

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA
GOVT. CENTER – RM 100

PRESENT: Mayor Bo Dorough
Mayor Pro Tem Vilnis Gaines
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Jalen Johnson, and Chad Warbington
Virtual Attendee: Bob Langstaff, Jr. and Demetrius Young
City Manager: Steven Carter
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.; the invocation given by City Manager Steven Carter was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Howard moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Commissioner Young and, following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the agenda as printed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaines, and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Howard moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Young, who asked that the seven items be read into the record.

Mayor Dorough noted the items on the consent agenda as follows:

- Special Approval - Zoning Case # 22-002 - Request to operate a Self-Storage Facility located at 1825 Oakridge Dr., in a C-3 district. Richard D & Connie Guagilardo/Owner; Lanier Engineering, Inc./Applicant
- APD (Broadband Service) - Verizon Wireless - \$75,220.20
- Right-of Way Mowers - Deere & Company; Cary, NC - Total expenditure - \$73,936.94
- Engineering Design Services (DT - Traffic Signals) - Southeastern Engineering, Inc. Marietta, GA; not to exceed \$628,700.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-R110

Accepting Drainage and Utility Easements re: Rosebriar Gardens, LLC, Phase II

RESOLUTION NO. 22-111

Approving Easement Agreement in favor of Dougherty County re: Downtown Connector Trail

RESOLUTION NO. 22-112

Accepting the bid of Robert L. Lewis, Sr. and Mary E. Lewis, re: Lily Pond Site

GENERAL BUSINESS

Anthony Donaldson briefly discussed the following:

1. New License Approval - One Leaf Inc; d/b/a One Leaf; 1629 Clark Ave. J. Patel/Agent; Beer and Wine Package

Commissioner Young verified the location of the establishment and then advised that this is a new business at the corner of Clark Ave., and Maple.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the above alcohol license application, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gains and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

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Mr. Donaldson discussed the following transfer of ownership applications:

2. QWE Investment 2317 LLC; d/b/a Quickway Food Mart; 700 Radium Springs Rd; L. Davis/Agent; Beer Package

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the transfer of ownership license, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gains and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

3. Newton 2125 Inc; d/b/a June Bug #2; 2125 Newton Rd; S. Jones/Agent; Beer Package

Mayor Pro Tem Gains moved to approve the transfer of ownership license, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

4. Danish Rao 786 LLC; d/b/a Magnolia Grocery; 108 S. Magnolia; M. Naeem/Agent; Beer Package

In reply to questions from Commissioner Howard, Mr. Donaldson explained proximity requirements.

Commissioner Warbington moved to approve the transfer of ownership, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gains and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

RESOLUTIONS

John Hawthorn, Director of Community and Economic Development, discussed information (copy on file) regarding the request to accept the 2021-22 Housing Counseling Grant Award.

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Young, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Johnson voting no.

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R113

Accepting grant award from the US Department of Housing an Urban Development re: Housing Counseling Grant

MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Commissioner Howard commented on the three high school basketball teams in Albany and asked all to support each team as they reach the finals.

Mayor Pro Tem Gains thanked all for their support and hard work in the opening of the S. Albany grocery store grand opening that was held on February 16th.

Commissioner Warbington commented on agenda items at the retreat and having an agenda item regarding the American Rescue Plan and other funds so that staff can have clear directions.

Discussion followed with Mayor Dorough announcing that Albany had been awarded the \$12.5 million grant from the state which will fund phase 1 of the CSO project. Mr. Carter also commented on the grant award and stated that it is his intent to have individual meetings with all Commissioners regarding the budget, outside funding and processes.

Commissioner Johnson asked for a report/update on the General Fund, Utility Funds, etc., so that all will have a better understanding as the budget process begins. Mr. Carter stated that the last

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report will be shared with all. Mayor Dorrough suggested the two new Commissioners have a meeting with the Chief Finance Officer to explain the process and answer questions.

Mayor Dorrough asked if other cities have their elected officials participate in the process regarding requests for proposals/the bidding process. He also congratulated staff for their efforts in securing this grant and also requested information regarding SPLOST funds (from SPLOST 7) to see if there are funds that can be reallocated from road improvements to recreation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK