

FEBRUARY 28, 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
City Manager: Sharon Subadan
City Attorney: CN Davis

At 6:01 p.m., Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order and gave instructions regarding Citizen Comments and Speaker Appearance forms.

APPOINTMENTS – (there were no comments on the following items):

1. Appointment to Citizens Transportation Committee to fill an unexpired term ending January, 2020
2. Mayor's appointment to City Tree Board to fill unexpired term ending August, 2018
3. Commission appointment to Flood Plain Management Review Board for three-year term expiring October 2019

TRAVEL

Commissioner Howard moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Commissioner T. Postell; GMA 2017 Mayor's Day Training; Atlanta, GA; Jan 20-23, 2017; \$1,474.59
2. City Clerk S. Tolbert, GMA 2017 Annual Convention; Savannah, GA; June 23-26, 2017
3. Asst. City Clerk S. Kelly; GMA 2017 Annual Convention; Savannah, GA; June 23-26, 2017

COMMISSION EXPENSE REPORT

The Clerk advised that information was provided in the notebooks. There were no comments on this item.

PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS

1. Aarzu Corporation, d/b/a Peacock Grill & Indian Cuisine, 2820 Meredyth Dr. Suites 4 & 5; M. Patel/Agent; Beer and Wine Consumption; WARD 5
2. The Yellow Store, 903 S. Madison St.; R. Gray/Agent; Beer Package; WARD 3

Commissioner Langstaff noted that the Peacock Grill is currently on Westover and asked if it moved. Marshall Walter Norman reported that they moved to the original location of the old Austin Bar & Grill.

Regarding item #2 - Commissioner Postell asked what is sold at the store, with Mr. Norman advising that it is a convenience store and they will be selling alcohol, which is the reason for the application. He advised that it changed ownership and the new owner is Robert Gray.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

PURCHASES:

Joshua Williams, Buyer, discussed the following (copy on file): - there were no comments on this item.

1. Broadband Connectivity, Verizon Wireless
Annual exp. \$75,220.20

Dale Henry, Buyer, discussed the following (copy no file):

2. Albany Radiator Shop Excavation, Environmental Remediation Services, Inc.
Total exp. \$98,998.00

In reply to questions from Commissioner Langstaff, Bruce Maples, Director of Engineering replied that soil remediation has been conducted at the site; however, he explained that there were some changes to EPD regulations which resulted in having to take this action. He said he anticipates that this will finalize and complete the project. Commissioner Langstaff stated that there was only one bidder with Mr. Henry explaining that the bid time was extended and the other interested bidder declined, adding that a project of this scope does not garner many bids. In reply to Commissioner Langstaff, Mr. Maples agreed that it is a unit price based on estimations/determination of hazardous/non-hazardous material, adding that the cost could be higher or lower, depending on what is found. He advised that tonnage was estimated and a ball park figure was determined. Commissioner Langstaff mentioned re-bidding in order to get more bids and asked Mr. Maples if he is confident in this bid; Mr. Maples replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Howard asked what EPD rules have changed and what would happen if the City decided to let the site lie dormant. Mr. Maples explained that over time risk, reduction standards are modified and we never know the impact of the toxicity of the soil until having to take additional action. Commissioner Howard asked if this current action will remediate all of the issues concerning the soil. Mr. Maples advised that the City met the requirements of the EPD and it is his hope to close the site out once this work is completed;

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Marietta, Mr. Maples stated that if the standards are met, the site can be commercially developed.

Commissioner Postell commented on impurities in the water as a result of the radiator shop and asked the reason for going back in the area. Mr. Maples explained the depth of excavation and advised that any hazardous material will be sent to Alabama, which is included in the price. EPD's chain of command requires the contractor to be solely responsible for its disposal once it has been collected. In reply to Commissioner Postell, he advised that all costs will be paid through SPLOST V.

Mr. Henry discussed the following – (copy on file):

3. Fleet Management Facility

Responding to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Subadan explained that the facility on Monroe Street was outgrown years ago. The proposed purchase is a state-of-the art maintenance shop, designed for heavy equipment, solid waste equipment, maintaining buses and will accommodate everything in the City's fleet. This facility will allow consolidation of equipment, supervision, mechanics, etc., at this convenient location. The price of the building and cost to renovate are significantly lower than constructing a new facility and the funds will come from SPLOST VI. She discussed the new CNG buses, which are taller and require the additional space, adding that more buses will be purchased. Listing the positive outcome of having this facility, she stated that it allows Fleet Management to be more effective and efficient.

Mayor Pro Tem Marietta asked if 712 Flint will be surplus; Ms. Subadan replied in the negative, explaining that it will house the Transit facility with the CNG fueling facility remaining there.

There were no additional comments on this item.

Mr. Henry discussed the following (copy on file):

4. Laboratory and Analytical Services, Environmental Testing Laboratories, Inc.
Estimated annual exp. \$133,099.00

Commissioner Langstaff asked expenditures from last year with Mr. Henry replying that they were \$145,000.

There were no additional comments.

Mr. Henry discussed the following (copy on file):

5. Pump Automation Controller, Power Connections, Inc.
Total exp. \$50,825.00

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Commissioner Postell questioned purchases with Mr. Henry stating that the bids were broken down as three separate purchases from three different companies. Additional discussion followed with Commissioner Postell questioning the location of wells and tanks, which are scattered throughout all of Albany and are based on water pressure needs.

There were no additional comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Coleman mentioned re-establishing a Veteran's Day parade in Albany.

Commissioner Howard commented on storm debris removal and asked to have PSA's so that citizens are aware of the deadline (April 1) and will not have debris in their [private] yards. He asked that information be shared with the Commission so that constituents can know and understand the process.

Commissioner Postell asked that alleys also be cleared and cleaned.

Mayor Pro Tem Marietta mentioned storm-water and sewer issues and low-interest loans that were previously discussed. Ms. Subadan gave a brief update on the application process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

SONJA TOLBERT
CITY CLERK