

AUGUST 22, 2023

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 Chad Warbington
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Jalen Johnson, Vilnis Gaines, 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. and advised that the invocation is being given by Pastor Clifford Porter, VP, Albany Ministries, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

OBJECTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

There were no objections.

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.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Pro Tem Warbington stated that an executive session needs to be added to the agenda. Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the agenda as printed with the one provision, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warbington, the motion unanimously carried with a roll call vote.

A. Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R173

Adopting the renewal of the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany and the City of Albany Fire Department

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R174

Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between Albany/Dougherty County Emergency Management Agency and Marine Corps Logistics Base regarding use of Emergency Operations Center

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R175

Approving list of alleys for reconstruction; authorizing use of TSPLOST I funds

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R176

Approving the 2024 Public Employees Group Health Plan

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R177

Authorizing Approval of 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and authorizing execution of Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Albany and Dougherty County

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R178

Approving execution of Special District mass Transportation Sales and Use Tax (“T-SPLOST”) Intergovernmental Agreement with Dougherty County

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A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R179

Authorizing contracting with Legacy Construction for construction and installation of speed tables at various locations; authorizing the use of SPLOST VI funds for such measure

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R180

Approving renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Software Agreement with Dell Technologies for three years

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R181

Authorizing the City to enter into contract with JVIation, a Woolpert Company, to develop an Airport Master Plan for the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport

B. PURCHASES

1. Ford Super-Duty Trucks, Wade Ford, Inc. - Total exp. \$193,299.00
2. Service Line Material Inventory, H2O Techs, LLC of Albany, GA - Total exp. \$904,500.00
3. Billing Software Maintenance, Tyler Technologies, Dallas, TX - Total exp. \$294,972.35
4. Consultant Leadership Development Prog., MD Marketing Network, Lauderdale Lakes, FL, not to exceed \$299,400.00

C. OTHER MATTERS

Recommend staff continue to meet with Dougherty County to move forward with the merger of the Gang Task Force and Drug Unit

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Appointment to Albany Housing Authority

Mayor Dorrough stated that he received a resume earlier this week and will make the appointment at the first meeting in September.

2. Alcohol License Applications:

Marcus Mitchell, Dep. Marshal, discussed the following license (copy on file):

1. Baby Shane LLC; d/b/a Baby Shane Southern Fried Chicken, 1610 S. Jefferson St., T Miles/Agent; Beer/Wine Consumption

Commissioner Gaines moved to approve the license, seconded by Commissioner Young; the roll call vote carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

ORDINANCE(S)

Planning and Development Director Paul Forgey briefly discussed the rezoning application on Dawson Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Warbington moved to deny the rezoning, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the roll call vote for the application was denied 4-3 with Commissioners Howard, Gaines and Young voting no.

AN ORDINANCE NO.

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 1820 Dawson Rd., from C-6 to C-5 (**conditional**)

Regarding the following ordinance, CFO Derrick Brown explained that the millage rate will be rolled back, resulting in a decrease in property taxes, which will be the ninth consecutive year the rate has been rolled back.

Commissioner Howard introduced

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AN ORDINANCE NO. 23-110

Levying and assessing the rate of taxation for City purposes on all taxable property in the City of Albany, Georgia, for Fiscal Year 2024

Commissioner Howard then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Young; the roll call unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

Utilities Deputy Director Kendall Hodge briefly discussed pre-approval from GEFA for a \$1.2 million grant, with an application being submitted if approved by the Board.

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warbington; the roll call vote unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R182

Authorizing submission of a grant application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the Lead and Copper Compliance Service Line Inventory Grant; should the grant be awarded to City; such grant is accepted.

MEMBER COMMENTS / ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Young referenced the Black Business Month proclamation presented by Mayor Dorough and recognized Dr. Alma Noble (Alma’s Baby World) and Tony Williams (Rabbitman’s Footwear) as owners of legacy businesses. He advised that Mr. Williams’ proclamation will be presented at a later date.

Mayor Dorough mentioned Commissioner Gaines’ concern about flooding on Broad/Oglethorpe (700 block of W. Broad) and asked for a report to ascertain if flooding can be eliminated in that area, with funding being discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:20 p.m. Commissioner Howard moved to enter executive session to discuss litigation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warbington, the roll call vote unanimously carried as follows:

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| Ward I | yes |
| Ward II | yes |
| Ward III | yes |
| Ward IV | yes |
| Ward V | yes |
| Ward VI | yes |
| Mayor | yes |

At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Howard moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and the roll call vote unanimously carried as follows:

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| Ward I | yes |
| Ward II | yes |
| Ward III | yes |
| Ward IV | yes |
| Ward V | yes |
| Ward VI | yes |
| Mayor | absent |

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At 6:46 pm., Mayor Pro Tem Warbington reconvened the meeting, announcing that no action was taken in executive session.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASST. CITY CLERK

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