

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA–COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD –  
November 14, 2023

The Commercial Development Board of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama met in a regular session at 4:30 P.M. The following people were present:

Present:

Jim Ford, Chairman  
Abby Hodges  
Brandon Greer  
Don Carlton  
Bob Klein  
Joe Taylor, Mayor

Absent:

Lauren Phillips  
Dana Rice, City Attorney  
Jameson Jenkins, City Councilman

1. Jim Ford declared a quorum of the Commercial Development Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM and the following business was transacted.
2. The minutes from August 8, 2023 were presented. Abby Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brandon Greer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Challenger Center has been approved. Mayor Taylor has asked the Challenger people to include at least one or two members from the Commercial Development Board during the process of the Challenger development.
4. Business coming to the Rainbow Industrial Park. City is in the process of doing road work to accommodate business. City is working with ALDOT to expand the intersection at Steele Station Road & Lumley Road to help with the traffic. The City is also working with ALDOT to continue with the three laning of Rainbow Drive from the intersection at Hwy 77 to Lumley Road.
5. Johnson Giant Foods corporate headquarters is under development on Steele Station Rd.
6. The City is working on parking issues at the Mega Sports Complex. The City is getting closer to submitting a grant to start the next phase of the complex, which will include tennis and pickle ball courts.
7. Interchange study and environmental study is near completion for the end of Canoe Creek Road to the Mega Site. A half million-gallon water tower is in the process of going up at the Mega Site. The City has entered into agreement for a water improvement project that will go out to the Mega Site.
8. The City is in the process of passing an agreement with Comcast for high-speed broadband. Rainbow City will be the first city in totality in the area to become a gig city. The city has passed an agreement with Crown Castle for 5G cell service.
9. Next meeting scheduled for February 13, 2024
10. There being no further business to be discussed, Bob Klein made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Greer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hill  
Recording Secretary,  
Commercial/Industrial Development Board