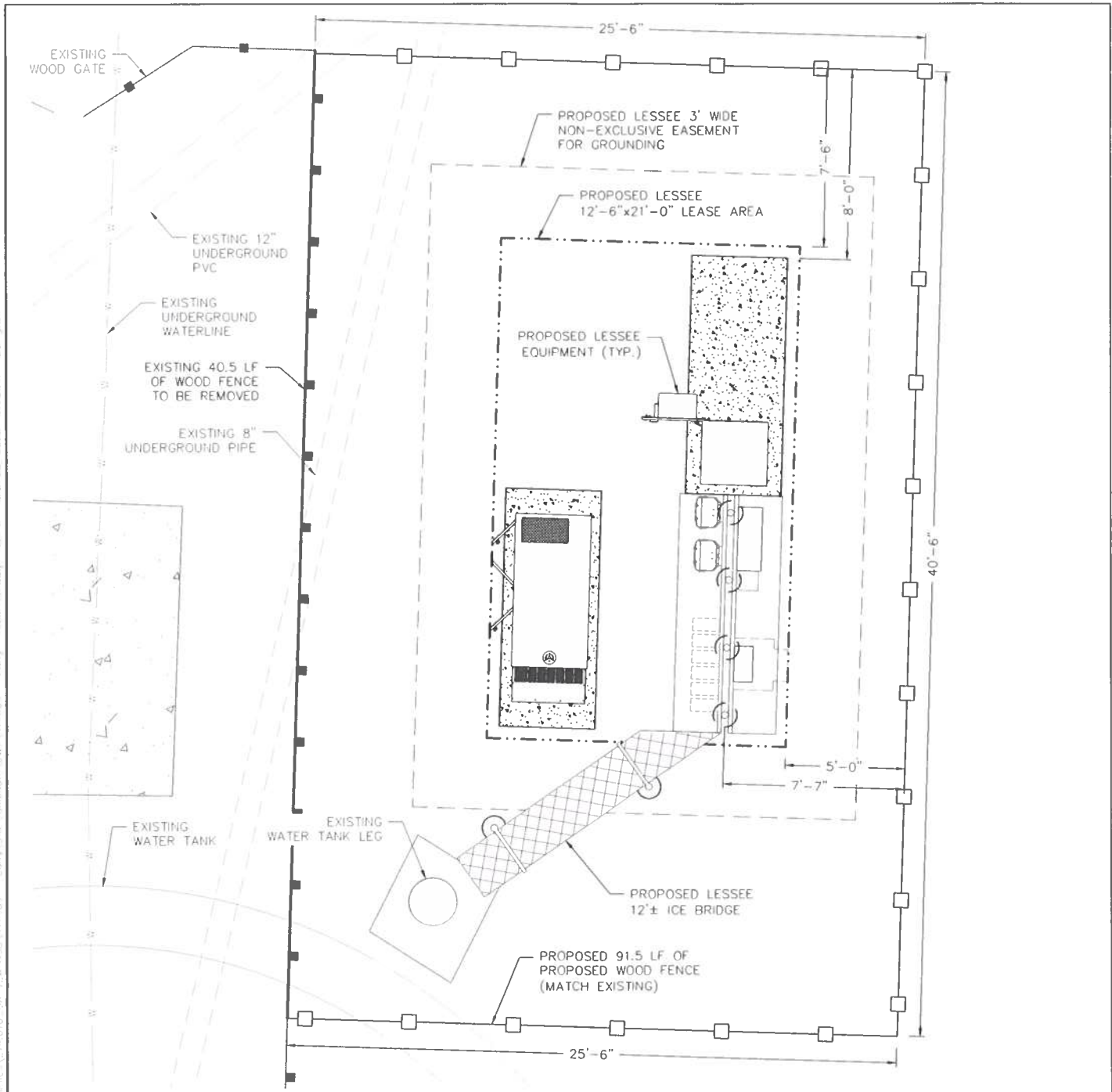
PREPARED BY:

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EQUIPMENT PLAN

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SCALED FROM HARRELL & JACKSON CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS DATED 02/20/2017

VERIZON WIRELESS IS REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT AS LESSEE

REVISION: B
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PROJECT #214.010

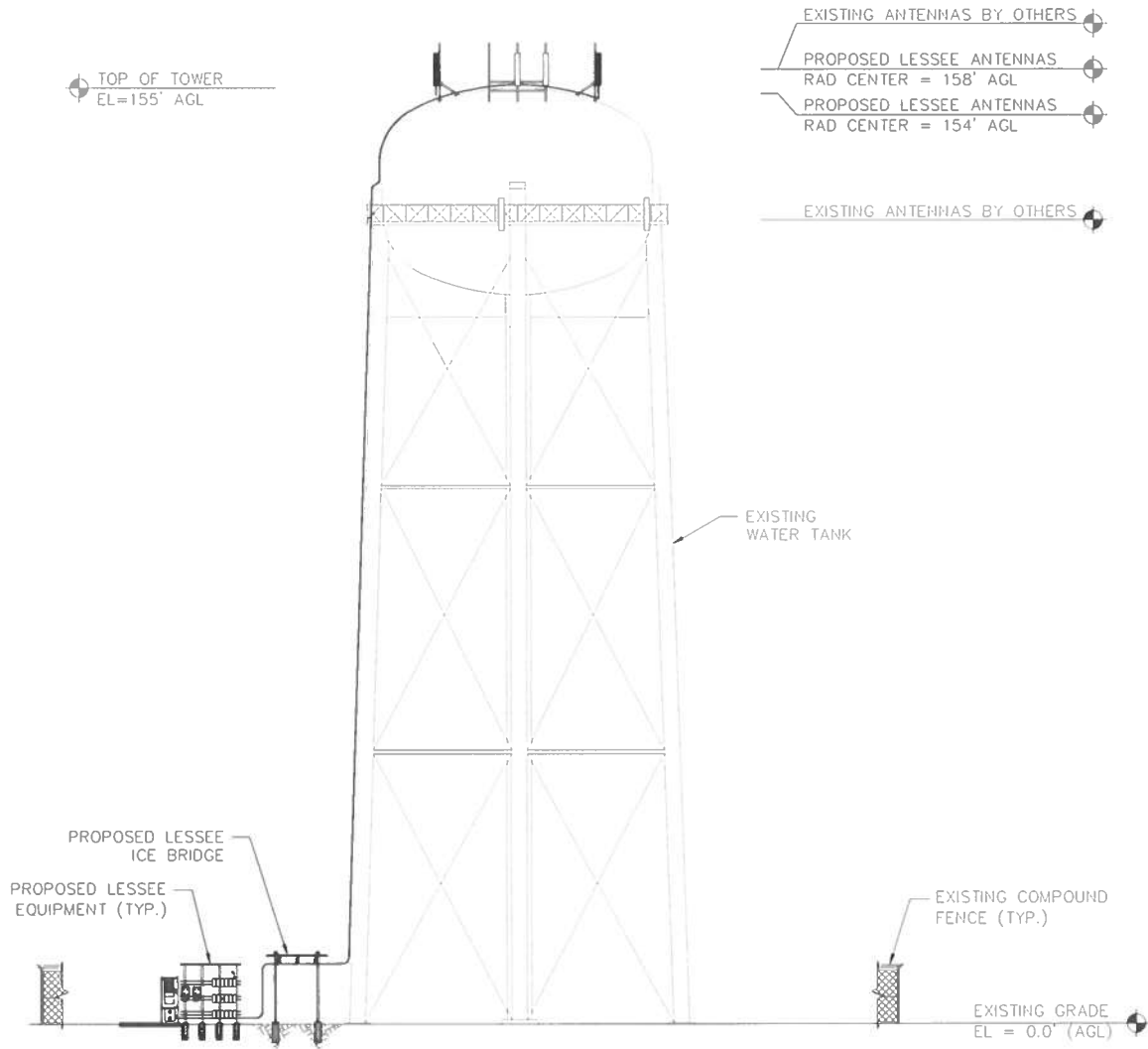
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NOTE:
 LESSEE GROUND EQUIPMENT FOR REFERENCE
 ONLY. CONTRACTOR TO REFER TO SITE PLAN
 FOR ACTUAL ORIENTATION OF H-FRAME,
 EQUIPMENT PAD, & ICE BRIDGE.



TOWER ELEVATION
 NOT TO SCALE

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SCHEDULE F

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LEASES

A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND
DIRECT AN OFFICER OF THE CITY
TO EXECUTE ONE OR MORE LEASE SUPPLEMENTS FOR A LEASE
OR LEASES UNDER THE GMA DIRECT LEASING PROGRAM; TO DESIGNATE
SUCH LEASES AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS;
TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City has entered into a Master Lease (the "Master Lease") dated as of May, 12, 2004, with Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. for the leasing from time to time of certain equipment, machinery or other personal property pursuant to Supplemental Leases;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED OR ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY:

1. The _____ of the City is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a Lease Supplement pursuant to the Master Lease to put into effect one or more leases for Peterbilt Semi-Truck (the "Leased Property"); said officer of the City is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the City to execute and deliver (i) one or more Lease Supplements for items of the Leased Property in substantially the form attached to the Master Lease, with such changes and additions as may be approved by said officer, and (ii) such other documents as may be deemed by such officer to be necessary or desirable to effect the purposes hereof or of the Master Lease, and such execution shall constitute conclusive evidence that the executed document has been authorized and approved hereby; the aforesaid officer is further authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

2. An appropriation in the City's current operating budget has previously been made, which shall be sufficient to pay the "Rentals" and the "Termination Payment" during the "Starting Term" under such Lease Supplements; or

(check box if applicable)

 An appropriation from unappropriated and unreserved funds in the City's current operating budget is hereby made for the "Rentals" and the "Termination Payment" during the "Starting Term" under such Lease Supplements, and the budget of the City is hereby amended to reflect such appropriation to the extent necessary.

3. The lease or leases contemplated by the said Lease Supplements are hereby designated "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and said officer shall be authorized to confirm such designation by execution of appropriate documents in connection therewith.

4. This authorization shall be effective immediately.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she is the Clerk of the City of Blakely, Georgia (the "City"), and that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution or, Ordinance [Check One] adopted by the governing body of the City at a meeting duly held on the _____, 20____, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the same has not been rescinded or modified and is now in full force and effect. Given under the seal of the City, this _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

City Clerk

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

WHEREAS, Thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Georgia is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety, and;

WHEREAS, In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide contractors and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site, and;

WHEREAS, The Utility Coordinating Committee, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in Georgia, promotes the National 811 Notification System and Georgia 811 in an effort to reduce these damages, and;

WHEREAS, Damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the contractors and homeowners of Blakely can save time, money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected, and;

THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim, on behalf of the City of Blakely, the month of April 2022 as;

Blakely Safe Digging Month

And encourage contractors and homeowners throughout Blakely, Georgia, to always contact 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident!!

So proclaimed this 5th day of April 2022.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor