City of Coolidge Public Meeting Official Minutes

January 24, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Public Meeting called to Order at 5:30 P.M.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is for Citizen Input on Goals/Policies and Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT).

Mayor Causey thanked Barbara Reddick and Olukayode (Kay) Olubowale from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for coming to the Public Meeting tonight to address the subjects of the Comprehensive Plan identified for discussion.

Mrs. Reddick handed out some information she wanted to provide for Council to review. She stated she is still working on getting the list of past Grants for Coolidge requested by Councilmember Leger, as well as the Leakage Report requested by Interim City Manager, Drew Campbell, but stated she will get those for us.

At this time, she turned over the discussion to Mr. Olubowale to go over the items in the Comprehensive Plan to be reviewed for the five-year update such as the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis and the Community Work Program.

The list of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats were discussed at length by the Mayor, Council, and citizens present at the meeting with Mr. Olubowale and Mrs. Reddick, and any changes in wording or additions to the list were decided and agreed upon.

Discussion was now focused on the Community Work Program. The Community Work Program is a list of projects compiled for the City to work toward completing according to the needs of the community, with estimated cost and possible funding sources listed. These are goals for the City to complete to meet the needs of the community. These goals can be removed, added to, or continued on the five-year update depending on need and importance.

The Mayor, Council, and citizens present at the meeting discussed each project at length with Mr. Olubowale and Mrs. Reddick, and any changes in wording, additions, removals, or continuations were decided and agreed upon.

The Broadband Inclusion Element was also discussed.

Mr. Olubowale closed the meeting by asking if there were any questions. There were no more questions.

Mayor Causey thanked Mr. Olubowale and Mrs. Reddick again for coming.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Workshop adjourned.

Mayor, Diane H. Causey

Interim City Manager, Drew Campbell