

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT Mayor Dorothy Hubbard  
Mayor Pro Tem BJ Fletcher  
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Bobby Coleman, and Roger Marietta  
City Manager: Sharon Subadan  
City Attorney: CN Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and reminded citizens who want to speak on this agenda to use the form and give to the City Clerk.

#### APPOINTMENT

1. One appointment to KADB to fill unexpired term ending January, 2018

Commissioner Howard moved to appoint Dorea Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

#### TRAVEL:

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried:

1. Mayor D. Hubbard, Georgia Congressional Luncheon; Macon, GA; August 23, 2016; \$115.56
2. Mayor D. Hubbard, GMA Legislative Policy Council & Bd. of Directors Mtg.; Dublin, GA; Sept. 21-23, 2016

#### COMMISSION EXPENSE REPORT

The Clerk advised that the 2015-16 year-end report was put in the notebooks for review.

#### SETTLEMENT OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM

Mr. Davis discussed information (copy on file) pertaining to the settlement. Commissioner Marietta moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS**

#### ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

1. Cove Sports Bar and Grill LLC, 2820 Meredyth Drive Ste. 3, T. Maples & T. Stephens/Agents; Consumption-Liquor, Beer and Wine, WARD 5

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In Reply to Commissioner Marietta, Walter Norman, Chief Marshall discussed the location. Commissioner Marietta moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff, the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no

#### ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. Aarzu Corporation, d/b/a Akshar Food Mart; 326 S. Mock Road; J. Patel/Agent; Beer Package; Transfer of Ownership from K. Patel to J. Patel; WARD 1

Commissioner Coleman moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher, the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

#### C&P COMPANY, LLC STORM SEWER EASEMENT

Charlie Clark, Civil Engineering Superintendent, discussed information (copy on file) as it pertains to the easement located at the Cheddars restaurant.

Commissioner Marietta asked if the City will maintain the parking lot lights at Cheddars. Bruce Maples, Engineering Director said he can check on this. Commissioner Marietta expressed concern about the safety of workers during the late evening hours. In response to Commissioner Marietta, Mr. Maples stated that with the new policy, the City leases out parking lot lights to commercial customers if they request security lights.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Postell entered the meeting at this point.

#### EASEMENT FOR BUS SHELTER ON NANCY LOPEZ LANE

Mr. Maples discussed information as noted (copy on file) and asked for approval. Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Howard stated that he noticed lights out in the following areas: Oakridge from Newton Road to Moultrie Road; from Broad Avenue to Mock Road and Magnolia to the 2300 Block of E. Broad, over 100 lights are out; half of the lights are also out on the new Broad Avenue

Bridge. He mentioned the recent shooting that the GBI is now investigating and asked that APD Chief Persley brief the Commission when the investigation is concluded.

Commissioner Coleman commented on Landover Lane and the request for a speed hump in the area; Engineering reported that there is no need for one. Regarding the current speed limit in the area, he said he watched cars speeding and asked engineering to do another study, adding that Inverness is another road with excessive speeding and also needs to be studied.

Commissioner Marietta thanked APD for their good work and efforts with neighborhood watch groups that are in his ward. He also complimented Public Works and Utilities for their rapid response to concerns, which shows the City of Albany provides good customer services. He mentioned Lagrange's indoor water park and asked that this be looked at as it pertains to the downtown/civic center area and recommended that staff visit Lagrange to look into something like it

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher said that two weeks from now the special approval of a cemetery will be voted on and asked if conditions have changed and if so, she would ask that the matter be tabled for further review. Paul Forgey, Planning Director advised that conditions have not changed as these were voted on by the Planning Commission; conditions can only be changed by a vote of the City Commission. In reply to Commissioner Postell, he restated the conditions, which include the depth of burial. Discussion followed regarding the burial depth with Mr. Davis advising that City-owned cemeteries requires 6' burial.

In reply to Commissioner Postell regarding remarks on looking at the water park in Lagrange; Commissioner Marietta stated that he was only throwing the idea out for consideration.

## **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Ms. Subadan introduced new employees - Stephen Carter, Chief Information Officer and Dwight Baker, HR Director.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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CITY CLERK