

OCTOBER 24, 2017
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem Roger Marietta
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Bobby Coleman, BJ Fletcher, (Bob Langstaff
Jr., and Tommie Postell – both arrived at 6:09 pm)
Asst. City Manager: Phil Roberson
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and reminded the audience of the process to address the Commission (Citizen Comments/Speaker Appearance Forms).

SPEAKER APPEARANCE

Alice Sue Fitzgerald, of Winterwood Subdivision, discussed a business that moved into the neighborhood causing traffic issues. She said she has spoken to various City staff and officials about this serious issue and gave an account of parking in the area, with customers parking on the side of the road, crossing the centerline to go around, impeding traffic, etc. She asked if 'No Parking' signs can be put up since this is a dangerous situation and is more dangerous during the night. She stated she has been working on this for several months and had discussions with the City Attorney, etc., even sending photos to him, and he agreed that something should be done.

Mayor Hubbard said she spoke with Ms. Fitzgerald and acknowledged that she also spoke with Mayor Pro Tem Marietta. She said she looked at the photos and asked if Ms. Fitzgerald can email the photos and videos, Ms. Fitzgerald replying in the affirmative that she can provide the photos and videos. Mayor Hubbard stated that she wants input from her fellow Commissioners adding that there is a church in the area that have street parking during services. She suggested the entire Commission make a decision because 'No Parking' signs, which will have to be enforced and will affect the church. Ms. Fitzgerald said she has been in the neighborhood for over 30 years and has never had problems with the church, or any other business, parking or creating traffic issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Marietta moved to put one 'No Parking' sign in the area, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Davis advised that City Engineering is responsible for signage. (Commissioners Langstaff and Postell entered the meeting at this time 6:09). Phil Roberson, Asst. City Manager cited the City Code that prohibits parking on the shoulder of the road.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Coleman stating that he wants to abide by the law as it regarding parking. Mayor Hubbard expressed concern on those that are affected especially church parking if a 'No Parking' sign is placed in the area. Ms. Fitzgerald said church parking is not a problem; they have a huge parking lot and a vacant lot. She added that the revivals have never parked along the side of the road. Hearing no further comments, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Postell voting no.

In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Roberson stated that the sign will be in place by the end of the week.

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COMMISSION EXPENSE REPORT

The Clerk advised that the first quarter expense reports were placed in the notebooks for the Mayor and Commission to review.

SALE OF UNUSED PROPERTY TO MITCHELL AND BONNIE TUTTLE AND DAVID AND BRENDA VICTOR

Mr. Davis explained that the reason for pulling this item from the agenda is due to issues raised by adjoining property owners.

PUBLIC FUNCTION MATTERS

ZONING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk read the following: (there were no comments on this item).

1. Zoning Case #17-040 - Alan Dismuke, Owner/Applicant; request to rezone property located at 1016 N. Slappey Blvd. from C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District). PC approved 7-0 **conditional** - Ward 2
2. Zoning Case #17-041 - Denise Green, Owner/Applicant; request to rezone property located at 633 S. Westover, Blvd. from AG (Agricultural District) to C-5 (Office-Institutional-Residential District). PC approved 8-0 - Ward 4

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

PURCHASES:

Dale Henry, Buyer, discussed the following two items (copy on file); there were no comments on either item.

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| 1. | Well #38 Rehabilitation; Layne Christensen Co. | |
| | Total expenditure | \$44,165.00 |
| 2. | SCADA System Hardware, Power Connections; Dothan, AL | |
| | Total expenditure | \$78,216.00 |

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FTA 5307 & 5339 GRANT APPLICATION

David Hamilton, Transportation Director, discussed information (copy on file) and asked for approval to submit the grant.

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Marietta, Mr. Hamilton explained the difference of cost from previous years, i.e., capital costs, adding staff, etc., and advised that Sunday service is not included. In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Marietta, Mr. Hamilton discussed the prior Sunday service survey conducted in 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Marietta asked if this can be revisited.

Commissioner Howard asked if minorities/women contractors are used with Mr. Hamilton explaining the process per GDOT standards.

Commissioner Postell asked the approximate cost to operate buses during weekday with Mr. Hamilton stating that he can provide this information. There were no additional comments on this item.

SUBSCRIBED REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT RE: MGAG

Stephen Collier, Asst. City Manager, discussed information as noted (copy on file) pertaining the approval of the second amendment to the agreement with MGAG. He advised that the cost has come down since the agenda item was written with the new cost being \$55,135 (down from \$58,754). In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Collier explained the reduction in the purchase of gas, which in the past was based on active meters, but it was determined that was not the most accurate means to calculate the cost. He advised that the City extended its infrastructure and is currently recruiting new customers, adding that he will have to obtain the information on the number of new customers the City has added. There were no additional/comments on this item.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Roberson reported that there are no updates at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Howard asked if Chief Persley can provide a chart noting which wards the 21 homicides were committed in at the next meeting and whether there are hotspots that need to be looked at. Mayor Hubbard reminded Commissioner Howard that the Mayor's Safety Coalition Committee was formed and asked if any Commissioner has anyone they would like have serve to submit their names.

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Mayor Pro Tem Marietta asked to include a regional presence since people coming from other cities commit some of the crimes. He suggested that GMA District 10 be involved since people from those areas come to Albany.

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mayor Hubbard advised that representatives from the GBI and FBI will be asked to be included since the FBI was a part of past meetings. In reply to comments from Commissioner Postell regarding crime, Mayor Hubbard commended Chief Persley and APD for their quick response in solving many of the crimes.

Commissioner Coleman asked the makeup of the committee, i.e., laypersons or professionals; Mayor Hubbard advised that there is a cross-section of people asked to serve. In reply to Commissioner Fletcher, she said there is no limit on the number serving on the committee. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend any of the meetings as well. Commissioner Coleman stated that the law does not control crimes committed because of domestic disputes.

Commissioner Howard asked the possibility of collaborating with the National Guard and/or State Patrol, especially when there are events in the area (ASU's homecoming, upcoming Fair, etc.). Mayor Hubbard said the coalition can look at what is done in other cities, etc., that could be part of any recommendation they make, including improving technology, etc. She stated that public safety has always been a top priority of the City Commission and the Coalition will be looking at all areas.

Commissioner Postell stated that it is difficult to much about crime unless gangs are eradicated.

Mayor Pro Tem Marietta commented on an item in the recent GMA monthly magazine and asked if the issue of a 'pre-census' is being discussed, specifically regarding counting the homeless. Mayor Hubbard advised that she has met with Census reps out of Atlanta and with Planning Director Paul Forgey. She mentioned the 'rollout period in which the City will be involved, adding that we are where we should be. Mayor Pro Tem Marietta mentioned the budget and referenced info recently received in the mail; he asked that the Finance Director explain the difference the current information vs. what passed in June. Mayor Hubbard asked if he is referring to classifications in the budget with Mayor Pro Tem Marietta replying in the affirmative.

Commissioner Fletcher mentioned a called she received today by a citizen who was involved in a wreck and had to pay over \$300.00 for clean up and asked if this can be looked at. Mr. Davis explained the rotation process and/or preference that is part of the process, advising that the Fire Department involved in this as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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CITY CLERK