

DECEMBER 14, 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 (virtual)
Commissioners: Jon Howard, Chad Warbington and Demetrius Young
City Attorney: Nathan Davis
City Manager: Steven Carter (virtual)

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Liaison Triquenski Hicks read the call as follows:

Mayor and Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 447
Albany, GA 31702

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

There will be a special call City Commission meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at (approx.) 6:30 pm in 100 of the Government Center Building located at 222 Pine Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or adopt the following resolution:

- 1. Agreeing to First Amendment of the Solar Power Purchase Agreement Between MEAG Power and Pineview Solar, LLC

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven Carter
CITY MANAGER

/s/ Bo Dorough
BO DOROUGH, MAYOR

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

/s/ Jalen Johnson
JALEN JOHNSON, WARD II
CITY COMMISSIONER

/s/ Vilnis Gaines
VILNIS GAINES, WARD III
MAYOR PRO TEM

Notified via email
BOB LANGSTAFF, WARD V
CITY COMMISSIONER

/s/ Demetrius Young
DEMETRIUS YOUNG, WARD VI
CITY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Davis advised that Albany is a MEAG city and they enter into various agreements to benefit member cities and other customers. He advised that MEAG has a 20-year term contract with Pineview, LLC, regarding solar power, adding that due to the economy, they desire to reduce the contract to a 15-year term and increase the price per megawatt hour. He mentioned credits, which will benefit Walmart.

Mr. Carter advised that the City is already in an agreement with MEAG to purchase solar power and explained that Walmart has requested the credits from the solar power and explained that the City will receive approximately \$18-20,000 annually from this deal. Because the solar vendor assumed more expenses than originally anticipated, which the plan had the City working with the vendor for 20 years, they have asked to reduce the agreement to 15 years. At the end of the 15 years, MEAG cities have the option to acquire the solar farm and can do something with the energy. The vote today is whether or not to allow MEAG to determine if the City executes a contract in which we buy the energy (originally \$25.91 per megawatt hour, which will now cost \$29.06 per megawatt hour), which will reduce the annual earnings from \$18-20,000 to approximately \$15,000 annually. If the City decides to refuse the

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agreement, the solar vendor said that they cannot complete the process and they will completely back out of the deal.

Commissioner Howard asked if the City rejects the offer, Pineview will back out; Mr. Carter agreed. In response to Commissioner Howard, Mr. Carter advised that the solar facility is in Wilcox County.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the City has ever had the option to produce its own solar power. Mr. Carter stated that this is something the City is looking at now and discussed factors involved. Commissioner Johnson encouraged the City to take an exhaustive look into such a venture.

Mayor Pro Tem Gaines asked if this will have any impact on utility bills in Albany; Mr. Carter replied negatively. Mayor Pro Tem Gaines mentioned the annual \$15,000 suggesting using it to help reduce bills. Mr. Carter explained that if the City did anything affecting utility bills just \$5.00/month, the cost of that annually will cost in excess of \$2.0 million.

Commissioner Warbington noted that the city's cost is increasing and questioned whether Walmart's cost also be increased. Mr. Carter explained that there is a separate contract between the City and Walmart and explained the credits for Walmart. Commissioner Warbington asked if the contract should be evaluated due to rising prices and the City assuming all the additional cost, and questioned whether Walmart should share the cost. Mr. Carter explained that Walmart is not getting any energy, which fluctuates, adding that credits have a set amount.

Commissioner Young asked if Walmart is a current customer of the City's. Mr. Carter stated that some Walmarts are.

Commissioner Howard stated that most Walmarts rent their stores and asked what would happen if Amazon bought Walmart and they left Albany within the next ten years. Mr. Carter replied that they are on the hook for buying credits for the next ten years.

RESOLUTION

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 22-R195

A resolution agreeing to First Amendment of the Solar Power Purchase Agreement between MEAG Power and Pineview Solar, LLC.

Mayor Dorough discussed the City's position of being 'long on power' subsequent to executing an agreement with MEAG in 2008, which obligates the City to take a certain amount of power every month. Due to population loss, the city purchases more power than what is being consumed by customers; therefore, the excess power is sold on the market, which is typically a loss to the City.

Hearing no further comments and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

ASST. CITY CLERK