Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Auburndale held October 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Mayor Alex Cam, Commissioners: Travis Avery, Sean Levy, and Crystal Tijerina. Vice Mayor Jordan Helms was absent. Also, present were: City Manager Jeffrey Brown, City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr., City Clerk Brandon Henry, and Police Chief Terry Storie.

Mayor Alex Cam declared a quorum present, and the Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Roger Fyock, Epic Faith Fellowship, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Levy, to approve Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of October 5, 2026. Upon vote, all ayes.

Mayor Cam asked if there was public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Mayor Cam presented a proclamation recognizing Florida City Week - October 19-25, 2026. City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read the proclamation. City staff accepted the proclamation.

1. ORDINANCE #1855 AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

City Manager Brown said Section 4-2 of the Code of Ordinances limits the hours of operation on Sundays and only allows service after 12 noon. The proposed amendment to Section 4-2 would allow restaurants and eating establishments to start service of all alcoholic beverages on Sundays at 10:00 am instead of 12:00 noon. Currently retail establishments are only allowed to sell beer and wine, to not exceed fourteen (14) percent alcohol content, starting at 12:00 noon on Sundays. The proposed text would remove the fourteen (14) percent alcohol content for beer and wine requirements and allow retail establishments to sell full liquor starting at 12 noon on Sundays.

Section 4-4 limits that alcohol can only be served inside restaurant establishments and does not authorize a cup, can, or other open or unsealed container of any alcoholic beverage on the streets, sidewalks or alleys within the City. The proposed amendment to Section 4-4 allows for alcoholic beverages on the streets, sidewalks or alleys within the City if in a designated seated area of an established restaurant, located within the Central Business Zoning District or at an approved City event, as authorized in writing by the City Manager or their designee.

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Community Development Department and reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney. The proposed Ordinance was approved on first reading October 5, 2026, and is being presented for second and final reading. A Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, which demonstrates that no new regulatory costs or revenues will be incurred and or accrue as a result of Ordinance #1855. Staff recommends approval of proposed Ordinance #1855.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read Ordinance No. 1855 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 4-2. AND SECTION 4-4. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, HOURS OF SALE AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED ON STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND ALLEYS AND THE MAKING OF SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE,** by title only.

Mayor Cam asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Levy, to approve Ordinance #1855 amending Section 4-2 and Section 4-4 of the City of Auburndale Code of Ordinances, as read on second and final reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

2. ORDINANCE #1856 DESIGNATION OF LOCAL HISTORIC SITE – MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING

City Manager Brown said the site for the City of Auburndale Municipal Services Building was previously occupied by the Patrick Hotel and then a bank built in 1925. The current building was built in 1960 as the former Peoples Bank. The current building was built around the original vault from 1925. The building has served as a bank ever since, with multiple ownership changes, until the City took ownership in 2022 to relocate several City departments and create a multiple services building for residents.

This property appears eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the growth and development of downtown Auburndale, and under Criterion C in the area of architecture as an intact example of the Colonial Revival style applied to commercial buildings.

The Historic Preservation Ordinance encourages the designation of historic sites because of the value they played in significant local events and as a reminder of the cultural heritage of the City. Designating the City of Auburndale's Municipal Services Building as a historic site protects and promotes its significance in the development of Auburndale.

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Community Development Department and reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the Designation of the Local Historic Site, 4-0 (September 22, 2026). Staff recommends approval of proposed Ordinance #1856.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read Ordinance No. 1856 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AN HISTORIC SITE UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (No. 779); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE,** by title only.

Mayor Cam asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Avery, to approve Ordinance #1856 Designation of Local Historic Site – Municipal Services Building, as read on second and final reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

3. ORDINANCE #1857 DESIGNATION OF LOCAL HISTORIC SITE – ST. ALBANS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

City Manager Brown said St. Albans Episcopal Church was constructed and founded in 1898 by the Reverend Samuel Hodgman, who gathered local Episcopalian families and oversaw the construction of the building. The original portion of the building is the oldest existing church in Auburndale. The church holds a significant role in the historical development of the City.

During the early 1990s, the church was heavily altered, expanding the footprint and altering the original front porch of the church. It did retain the original triangular window openings and original nave, but much of the exterior appearance was altered. As such, the building is likely not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource but is considered contributing to the Local Register and proposed Historic District due to the age and cultural significance of the site.

The Historic Preservation Ordinance encourages the designation of historic sites because of the value they played in significant local events and as a reminder of the cultural heritage of the City. Designating St. Albans Episcopal Church as a historic site protects and promotes its significance in the development of Auburndale.

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Community Development Department and reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the Designation of the Local Historic Site, 4-0 (September 22, 2026). Staff recommends approval of proposed Ordinance #1857.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read Ordinance No. 1857 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING AN HISTORIC SITE UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (No. 779); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE,** by title only.

Mayor Cam asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Levy, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina, to approve Ordinance #1857 Designation of Local Historic Site – St. Albans Episcopal Church, as read on second and final reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

4. ORDINANCE #1858 AMENDING SEC. 18-25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – CODE ENFORCEMENT ATTORNEY

City Manager Brown said in July 2015, the City established a Code Enforcement Special Master and citation system. The Special Master is authorized to conduct code enforcement hearings and impose fines against repeat violators of City codes.

The proposed Ordinance amends this statement so that the City Attorney will act as the attorney for code enforcement staff. This allows Boswell & Dunlap, serving as the City Attorney, to attend and participate in code enforcement hearings as a resource for City staff, and to represent the City in legal matters as they relate to code enforcement.

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the City Attorney and reviewed by the City Manager's Office and Police Chief. The proposed Ordinance was approved on first reading October 5, 2026, and is being presented for second and final reading.

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance #1858 amending Section 18-25 of the Code of Ordinances.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read Ordinance No. 1858 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE II, SECTION 18-25 OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MASTER — CONDUCT OF HEARING; DESIGNATING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ACT AS ATTORNEY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT STAFF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE,** by title only.

Mayor Cam asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Avery, seconded by Commissioner Levy, to approve Ordinance No. 1858 amending Section 18-25 of the Code of Ordinances, as read on second and final reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

5. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD

City Manager Brown said the Planning Commission Board consists of seven members, each to be appointed by the City Commission for a term of three years. All members must be City residents (City Code, Sec 25 -90).

Jody Miller has suggested she can no longer serve. Monica Holley-Workman is a City resident and has agreed to fill the unexpired term through January 2028. Staff recommends approval of the appointment.

Mayor Cam asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Levy, to appoint Monica Holley-Workman to the Planning Commission. Upon vote, all ayes.

6. PRESENTATION BY TOURISM AND SPORTS MARKETING

City Manager Brown said the City has received a request from Tourism and Sports Marketing to appear before the Commission to provide an update. He introduced Neal Duncan, Visit Central Florida & Visit Central Florida Sports Director.

Mr. Duncan introduced himself. He presented who and what is Visit Central Florida. He presented Polk County tourism statistics, and the structure and governance of the Tourist Development Council. He presented Visit Central Florida marketing efforts including print and digital advertisements, and social media influencer marketing. He presented a slide outlining meetings, conventions, and special events in Polk County. He introduced the Culinary Destination Development Initiative, and outlined visitor experience and value-add initiatives. He presented sports marketing statistics and outlined a portfolio of sporting events. He presented efforts in developing accommodation, travel, and sporting facility supply within Polk County. He concluded with comments regarding Lake Myrtle Sports Complex's role in tourism efforts within Polk County.

Commissioner Avery praised Visit Central Florida staff. He asked for statistics regarding visitors.

Mr. Duncan provided visitor statistics.

Commissioner Levy said we will get more visitors with the new fields.

Mr. Duncan concurred.

Commissioner Avery expressed gratitude to Mr. Duncan.

Commissioner Levy concurred.

Mr. Duncan thanked the Commission.

Mayor Cam thanked Mr. Duncan.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.



Brandon Henry, City Clerk