

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.

<u>Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the resolution. Mike Ready seconded the motion.</u> 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,

Marcia Brales

Marcia Brooks

City Clerk/Treasurer

Oxford Mayor and Council Special Called Voting Meeting Tuesday April 15, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. Oxford City Hall 110 W. Clark Street – Oxford GA 30054 A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order, Mayor David S. Eady
- 2. <u>Motion to accept the Agenda for the April 15, 2024 Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting.</u>
- 3. Consideration of a Resolution to Relocate a Portion of Whatcoat Street: This relocation of the ROW is needed to form the 90-degree intersection angle with George Street and form the parameters of the new "Whatcoat Parcel."
- 4. *Consideration to Resolution for the conveyance of land and property from the City of Oxford to the Oxford Downtown Development Authority for the purposes of redevelopment: This action will transfer the new Whatcoat Street parcel and the lease with the Whatcoat Street Building to the Oxford DDA. The Council would be authorizing the Mayor to sign the Warranty Deed as attached.
- 5. Adjourn

*Attachments

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Oxford, Georgia, (the "Council"), pursuant to OCGA Sec. 32-7-1, *et. Seq*, and after due consideration of the matter, has determined that, by reason of the necessities of public needs, and the rules and requirements of the Georgia Department of Transportation pertaining to the maintenance of public roads and ways, it is necessary for the City, to relocate and realign a portion of Whatcoat Street, as more fully and accurately depicted on Parcel Creation Survey for City of Oxford by Robert O. Jordan, Ga. RLS No. 2902, dated April 10, 2024 (Portion of Newton County Map/Parcel X010 027), and further shown on the attached **Exhibit "A"**.

WHEREAS, upon said relocation and realignment, title to the portion of Whatcoat Street closed as a public street and way, shall be retained as fee-owned realty of the City of Oxford, Georgia, (the "City"), having been deeded to the City in its Charter, by Act of the General Assembly in 1839, all as more fully shown and identified on the attached **Exhibit "A"**.

WHEREAS, City is the only property owner with realty adjacent to the portion of Whatcoat Street being abandoned as a section of the street system of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council that the depicted segment of Whatcoat Street being 50' in width at the point of intersection with the right-of-way of George Street, is opened to the public as a public street and way and that, there being no substantial public purpose served by retaining the former portion as a section of the street system of the City, the former portion contained within that 0.46 acre more fully shown and identified on the attached **Exhibit "A"** is closed as a public street and way, but is retained as fee-owned realty of the City, having been conveyed to the City in its Charter in 1839, all as

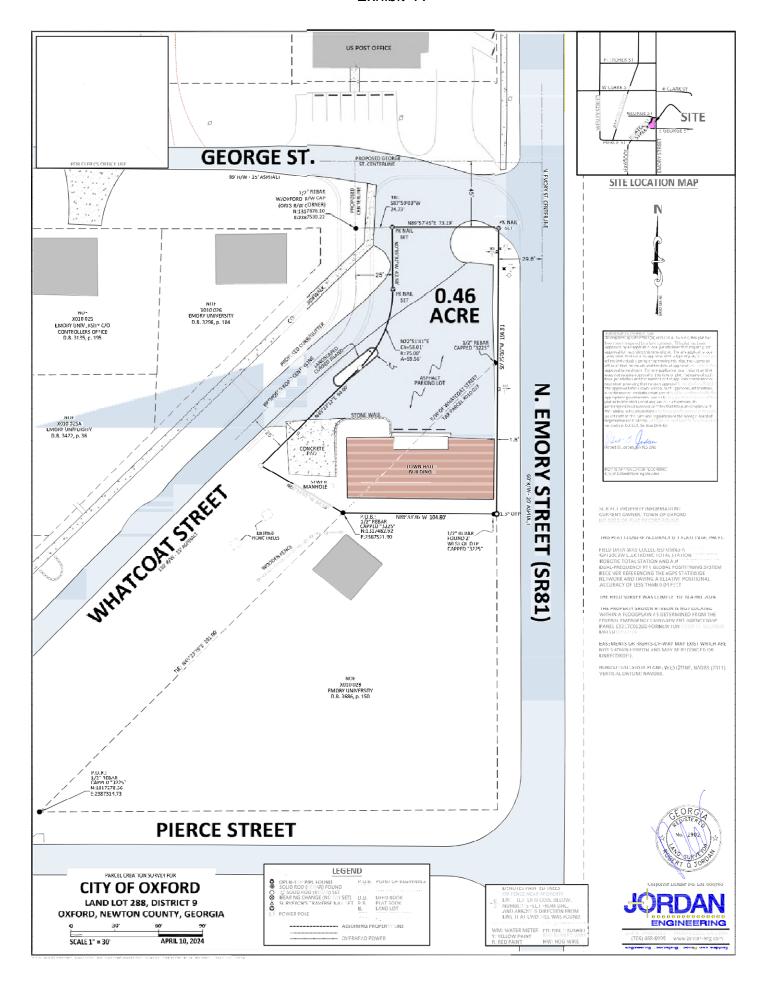
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Section 3. Effective Date

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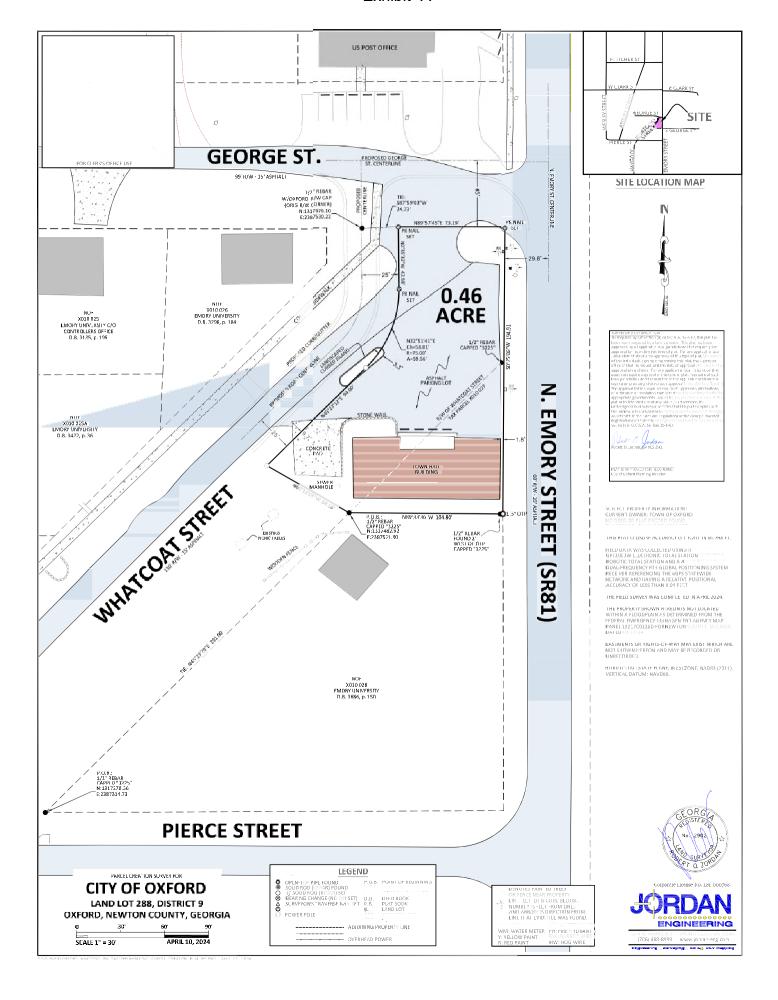
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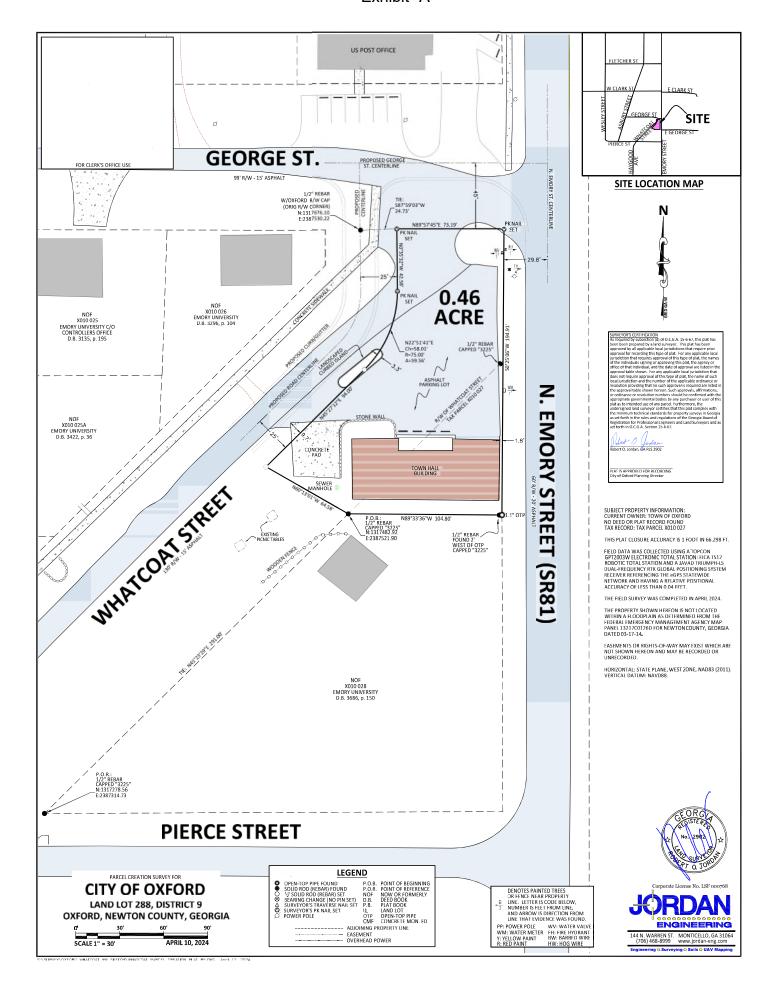
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DESCRIPTION

Whatcoat St. is reconfigured to meet West George St. with a "T" intersection. This allows for more efficient vehicular and pedestrian flow and also provides a much more functional "block" for new development along Emory St.

A new drive connecting Whatcoat St. and Emory St. is proposed to the south of the study area (requiring the existing Whatcoat Building to be demolished). This drive provides vehicular and pedestrian access, parking, and service access.

The proposed building is designed to appear as two separate structures while functionally operating as a single building with a shared elevator and stair and a conditioned connector.

The southern portion of the building, oriented to the new drive, handles service and deliveries.

PHASE 1

New Building: North Wing:

12,700 sf. 7,200 sf.

-Over two floors

Connector:

800 sf.

-Over two floors

South Wing:

4,700 sf.

-Over two floors

PHASE 2

Existing Building: New Drive:

Demo

TOTALS

Buildings:

12,700 sf.

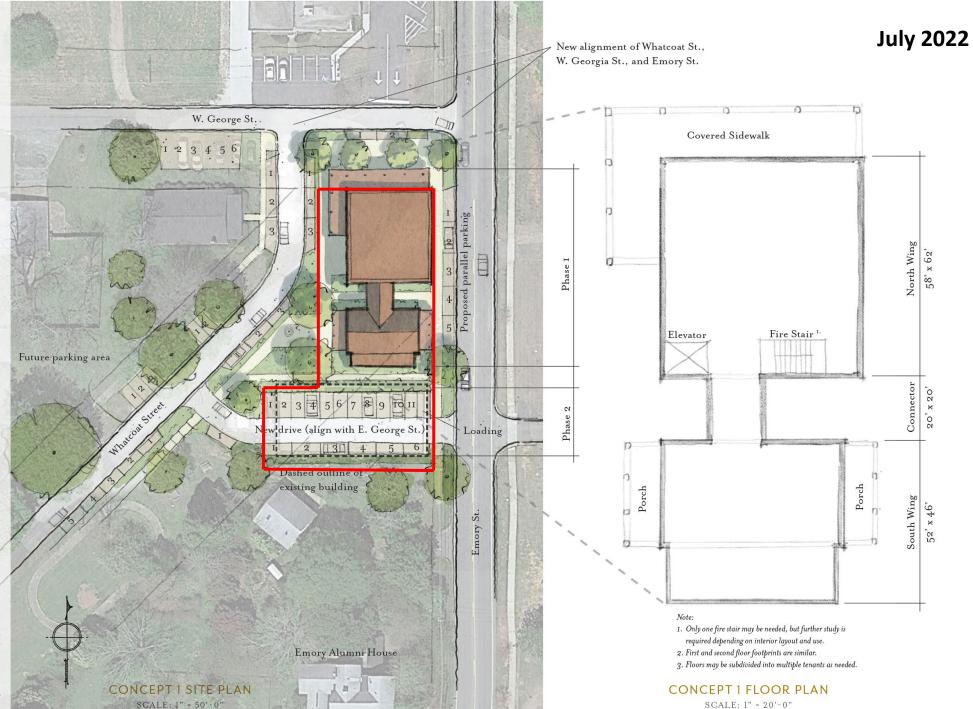
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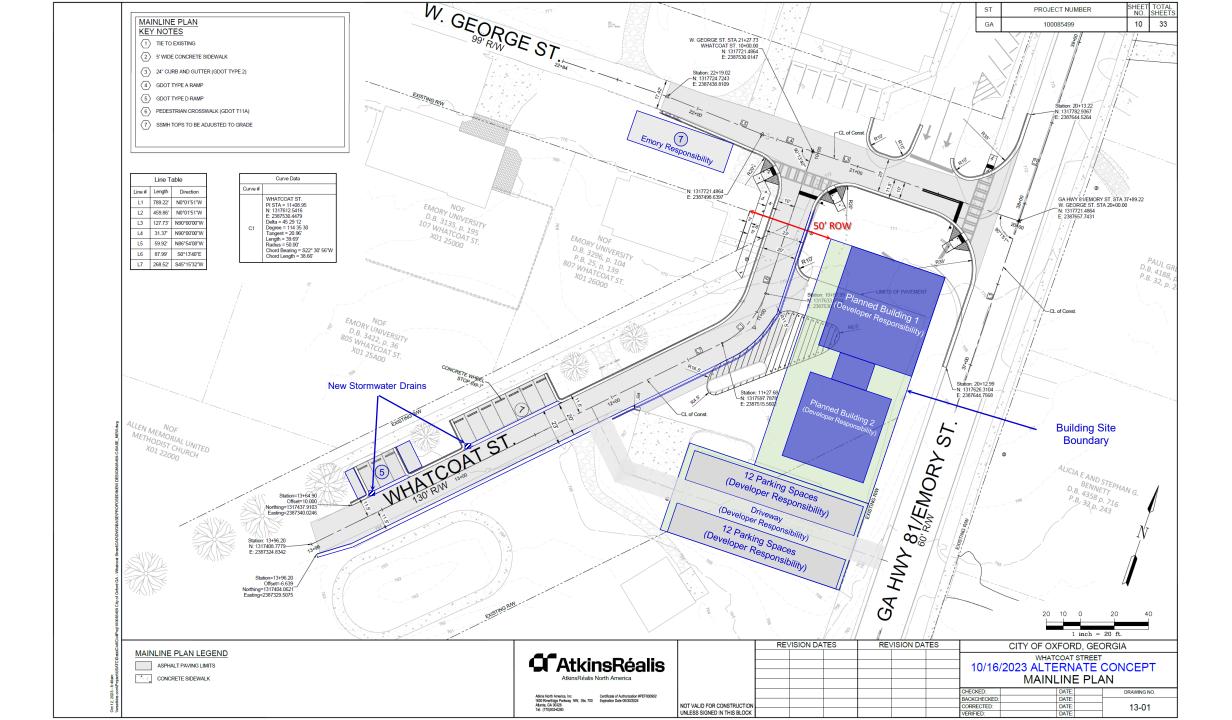
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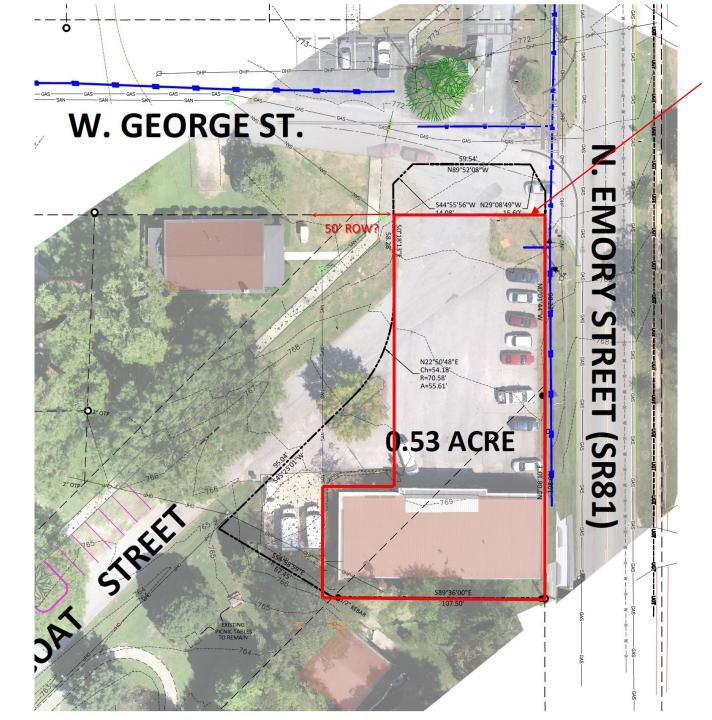
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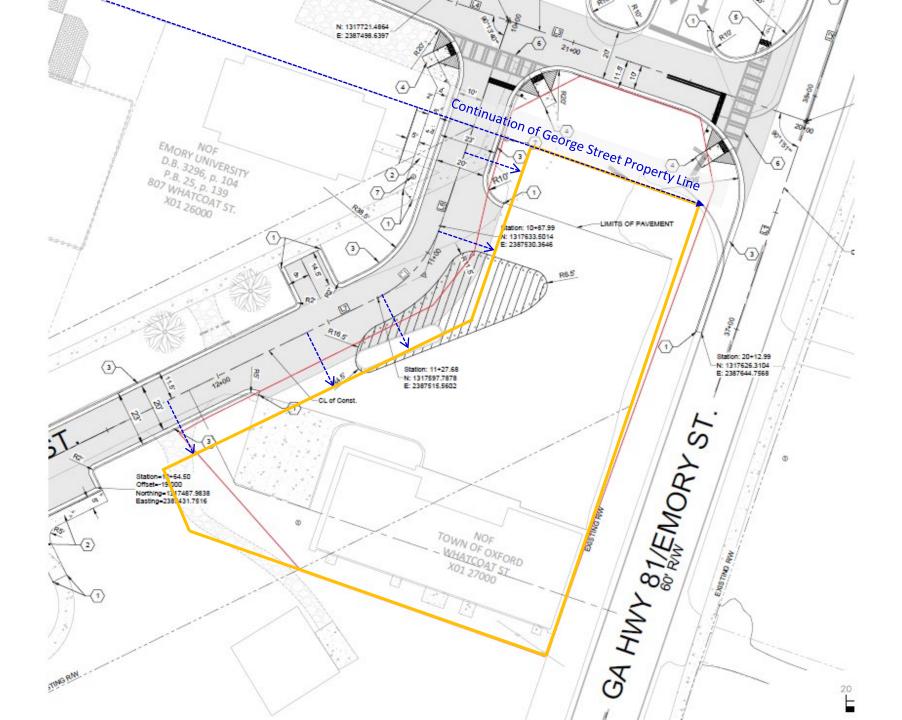
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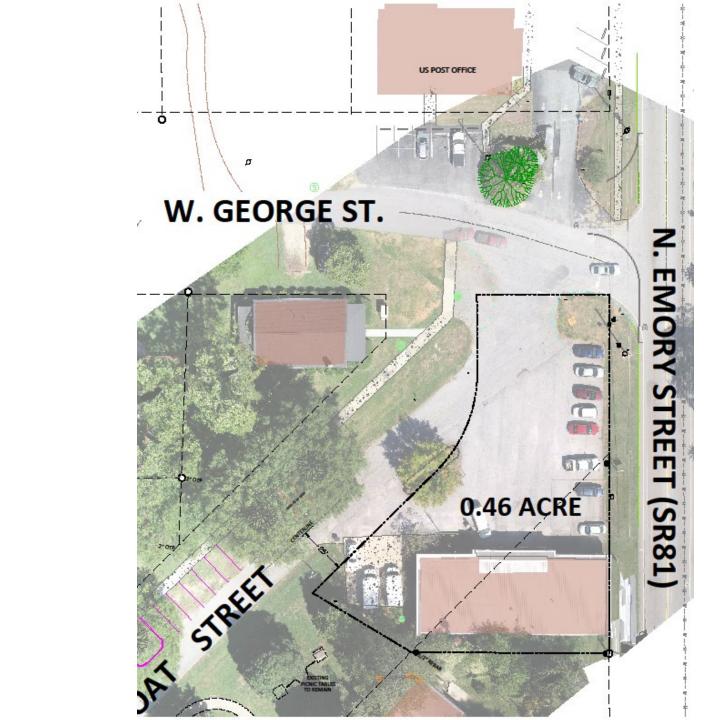


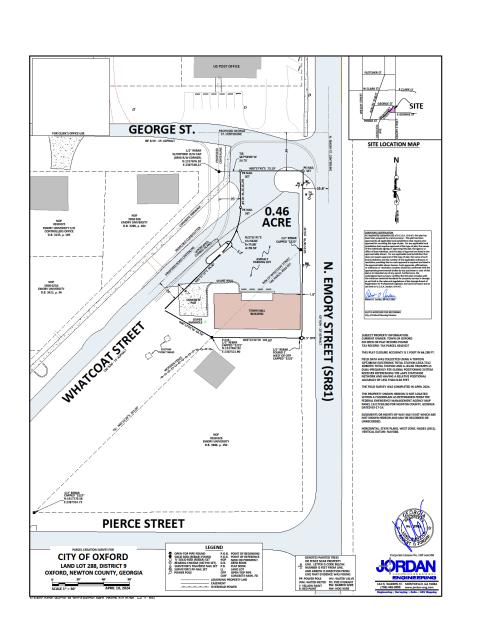


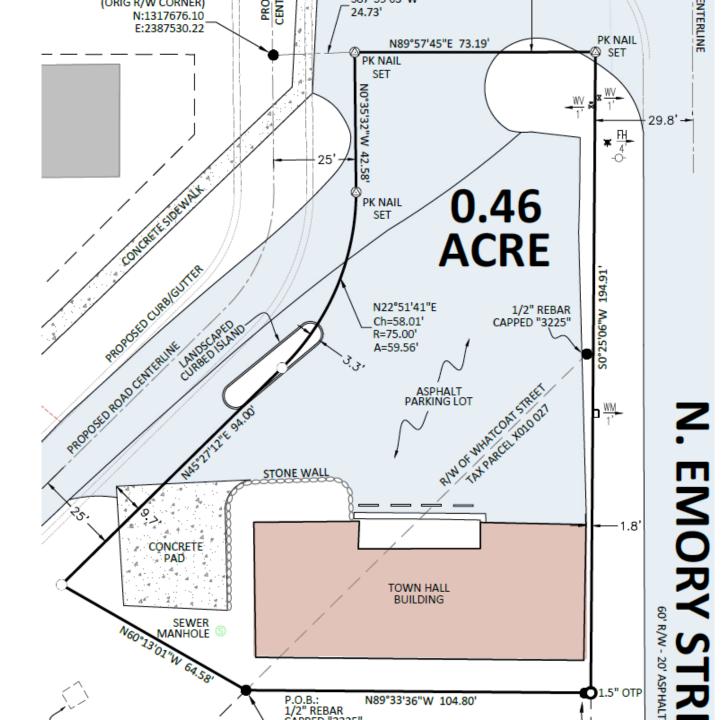


Property Line (north end)









RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford, (the "City"), pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-35-3 known as the "Home Rule for Municipalities", and O.C.G.A. §36-37-6(e)(2)(D), is authorized to accept real or personal property and also to convey real or personal property to other government authorities or agencies for public purposes, including The Downtown Development Authority of Oxford, Georgia, a Georgia body corporate and politic, and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Oxford, Georgia, (the "Council"), has determined that, by reason of the necessities of public needs, it is necessary for the City, to convey full fee simple title for following-described parcel to **The Downtown Development Authority of Oxford, Georgia,** for its use and development. The real property lying within the City of Oxford, Newton County, Georgia, and more particularly described in Parcel Creation Survey for City of Oxford by Robert O. Jordan, Ga. RLS No. 2902, dated April 10, 2024 (Portion of Newton County Map/Parcel X010 027), and further shown on the attached **Exhibit "A".** The legal description to the same is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "B".**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the premises the City does hereby convey full fee simple title to said property. The Council does further direct the Mayor and City Clerk to convey the same by Warranty Deed, the same property to **The Downtown Development Authority of Oxford, Georgia**, pursuant to the rules and requirements of the same.

SO RESOLVED this 15th day of April, 2024.

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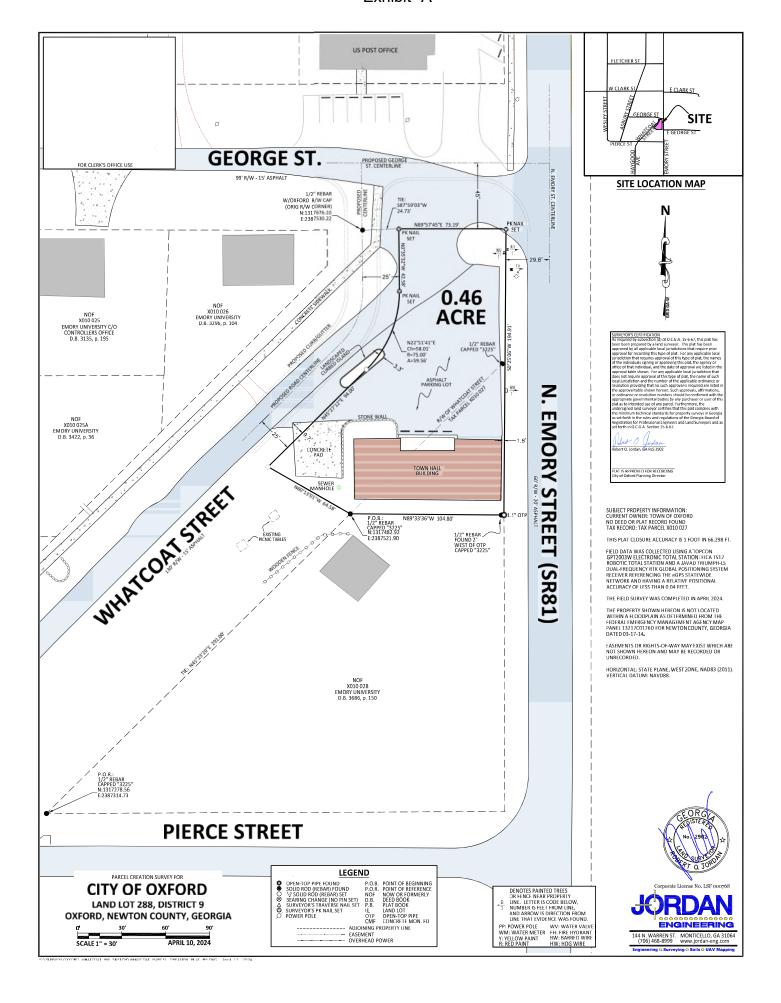


Exhibit "B"

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From the POINT OF BEGINNING, leaving said southeasterly right-of-way of Whatcoat Street, travel N60°13'01"W 64.58 feet to a ½" rebar; thence N45°27'12"E 94.00 feet to an ½" rebar in a landscaped island; thence on a westward-curving arc having a chord N22°51'41"E, a chord distance of 58.01 feet, a radius of 75.00 feet, and an arc length of 59.56 feet to a PK Nail set; thence N0°35'32"W 42.58 feet to a PK Nail set on the southerly right-of-way line of George Street (99' R/W); thence N89°57'45"E 73.19 feet to a PK Nail set at the intersection of the west right-of-way line of N. Emory Street and southerly right-of-way line of George Street; thence along said right-of-way line of N. Emory Street S0°25'06"W 194.91 feet to a 1.5" open-top pipe, said point being on the line dividing the property now or formerly owned by the City of Oxford and the property now or formerly owned by Emory University; thence N89°33'36"W 104.80 feet the POINT OF BEGINNING.

A copy of said Parcel Creation Survey for City of Oxford by Robert O. Jordan, Georgia RLS 2902, dated April 10, 2024, (Portion of Newton County Map/Parcel X010 027), is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B".

The above-described property is conveyed subject to, and together with, an existing lease between Grantor and Emory University as the tenant, said lease being executed on or about April 26, 2021.

For Information Purposes Only: Portion of Newton County Map/Parcel X010 027.

After recording, please return to:

C. David Strickland, PC Strickland & Strickland, LLP PO Box 70 Covington, GA 30015-0070

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Space Above This Line for Recorder's Use

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF NEWTON

WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE is made this 15th day of April, 2024, by and among THE CITY OF OXFORD, GEORGIA, a Georgia municipal corporation, by and through its Mayor and Council (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), and THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF OXFORD, GEORGIA, a Georgia body corporate and politic, (hereinafter "Grantee"). The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" include the neuter, masculine and feminine genders, and the singular and the plural, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns where the context hereof requires or permits.

WITNESSETH:

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid to Grantor by Grantee at and before the execution, sealing and delivery hereof, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto Grantee, and the heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns of Grantee, all that tract or tracts or parcel or parcels of land as more particularly described on Exhibits "A" and "B", both attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said tracts or parcels of land, together with any and all of the rights, members and appurtenances thereof to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of Grantee forever, in fee simple; and

GRANTOR SHALL WARRANT and forever defend the right and title to said tract or parcel of land unto Grantee, and the heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns of Grantee, against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has duly executed and sealed this indenture, and delivered this indenture to Grantee, all the day and year first written above.

GRANTOR:

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:	THE CITY OF OXFORD, GEORGIA
Unofficial Witness	By: David S. Eady, Mayor
Notary Public	Attest:
My Commission Expires:	Marcia Brooks, CMC, City Clerk
	{Oxford City Seal}
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