

MARCH 26, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
GOVT. CENTER – RM 100

PRESENT: Mayor Bo Dorough (virtual)
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Jalen Johnson, Vilnis Gaines, Chad Warbington
and Demetrius Young
City Manager: Steven Carter
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and advised that the invocation is being given by Pastor Patrick Sebesta, Sherwood Baptist Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS (Government 101):

Mr. Carter presented certificates to the following individuals:

Sara Bass	Tim Batten
Brenda Battle	Divisha Bradley
Aunquarius Brown	Lydia Brown
Bratisha Covin	Valeria Fleming
Jami Harper	Alison Harrell
Sandraill Hillsman	Willie Jackson, Jr.
Cassandra McKinney	Brian Oats
Sophia Odums	Takeashi Price
Sonya Walker	Andre Wilson

After the presentations, Mayor Dorough and the Board of Commissioners thanked those who participated in Government 101 and congratulated all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Warbington moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the roll call vote unanimously carried.

OBJECTION TO CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Dorough stated that he does not have objections, however, he advised that he will be abstaining from voting on the first resolution.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

At the request of Commissioner Young, Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff asked the Clerk to read the two purchases listed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Young moved to approve the consent agenda (with it noted that Mayor Dorough is abstaining from the vote on the first resolution which will carry 6-0-1) seconded by Commissioner Gaines, the roll call vote, with the rest of the resolutions unanimously carried.

A. Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R121

Authorizing the use of TSPLOST I Funds for Harding St. and Second Ave. Street Drainage Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 24-122

Approving SPLOST VIII Funds for Architect and Engineering Services for Bill Miller Gym Design Services

RESOLUTION NO. 24-123

Approving SPLOST VIII Funds for Architect and Engineering Services for Carver Gym Design Services

RESOLUTION NO. 24-124

Authorizing the use of GEFA Loan Funds for the Third Ave. Drainage Basin CSS

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-125

Approving the Albany Transit System Safety

RESOLUTION NO. 24-126

Authorizing submission of a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration and the GA Dept. of Transportation for grants to expand Southwest Georgia Regional Airport's Cargo ramp; should the grant be awarded to City, such grant is accepted

B. Purchases:

1. Landscaping Services, FHG Landscape Management; Leesburg, GA; Total exp. \$94,296.00
2. Core Router Acquisition & Deployment, LightSpeed Technologies, Inc., Wall Township, NJ; Total exp. \$321,402.95

C. Special Approval (zoning matter)

1. Case #24-004; Talal & Walid Shayeb/Owner; Valeria Fliggins Gladden/Applicant; request to operate a Health Care Training Center (private school) at property located at 719 Pine Ave.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Warbington moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Johnson the roll call vote unanimously carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Other Matters / City Manager Search

Following a brief discussion, Mayor Dorough mentioned a proposal he received from another vendor to conduct the city manager's search and asked if this should be referred to HR.

Commissioner Young moved to table the following to allow HR to send all proposals to the Commission for consideration; seconded by Commissioner Howard, the roll call vote carried 5-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff and Commissioner Warbington voting no.

A RESOLUTION NO

Authorizing the Dept. of Human Resources to engage in consulting services for the City Manager Search

ORDINANCE(S)

Commissioner Warbington introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 24-R103

Amending Article II of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Albany to provide for the Regular Meeting in April 2024 (Changing the Work Session to April 23, 2024, and the Regular Meeting April 30, 2024)

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, the roll call unanimously carried.

Commissioner Johnson introduced

ORDINANCE 24-R104

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of the property located at 1500 N. Slappey Blvd. from C-1 to C-2

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

Mr. Carter asked that the next item be removed from the agenda:

A RESOLUTION NO.

Amending the City of Albany's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for 108 Pine reroofing and repairs

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:24 p.m., Commissioner Johnson moved to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation and real estate matters, seconded by Commissioner Howard, 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

At 6:41 p.m. Commissioner Johnson moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the roll call vote unanimously carried as follows:

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

At 6:44 Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff advised that no action was taken in executive session.

MEMBER COMMENTS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Howard asked for an update regarding the consolidation of the gang task force and drug unit.

Commissioner Young recognized Cassandra McKinney as the Ward 6 graduate from the Government 101 class. He mentioned that Ms. McKinney served on his campaign committee and then noted the recent death of community activist Kenny Florence.

Commissioner Howard mentioned the General Assembly adjourning for this session and that HB 235 was tabled.

Hearing no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK