

DECEMBER 6, 2022

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100 (Virtual and in-person)

PRESENT Mayor Bo Dorough
Mayor Pro Tem Vilnis Gaines
Commissioners: Jon Howard, Jalen Johnson, Chad Warbington and Demetrius Young
Virtual Attendees: Bob Langstaff, Jr. (was not on the call for the entire meeting)
City Attorney: Nathan Davis

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 9:40 am, and the Clerk read the call as follows:

December 1, 2022

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

There will be a special call City Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at approximately 9:15 a.m., in room 100 of the Government Center Building located at 222 Pine Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or approve the following:

- Resolution: Setting City of Albany’s priorities for the 2023 Local Legislative Delegation

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven Carter
City Manager

/s/ Bo Dorough
MAYOR

/s/ Jon Howard
JON HOWARD, WARD I
CITY COMMISSIONER

Notified via email
JALEN JOHNSON, WARD II
CITY COMMISSIONER

Notified via email
VILNIS GAINES, WARD III
MAYOR PRO TEM

Notified via email
CHAD WARBINGTON, WARD IV
CITY COMMISSIONER

Notified via email
BOB LANGSTAFF, JR., WARD V
CITY COMMISSIONER

Notified via email
DEMETRIUS YOUNG, WARD VI
CITY COMMISSIONER

LOCAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mayor Dorough gave an overview of the projects that were provided by the City Manager, discussed the process and read each item (copy on file).

Discussion followed regarding Oglethorpe Bridge utility relocation (Commissioner Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem Gaines stated that they had no comments); Commissioner Warbington discussed the process of submitting the list to the state legislative delegation, adding that the state lobbyist is present to hear the information that will be presented; Commissioner Young expressed concern regarding the process and the number of projects listed, as well as Commissioners who may not be in accord with some projects. Mayor Dorough stated that this meeting is due to not being prepared for the meeting last week with the legislators and today, a vote will be taken and submitted to the delegation. He said his concern is that of the CSS Project funding.

Commissioner Young asked if a vote has historically been taken to provide the priorities, with Commissioner Warbington stating that the County voted at their meeting to set priorities. Discussion continued regarding the process with Mayor Dorough stating, and Commissioner

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Howard agreeing, that a vote was not taken in the past, however, the Commission had discussions before meeting with the legislators.

Mayor Dorough suggested postponing a vote on MOST (Municipal Option Sales Tax) and CID (Community Improvement District) to have a plan provided to the Commission from staff identifying all funding sources through ARPA and the Infrastructure Act.

Commissioner Warbington moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

A RESOLUTION NO 22-R187

Setting City of Albany’s Priorities for the 2023 Local Legislative Delegation

Mayor Dorough offered a substitute motion to approve the list with the exception of requesting authorization to present a MOST referendum to the voters, seconded by Commissioner Howard and following a roll call vote, the motion failed 3-3 with Commissioners Johnson and Warbington and Langstaff voting no and Commissioner Young abstaining.

Regarding the original motion, following a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Gaines and Commissioners Howard and Young voting no. Mayor Dorough stated that he is voting in favor, but will not support putting it on a referendum, even if we get the legislation for MOST.

Commissioner Warbington moved to exit the special called meeting, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10: 00 am.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK