

NOVEMBER 29, 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, Chad Warbington and Demetrius Young
Virtual Attendee: Bob Langstaff, Jr. (virtual)
City Manager: Steven Carter
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and advised that the invocation will be given by Pastor Solomon Loud, Jr., New Beginnings Missionary Baptist Church. The pledge of allegiance followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Howard moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaines and, following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION – Government 101 Graduates

Mayor Dorough commented on adding the Government 101 Graduates recognitions to the agenda. Commissioner Young moved to add this to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Howard, and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Krista Monk and City Manager Steven Carter presented certificates to the following: Kimberly Dandridge, Alice Fitzgerald, James Fitzgerald, Perry Ford, Jr., Tom Gieryic (absent) Christina Lee, Edward Lemon, Jr., Breanna Nixon, Andrea Revills, Larry Simons, Susan Melton and Angela Williams-Jackson.

Mayor Dorough and the Commissioners thanked those attending the classes and for their involvement in civic opportunities.

OBJECTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

There were no questions/comments regarding the consent agenda.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the agenda as presented, which unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

1. DDA: 1 appointment to fill unexpired term ending April 2023

Commissioner Howard moved to appoint Vinson Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaines and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

2. CDC: 3 appointments to fill vacancies – term ending June 2025

Commissioner Howard nominated Carol Turner and Sherri Truelove; Commissioner Young nominated Kizzie Donaldson-Richardson. Commissioner Howard moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Young. Following a roll call vote, Ms. Turner, Ms. Truelove and Ms. Richardson were duly appointed.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Dorough proceeded to note each item. In reply to Commissioner Young, John Dawson, Interim IT Director advised that the additional information re: 911 Center System Upgrade Resolution, he is requesting will be brought back for approval.

- A. Resolution(s):

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R181

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI funds for 911 Center System Upgrade

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A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R182

Adopting the revised Citizen Participation Plan as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R-183

Accepting grant award from the GA Dept. of Transportation re: Transportation Alternatives Program Grant; Authorizing the use of \$300,000 TSPLOST funds as local match

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R184

Approving Easement re: Historical Marker at the Municipal Auditorium

- B. Purchase(s)
 - 1. CDBG 8th Ave Basin Phase 1 - HTS Construction: Est. total exp. \$905,000.10
 - 2. Ford Maverick Pickups - Wade Ford of Smyrna, GA: Total ex. \$103,520.00
 - 3. Facilities Management F-150s - Wade Ford: Total exp. \$78,898.00
 - 4. Kenworth Vactor Trucks - MHC Georgia Kenworth: Total exp. \$1,267,680.00
 - 5. Ready-Mix Concrete - Lee Redi Mix: Total exp. \$424,000.00
 - 6. Transformers - Larson Electronics: Total exp. \$2,803,393.58
 - 7. Forklift - G&W Equipment, Inc.: Total exp. \$87,299.54

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Alcohol License Applications:

Chief Deputy/License Inspector Anthony Donaldson, reviewed the following application:

- 1. Wings 2 Go; 1415 N. Slappey Blvd; C. Ross/Agent; Liquor, Beer and Wine Consumption

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

Ms. Myles (applicant) spoke in favor of the following application and commented on the intent to open the clinical nursing educational center.

- B. Special Approval (Zoning Case #22-090)
 - 1. Kesha Myles & Lydia Scott/Applicants; John Martin/Owner requests Special Approval to operate an educational center for certification of Clinical Nursing Assistants located at 1108 N Jefferson Street.

Commissioner Warbington moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Warbington introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 22-116

Amending the zoning ordinance and map of the City of Albany so as to change the status of property located at 527 Fifteenth Ave. from M-1 to R-2

Commissioner Warbington then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

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Commissioner Warbington introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 22-117

Amending Sec. 2-47(C)(2) and Sec. 2-47(D) so as to adopt new mileage rate calculations for Elected Officials

Commissioner Warbington then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Howard and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Warbington introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 22-118

Increasing the compensation paid to Albany Utility Board Members

Commissioner Warbington then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Young and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Young introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO.

[FIRST READING] Amending section 3(i) of the Charter of the City of Albany mandating appointments, adding the position Director, Municipal Court Administration; to provide for appointment of such position

Commissioner Young then offered the ordinance and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Howard and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-3 with Commissioners Johnson, Warbington and Langstaff voting no.

Commissioner Johnson introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO.

[SECOND READING] Amending Section 3(e) of the Charter of the City of Albany so as to increase the salaries of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Johnson then offered the ordinance and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Howard and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Langstaff voting no.

RESOLUTIONS

Discussion followed with Mayor Dorough suggesting that the properties be voted on separately with Mr. Davis agreeing.

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the resolution accepting donated properties at 901 and 905 N. Jackson Street from Phoebe Putney's Memorial Hospital, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Land Bank to acquire 903 and 907 N. Jackson St., and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Discussion continued regarding notifying property owners, delinquent properties and the process that involves the Land Bank, with Mr. Forgey explaining.

Hearing no additional comments, and following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Young voting no.

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R185

Accepting Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital's donation with conditions of 901 and 905 N. Jackson St.; Requesting the Albany-Dougherty County Land Bank acquire 903 and 907 N. Jackson St.

Jeff Hughes, Sewer Maintenance Engineer, provided comments regarding funding of the following resolution and the request for spending the funds. He advised that the project is estimated at \$268,021.07. Mr. Carter

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interjected that previous discussions centered on how the funds would be divided, adding that the request is for the authority to spend some of it.

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R186

Authorizing use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Sewer Separation Project (400 Block of W. Broad Ave.)

MEMBER COMMENTS / ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Warbington expressed disappointment regarding the lack of preparation with the State legislators, adding that the Commission showed up empty-handed. He suggested a legislative agenda on the at the next meeting to give forward the state legislators. In response to Commissioner Warbington, Mr. Davis agreed that a resolution would be more formal; Commissioner Warbington suggested having a special call meeting on Tuesday December 6.

Commissioner Young commented on the potential of mass evictions within the city and asked that this be looked at to allocate funds from ARPA and utilities assistance program.

Mayor Dorough agreed with comments from Commissioner Warbington on not being prepared today and suggested working with consultants and legislators regarding specific requests. He mentioned \$250 million allocated by the Governor and asked for an update to include the Civil Rights Institute, a proposal to renovate the Ritz Theatre, and Rails to Trail reallocation of funds.

The consensus was to have a special call meeting on Tuesday regarding legislative priorities at approximately 9:15 am.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK