

JANUARY 10, 2017

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
ALBANY, GEORGIA
GOVT. CENTER – RM 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Bobby Coleman, Roger Marietta,
Bob Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell
City Manager: Sharon D. Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. (Commissioners Howard and Postell did not enter the meeting until 10:35).

The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of silence.

Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application – Transfer of Ownership, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Bluegem Venture Inc., d/b/a Liquor Locker; 633 Oglethorpe Blvd.; S. Patel/Agent; Liquor, Beer and Wine Package; Transfer Ownership from M. Patel
2. Albany 2016 LLC, d/b/a Royal Express; 1701 E. Oglethorpe Blvd.; S. Thomas/Agent; Beer and Wine Package; Transfer Ownership from P. Chhetri

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried. (Commissioners Howard and Postell entered the meeting at this point).

1. Thermoplastic Striping & Roadway Signs – LMIG, Peek Pavement Marking, Columbus, GA
Total expenditure \$121,610.00

Mayor Hubbard announced that Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher had to leave and asked for a motion to excuse her absence. Commissioner Marietta so moved, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor's appointment and Commission appointment to Aviation Commission for one-year term expiring January, 2018

Mayor Hubbard advised that she will reappoint Dr. Parker. Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Commissioner Langstaff, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

2. Commission appointment to Pension Board for two-year term expiring Jan. 2019

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

3. Commission appointments to Police Civilian Review Board for three-year terms expiring December, 2019

Mayor Hubbard reappointed Kay Hind and Commissioner Coleman reappointed Rashad Flournoy. Mayor Hubbard advised that once she has confirmation from the person she has spoken with, her name will be provided as the Mayor's other appointment.

4. One appointment to the Albany/Dougherty Economic Development Commission for two-year terms expiring December, 2018

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Commissioner Langstaff nominated Jim Deal and Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Milan Patel. Commissioner Langstaff moved to close the nominations on the said two names, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard advised that this appointment will carry over to the next meeting due to a tie vote (Jim Deal received the votes of Commissioners Coleman, Langstaff and Postell); (Mr. Patel received the votes of Mayor Hubbard and Commissioners Howard and Marietta).

5. Three appointments to Citizens Transportation Committee for three-year terms expiring January 2020

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Larry McClain and Tommy Gregors, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried. The Clerk advised that she will continue advertising for the vacancy.

6. One appointment to Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring January, 2020

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Hosea Miller, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

7. Five appointments to the Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful Board for three-year terms expiring January 2020

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Willie Wingfield, Jeanette Henderson, Samuel Sneed and Jackie Dixon, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Howard moved to appoint Leslie Hudson to fill the vacant position; Commissioner Langstaff moved to appoint CaMia Hopson. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared Leslie Hudson to be duly appointed (Mayor Hubbard, Commissioners Howard, Coleman and Postell voting in the affirmative).

8. Commission appointment, one City and one joint City/County appointments to the SW Georgia Regional Commission for one-year term expiring January 2018

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Erica Wilson as the joint City/County appointee and to appoint Freddie Grimsley, seconded by Commissioner Marietta, the motion unanimously carried.

Following discussion, Commissioner Coleman volunteered to serve on the Regional Commission as the City Commission appointee. Commissioner Marietta moved to appoint Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried. Additional discussion followed with Mayor Hubbard stating that Commissioner Postell was the Commission appointment, however, due to his recent medical issues, Commissioner Marietta attended the meetings in his absence. The Regional Commission notified us that Commissioner Marietta could not vote since he was not the official appointment. She thanked Commissioners Postell and Marietta for representing the City of Albany on this board and thanked Commissioner Coleman for agreeing to serve as the City's new appointee.

9. Two appointments to the Utility Board for two-year terms expiring January 2019 (must be city resident)

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Judith Corbett and Gary Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

10. One City appointment (master electrician) and three Joint City/County appointments (one professional engineer member and two electrical supplier members) to the Joint Electrical Board for one-year term expiring January 2018

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Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Willie Emerson, Edward West (as joint City/County appointment) and Sanford Hillsman as rotating appointment, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint the following individuals to the following boards (items 11-14), seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

11. One City appointment (master gas fitter member), one joint City/County appointment (professional engineer member) and one rotating citizen member to Joint Gas Board for one-year term expiring January 2018

Mark Holloway reappointed as City appointment and William Walker as the joint City/County appointment.

12. Two City appointments (one master plumber and one professional engineer), one Joint City/County rotating citizen appointment to the Joint Plumbing Board for one-year term expiring January 2018

Thomas Driggers and Eural Chastang reappointed as City appointments.

13. One City appointment (master heating and air conditioning contractor), two Joint City/County appointments (professional engineer members) to Joint Heating and Air Conditioning Board for one-year term expiring January 2018

Billy Goodson as City reappointment; Thomas Driggers and Clint Newson as joint City/County reappointments.

14. Three joint City/County appointments to Fire Code Board of Appeals for three-year terms expiring January 2020

Rosa Malone, Bruce Campbell and Charles Mitchell joint City/County reappointments

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Langstaff moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 17-R100

Adopting the Contract for Services between the GA Dept. of Public Health and the City of Albany re: specified demolition services

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 17-R101

Authorizing the City Manager or her Designee to transfer title to vehicles

The Clerk advised that the following was tabled in the work session to be considered at the next meeting.

A RESOLUTION

Accepting staff's report re: SPLOST VI Funds

The Clerk reported that there is an Ordinance for consideration that was not listed on the agenda.

Mr. Davis explained that the ordinance pertains to recent storm damages and gives the City Manager the authority to approve emergency invoices.

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ORDINANCE

Commissioner Langstaff introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 17-100

Amending Article VI of Chapter 2 of the City Code adding Sec. 2-265 providing that the City Manager may enter into contracts as well as approve invoices during State of Emergency; Setting limitations

Commissioner Langstaff then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Postell.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Langstaff asking for clarification on the amount. Mr. Davis stated that the three requirements, as noted in the sections of the Ordinance would have to be met in order for the expense to fall within the ordinance as adopted. Commissioner Howard asked about the state of emergency enacted by the Governor and its expiration. Ms. Subadan said it was extended by 14 days, etc. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Davis explained that the items to be paid had to fall within the category of the three requirements as noted. Commissioner Coleman questioned whether the ordinance is retroactive to the beginning of the storm with Mr. Davis stating that the ordinance is effective today, adding that if the expense to be paid meets the requirements and predates the ordinance, it can be paid. Commissioner Howard asked Ms. Subadan if Governor Deal can be asked today to extend the state of emergency. Ms. Subadan said she will pass the information on to appropriate individual(s).

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:57 a.m., Commissioner Howard moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried as follows:

Ward 1	yes
Ward 2	yes
Ward 3	absent
Ward 4	yes
Ward 5	yes
Ward 6	yes
Mayor	yes

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Langstaff moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried as follows:

Ward 1	yes
Ward 2	yes
Ward 3	absent
Ward 4	yes
Ward 5	yes
Ward 6	yes
Mayor	yes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK