

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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PRESENT Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem BJ Fletcher
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Bobby Coleman, Roger Marietta, Bob
Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell
City Manager: Sharon Subadan
City Attorney: CN Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and advised that citizens desiring to address the Commission regarding items listed on this agenda must fill out the Citizen Comment form and turn in to the City Clerk.

FORMER HR DIRECTOR – SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher. After a brief discussion, Mayor Hubbard announced that votes will only be taken in the official meeting. Commissioner Marietta withdrew his motion; Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher withdrew her second.

T. JONES – SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

There was no discussion on this matter; Mayor Hubbard reiterated that votes will be taken in the business meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS

1. Shantinathay Inc., d/b/a Satin Lounge, 2203 E. Broad Avenue; L. Davis/Agent; Liquor, Beer and Wine Consumption; WARD 1

Commissioner Postell moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; Mayor Hubbard said that since the motion was made she will carry it. Hearing no further discussion the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

- 2, Hardeep 2016 LLC, d/b/a Bee Back Liquor, 2301 Gillionville Road, D. Patel/Agent; Liquor, Beer and Wine Package; WARD 4

Commissioner Postell moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

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ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. Gaoli Chen Inc., d/b/a Hong Kong Cafe; 2700 Dawson Road Ste.1 & 2;
G.Chen/Agent; Beer and Wine Consumption; Transfer Ownership from Lin Yan
Qing; WARD 5

Commissioner Postell moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

2. AMER 786 Inc., d/b/a Neighborhood Grocery; 716 Johnson Rd; A.
Aldumman/Agent; Transfer Ownership from Fnu Farhan Ulhaq; Beer Package;
WARD 1

Commissioner Postell moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

TRC BROADWAY, LLC – UTILITY EASEMENTS & ROW DEDICATION

Engineering Director Bruce Maples stated that this is for the acceptance of easements for a sanitary sewer, natural gas, electrical and utilities, as well as additional right-of-way on Broadway for the Family Dollar located at 301 E. Oglethorpe Boulevard.

In response to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Maples agreed that traffic is congested at that location. Commissioner Postell stated that the approval should be held off until something is done about ingress/egress, suggesting that it is a hazard because of the underpass. Mr. Davis advised that it is for delivery, adding that a prior administration granted a building permit. Ms. Subadan interjected that the exit will be used only for delivery at certain times of the day; this action is to transfer the easement to the City. Commissioner Coleman added that they have installed a steel gate, which will be locked until a delivery is made.

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

SPEED TABLES RE: 2200 BLK. GOLFCOURSE DR.

Mr. Maples explained that a request was made to conduct a speed study in the 2200 Block of Golfcourse Drive. The study was conducted, met the requirements and criteria of the traffic calming policy. Four speed tables are required, but Commission direction is needed to move forward.

In response to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Maples stated that the area currently has no speed tables. In response to Commissioner Howard, Mr. Maples said that the location is near the Doublegate area.

In reply to Commissioner Langstaff regarding making motions in the work session, Mayor Hubbard advised that if there are no further comments the meeting will move on with votes being taken in the official business meeting.

PUBLIC FUNCTIONS MATTERS

The Clerk read the following:

1. Special Approval #16-038: Cemetery - Mohammad Okashah/Applicant; request special approval for property located at 711 W. Highland Avenue; to establish a cemetery in the C-3 District. PC approved 7-1 (**conditional**) Ward 3

Commissioner Marietta stated that he would like to address the condition of a sidewalk across the street from the proposed cemetery, but will hold his comments for the public hearing.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

PURCHASES

1. INFOTransit System, Luminator Technology Group, Plano, Texas
Total expenditure \$176,099.00

There was no discussion regarding the INFOTransit System.

2. Refuse Trucks
Total expenditure \$489,348.75

Commissioner Postell asked if these are new trucks; Central Service Director Yvette Fields replied in the affirmative.

3. Hansen Technologies
Total expenditure \$63,372.27

Commissioners Postell asked the last time that this company was awarded a bid. Chief Information Officer Steven Carter explained that this is a yearly contract, but this year there were some 'true up' costs; additional licenses were needed as a result of storm water and telecom fees that are now filtered through that system. Commissioner Postell clarified that these were additional costs added

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to the contract; Mr. Carter replied in the affirmative, stating that an audit performed in August showed the need for the additional licenses.

4. SPLOST VI Alley Paving, HTS Construction, Inc.,

Estimated expenditure \$529,647.12

Commissioner Howard asked Mr. Maples the timeframe for paving to start if the contract is awarded to HTS tonight. Mr. Maples briefly reviewed the process and advised that once a Notice to Proceed is issued the project will start. Commissioner Howard mentioned the upcoming referendum for SPLOST VI and stated that citizens want to see shovel-ready projects due to past alley-paving projects. Mr. Maples stated that they should be able to start rather quickly once the contract has been awarded since they already perform work for the City. Commissioner Coleman agreed about the timing of projects and asked from start to finish how long the project will take. Mr. Maples explained that the contract contains 'x' number of days for the project, adding that as long as the contractor stays within and completes the project within the timeframe, the City does not dictate the means and method of performing the work. Ms. Fields interjected that she cannot say exactly how many days were allotted, but for this contract the time was shortened. In response to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Maples stated that he did not know the number of Alleys that were paved but that there were 90 miles of alleys paved. Ms. Subadan interjected that there is no more funding in SPLOST V. Mr. Maples added that when funds in SPLOST V were exhausted, the Commission's list was continued in the approved order. Commissioner Postell asked Ms. Subadan to check on the alleys that were approved for Ward 6, which have not yet been paved. Commissioner Marietta asked Mr. Maples to check Endicott alley in SPLOST V. Both Ms. Subadan and Mr. Maples agreed to look into the requests of Commissioners Postell and Marietta.

5. Structural Steel Addition, Fabrication Solutions, Inc.

Total expenditure \$49,240.00

Commissioner Langstaff asked if this is a change order; Ms. Fields replied in the negative; this is a bid. Commissioner Langstaff stated that he thought renovations for Thornton Gym had been approved and asked why this was necessitated. Ms. Fields explained that renovations had been done in pieces with pieces above the bid threshold put out for bid and this is one of those. Commissioner Howard asked the target date for this part of the process. Ms. Subadan mentioned that several setbacks were encountered that benefitted the City, adding that they have been given an aggressive deadline with the aim to have it open this year.

6. Microsoft Licenses, Dell

Total expenditure \$229,510.44

There was no discussion on this matter.

7. Design Services - Eames Sports Complex, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.,
Albany, GA

Estimated exp. not-to-exceed \$414,504.00

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher stated that concern has been expressed about the amount, especially with the County's role in this project; she asked Ms. Subadan to break down the figures. Ms. Subadan explained that the Eames project is multi-phased; Phase I centers on the baseball field and surrounding structure/infrastructure, engineering for Phase I is \$185,904.00. The Tennis Center is a County project with the City working cooperatively with the County. The multi-purpose fields came in significantly more expensive than anticipated; however, that piece would be the final phase. She said that the request of the Commission is to approve an amount to not exceed \$414,504.00 with the actual immediate expenditure being \$185,904 from SPLOST VI for recreation.

Commissioner Howard asked if the Tennis Center's cost is \$1.0 million; Ms. Subadan replied that is the estimated amount; she explained that all costs are estimates to get an idea of what the final cost may be.

Additional discussion followed with Commissioner Howard mentioning the location and the need to make the view more pleasing; properties in the area that may be available for purchase to enhance the area, etc. Commissioner Coleman commented on ingress/egress with there being no problem getting in/out of the area. Commissioner Marietta agreed with comments of Commissioner Howard and asked if the Lobbyist can talk with state reps to get GDOT monies to assist. Commissioner Postell mentioned the Gordon complex and asked for information. ACM Collier explained that Gordon is focused on softball and discussed redevelopment of Eames and what will be offered. Commissioner Marietta asked Mr. Holmes, Rec. Director about Gordon and whether it is used regularly. Mr. Holmes agreed and said that there has been an increase in tournament participation on weekends, etc. Commissioner Howard was advised that Stevenson and Palmer merged with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, which is the design firm.

SURPLUS VEHICLE

Commissioner Postell asked the number of vehicles being surplus; Ms. Fields replied that two were, which are being sold to Lee County at fair market value.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the two following items – Commissioner Postell stated that proper channels were not utilized to approve the requests. At the end of the discussion, Mayor Hubbard said that a Memorandum of Understanding will be executed for both projects, which are in order.

JOB INVESTMENT FUND REQUEST RE: WEBSTAURANTSTORE, INC.

JOB INVESTMENT FUND REQUEST – MARS CHOCOLATE N. AMERICA

Regarding the above two items, Commissioner Postell said the information was not presented to the Committee and this is out of sequence.

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher reminded Commissioner Postell that there was a meeting with the LTFPC where both items were discussed. Discussion followed with Commissioner Postell stating that this has not gone through proper channels. Commissioner Coleman said he was at the meeting and

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there was discussion on disbursement of the money, etc. Following a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to provide minutes from the LTFPC meeting.

Mayor Hubbard mentioned the memo of understanding that is to be signed, etc., as it pertains to a review of the minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

SONJA TOLBERT
CITY CLERK