

OCTOBER 17, 2023

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 Chad Warbington
Commissioners: Jon Howard, Vilnis Gaines, and Demetrius Young
Virtual Attendee: Bob Langstaff, Jr., (on the call at 11:17 am)
City Attorney: Nathan Davis
City Manager: Steven Carter

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

The Clerk 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 Tuesday, October 17, 2023, immediately following the Work Session 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 items.

- Purchase – Front Loader Garbage Truck (Sansom Equipment Company - Total Expenditure \$378,833.00)
- Resolution – Approving purchase of General Aviation Terminal Furniture; authorizing use of CARES ACT Grant Funds
- Resolution – Authorizing submission of a grant request to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources re: Recreational Trail Grant Program; should the grant be awarded to City, such grant is accepted, authorizing use of TSPLOST Funds

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven Carter
CITY MANAGER

Notified via email
BO DOROUGH, MAYOR

Notified via email
JON HOWARD, WARD I
CITY COMMISSIONER

notified via email
JALEN JOHNSON, WARD II
CITY COMMISSIONER

s/s Vilnis Gains
VILNIS GAINES, WARD III
CITY COMMISSIONER

notified via email
CHAD WARBINGTON, WARD IV
MAYOR PRO TEM

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

Notified via email
DEMETRIUS YOUNG, WARD VI
CITY COMMISSIONER

Corey Gamble, Buyer I, and Dale Henry, Fleet Asset Supervisor, were available to discuss information (copy on file) regarding the following:

1. Front Loader Garbage Truck; Sansom Equipment Co., Total exp. \$378,833.00

Discussion included number of trucks in operation (five), the struggle to keep trucks running (one-two), and the shortage of trucks resulting in trucks running seven days a week. Mayor Dorough asked for a list of garbage trucks and their age.

It was noted at this time (11:17) that Commissioner Langstaff had joined the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Warbington moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the roll call vote unanimously carried.

2. Purchase of General Aviation Terminal furniture

David Hamilton, Transportation Director, discussed information (copy on file) regarding the request to purchase terminal furniture.

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

A RESOLUTION NO 23-R200

Paul Forgey, Planning Director, and Robert Griffin, Interim Engineering Director, were present to discuss the following (copy on file)

3. Grant request to the GA Dept of Natural Resources re: Recreational Trail Grant Program

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Mr. Forgey showed photos of various Third Avenue improvements, which include a trailhead, bike routes/benches, a pocket park, access improvements with the minimum option being the Trailhead (\$211,962) and 3rd Ave., access (\$533,404). He advised that the grant amount is \$200,000 with a total of \$750,000 for this option, with the City's match of \$550,000, adding that the pocket park, the City's match will be increased to \$714,000. He explained that incorporating all options takes the entire project to \$1.37 million.

Mayor Pro Tem Warbington suggested the top two options (trailhead and 3rd Ave access) are best at this time. Commissioner Langstaff said he uses the trail and feels the money can be better spent regarding connectivity to Chehaw from Cox Landing and asked the status of this project. Mr. Carter stated that the Chehaw connection is not a project at this time; however, it can be brought back. Discussion continued regarding various plans, including a pedestrian bridge with the dollar amount escalating and is the reason to ask the state for funding the Chehaw option.

Commissioner Young agreed with Commissioner Langstaff's proposal, with Mr. Forgey and Mr. Carter stating that the deadline prevents including the Chehaw proposal. Discussion continued regarding options.

Mayor Pro Tem Warbington moved to adopt the following resolution using only Option 1 and II, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 23-R201

Authorizing submission of a grant request to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources re: Recreational Trail Grant Program; Should the grant be awarded to City; such grant is accepted; Authorizing use of TSPLOST funds

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:35 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Warbington moved to enter executive session to discuss litigation and a real estate matter, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and, following a roll call vote the motion unanimously carried as follows:

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

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At 12:34 p.m., Commissioner Howard moved to exit executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warbington and, following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried as follows:

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

Reconvening the meeting at 12:35, Mayor Dorough advised that in executive session potential litigation and a real estate matter were discussed with no action taken.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK

DRAFT