

JUNE 18, 2024

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA  
GOVERNMENT CENTER  
ROOM 100

PRESENT Mayor Bo Dorough  
Commissioners: Jon Howard, Vilnis Gaines, Chad Warbington, and Demetrius Young  
City Attorney: Michael Custer  
Interim City Mgr: Derrick Brown

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

The Clerk read the call as follows:

There will be a special call City Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 8:30 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:

- Authorizing submission of Grant Application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Community Court Grant Program; should the grant be awarded to the city; such Grant is accepted.

Sincerely,

/s/ Derrick Brown  
Interim 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

/s/ Chad Warbington  
CITY COMMISSIONER, Ward IV

Notified via email  
BOB LANGSTAFF, JR.  
MAYOR PRO TEM

Notified via email  
DEMETRIUS YOUNG  
CITY COMMISSIONER, WARD VI

RESOLUTION

Debra McFaddin Bryant discussed information. In reply to Commissioner Howard, Ms. Bryant stated that the strategic plan book is being withheld and will be distributed at a later date.

In reply to Commissioner Warbington, the grants were discussed (beginning in 2020) which built the infrastructure, this is category 2 that is being applied for to expand work which developed the strategic plan for 1-5 years. The money will be used to help implement and expand category 1. Commissioner Warbington asked what happens when category 1 runs out and the new grant is not approved. Mr. Brown explained that two positions from grant 1 were funded and they were incorporated for City funding which enhances grant 1, adding that nothing will stop if funding is not granted. Commissioner Warbington mentioned the volunteer aspect to mentor individuals, with Ms. Bryant advising that this is a component of the grant and program. Discussion included engaging the federal lobbyist to assist with grant funding with Mr. Brown agreeing to get in touch with the lobbyist.

Commissioner Young provided remarks regarding program participants and asked for information regarding the impact of the program. Ms. Bryant discussed program operations for the last year and explained the process that includes those graduating from the program, various career areas offered, recidivism looked at regarding court and tracking being conducted for at least a year. She explained that area codes are used including gender, with more women than men being in the program.

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Mayor Dorough mentioned identifying and assisting individuals charged with non-violent crime to redirect those going to court. Recidivism was discussed with Judge Weaver commenting on the process, adding that violent offenders are not accepted into the program. Tracking recidivism is strictly those in/out of Municipal Court with data bases being young at this point. Education, with GED and upper educational opportunities, inclusive of employment opportunities were discussed. In reply to Commissioner Warbington, Mayor Dorough mentioned having information provided regarding any programs within the state or cities with similarity and parallel including working with state court be researched.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 24-R156-A

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In reply to Commissioner Howard, Judge Weaver thanked him for recognizing him for the award that he will be getting in Savannah this month.

Ms. Bryant mentioned the graduation that is forthcoming and invited all to attend next month.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK