

JULY 8, 2014  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GOVT. CTR. – ROOM 120

PRESENT Mayor Dorothy Hubbard  
Mayor Pro Tem Jon Howard  
City Commissioners: Bobby Coleman, BJ Fletcher, Roger Marietta, Bob  
Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell  
Asst. City Manager: Wes Smith  
City Attorney: CN Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., adding that Asst. City Manager Wes Smith will be at the table for the meeting today.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE*(additional public hearings scheduled for 6:00 p.m., today in room 100 and 6:30 p.m., on July 22, 2014 in room 100)*

William Wright stated that he will speak at the 6:00 p.m., meeting this evening.

Jo Brophy, Finance Director discussed the purpose of the public hearings and referred to an article in the July 2<sup>nd</sup> *Albany Herald* newspaper. She explained that there is no rollback and that property values went up due to reassessments by the Tax Director, which contributed to the .11% difference in the millage rate.

Commissioner Postell asked who put the information in the paper. Ms. Brophy stated that this is required by state law and the purpose of the public hearing is to entertain questions.

There was no one else desiring to speak on this matter.

SPEAKER APPEARANCE:

Chad Warbington stated that he is on the WG&L Board and comes as a board member with change being the tenure of his board appointment. He referenced the expectations and change at WG&L and asked the Commission to put themselves in the shoes of WG&L employees, adding that they have had four General Managers during the last year. He addressed the City Charter established in 1961 and the change that took place last year, adding that another charter change is being discussed. He asked who is calling the shots and setting a vision for WG&L employees and mentioned cuts instigated by former WG&L Interim General Manager Tom Berry. He briefly discussed increased revenue, which is expected to be 15% and is a tremendous set goal and, the 8.5% increase going to the City, which equates to \$2-3.0 million more dollars. He said this contributes to the confusion of WG&L employees, adding that the charter change under consideration should be tabled as it will be another distraction. He stated that the WG&L Board is focused and Stephen Collier has been embraced as the interim WG&L Director and asked to put a hold on decisions until things are stabilized regarding leadership; now is not the right time to change the charter.

Commissioner Postell commented on Mr. Warbington representing WG&L employees stating that he was selected as a WG&L Commissioner. Mr. Warbington stated that he is not

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representing any employees and he stands before the Commission as a person involved within the community giving input and perspective.

Commissioner Langstaff stated that WG&L Commission wanted the charter changes that were presented to the Commission and that the WG&L Commission voted on sending the changes to the City Commission. Mr. Warbington agreed that this was voted on by WG&L Board. Commissioner Langstaff asked if it should be a majority vote requesting the Commission to table this item, adding that the Mayor and three other Commissioners should be deciding. Mr. Warbington stated that the charter change was done between Mr. Berry and Mr. Taylor and was not voted on by the WG&L Commission. Commissioner Langstaff asked if [WG&L] Commissioners were polled and if it was approved; Mr. Warbington agreed. Commissioner Langstaff suggested polling the WG&L Commission again.

Commissioner Coleman stated that was then and this is now and agreed with Mr. Warbington that this is not the time to change the charter. As policy setters, the City Commissioners are the ones who have the last word.

Mayor Hubbard stated that WG&L Commissioners were polled and there has not been another poll, adding that she will support the opinion as it currently stands. She added that lofty goals were set and WG&L Commissioners looked at a lot of things during the budget process with Commissioner Warbington serving on the budget committee. One prime goal is to grow the utility to the extent that citizens in this community would not have to pay property taxes – this was her goal even before going over to WG&L as well as seizing opportunities.

Commissioner Marietta moved to table the charter change for three months. Mayor Hubbard advised that the charter change is not up for discussion this morning.

Commissioner Postell said that while he appreciates Mr. Warbington's service on the WG&L Board, he does not appreciate him coming here as an individual telling the Commission what to do about the charter.

Commissioner Fletcher thanked Mr. Warbington for coming, adding that she did not feel Mr. Warbington was telling the Commission what to do, but was making a suggestion.

Commissioner Postell countered that he should represent the WG&L Board only if they ask him to. Mayor Hubbard stated that any citizen of the community has a right to come before the Commission to speak; they should not be criticized for exercising that right. We cannot deny a citizen the right to speak and said she will never do that.

Mayor Hubbard thanked Mr. Warbington for his services and the work he does on the WG&L Commission.

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Commissioner Langstaff moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Commissioner Postell. The motion died 3-4 with Commissioners Langstaff, Postell and Coleman voting yes.

### MULTIMODAL SITE OPTIONS

Wes Smith, Asst. City Manager discussed information regarding the multimodal site options and explained GDOT's budget/funding.

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Mr. Smith discussed the appraisal, money owed on the property, etc. Discussion followed on the cost (none) of taking the annex to the Cultural Center with Mr. Smith explaining and reviewing the options/property acquisitions, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed concern regarding property acquisition exceeding cost expectations with Mr. Smith advising that another locally funded environmental assessment will be required.

Commissioner Postell asked for a financial breakdown, with Mr. Smith advising that the State's share is \$3.9 million and the local share is \$970,000; the money comes from grant money and is a hard figure of where we stand today. Commissioner Postell asked about the environmental study with Mr. Smith advising that the money comes from the general fund with the rest being funded in the new budget. Commissioner Postell asked the current cost with Mr. Smith stating that there is no additional funding at this time. Discussion followed on additional funding from the State/Federal government and being unable to apply for funding until the environment assessment is complete. Commissioner Postell asked how much is needed now to complete the environmental study. Mr. Smith said no money; the request is to select a site, which is part of the EA process. In reply to Commissioner Postell, he advised that Alternative 2 is the most economical option. Additional discussion followed on the selection of a site, with Mr. Smith explaining that staff will move forward once the site is selected. Commissioner Postell stated that the Commission can make a change if it so desires; Mr. Smith agreed. Discussion followed on the acquisition being the highest risk and the possibility of money having to come from the general fund, etc.

Mayor Hubbard stated that the governor said if more funds are needed and are available, he will appropriate more funding.

Commissioner Postell suggested going with alternative 2 which is the least expensive and commented on the cost of the property.

Commissioner Fletcher said she inspected the site to review option 2; however, she asked that option 3 be considered, as it will be friendly to the Harlem District. She mentioned that it will be eco-friendly, and while it may be more costly, sometimes the benefits outweigh the cost. She urged the Commission to visit the site and try to see the 'vision' of what is possible and to consider how it will help the businesses in that area.

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In response to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Smith stated that staff and the design team feel that option 3 is the most attractive and provides immediate impact to the additional parking for existing businesses, while also providing opportunities for additional future development on the Highland frontage. However, he said he wanted to provide enough options for the Commission to consider, with ways to work around what they wanted. Commissioner Fletcher agreed, adding that option 3 is user friendly for the buses. Mr. Smith explained that buses will not be allowed to turn left onto Oglethorpe and cuts in half the number going out on Oglethorpe and routes them onto Highland.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard questioned the ingress/egress of option 2, with Mr. Smith explaining the proposed turns/exits. Mayor Pro Tem Howard questioned additional property acquisition, with Mr. Smith explaining what was included within the proposal/EA. Mayor Pro Tem Howard commented on the overall improvement of the area. Discussion followed on image control, safety of surrounding areas, especially in light of current panhandling activity. Mr. Smith stated that panhandling is a different issue, which can be addressed through the Police Department.

Commissioner Marietta asked if a decision is required today. Mayor Hubbard replied in the affirmative, adding that a decision today will give the Commission time to inspect the site. Commissioner Marietta said that Commissioner Fletcher had sold him on Alternative 3.

Commissioner Postell said it does not matter to him; however, when he asked about property, Mr. Smith replied that he does not know what figure will be used. He asked if property owners were contacted. Mr. Smith explained that they were instructed to not talk with the property owners – it is inappropriate in the federal EA process, but agreed that at this time the cost is unknown. He added that he prefers a federally approved appraisal. Commissioner Postell asked how long it will take to get the appraisal. Mr. Smith explained that the property value will come in September or October, adding that getting the appraisal too quick will be problematic because the appraisal cannot be more than one year old when the property is acquired. Commissioner Postell mentioned prior assessments, costs, etc., adding that he is proceeding cautiously and wants to know where we are going with costs and again questioned the cost of the property.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve option 3, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion carried 4-2-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard and Commissioner Postell voting no and Commissioner Coleman abstaining.

TRAVEL:

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

1. Mayor D. Hubbard, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA; June 20-24, 2014  
\$2,024.76
2. Mayor Pro Tem J. Howard, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-24, 2014 - \$1,678.21

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3. Commissioner B. Coleman, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-22, 2014 - \$1,299.36
4. Commissioner BJ Fletcher, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-23, 2014 - \$1,643.40
5. Commissioner R. Marietta, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-23, 2014 - \$1,548.64
6. Commissioner T. Postell, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-24, 2014 - \$2,126.84
7. City Clerk S. Tolbert, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-23, 2014 - \$1,604.20
8. City Clerk S. Tolbert, Clerk's Training, Athens, GA; Sept. 6-7, 2014
9. Asst. City Clerk S. Kelly, GMA Annual Conference, Savannah, GA;  
June 20-22, 2014 - \$1,375.68

### ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked to have a 4-way stop at Rosebrier and Webster. Mr. Smith stated that he will follow up with the request.

Mayor Hubbard acknowledged the presence of former Mayor Willie Adams and asked if he had anything to say.

Former Mayor Adams stated that he is present today because he is concerned about the fate of the City Manager and that he had read a letter that was sent to the Commission regarding his resignation. He said Col. Taylor was a tremendous leader and military man; reaching the rank of colonel in the Marine Corps should be enough to not question his integrity. He said the City has lost a good individual and that he hopes another person of the caliber of Mr. Taylor will be considered in the future. He asked that decisions be based on the interest of citizens and not getting votes in the next election.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS**

### ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION:

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. Food Giant Supermarkets, Inc., d/b/a Pic N Save #775, 2203 E. Oglethorpe; B. Conley/Agent. Beer/Wine package (WARD 1)

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ONE DAY ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. Mission Change, L. Urick/Agent; Charity Event, Exchange Club Fairgrounds, 810 S. Westover Blvd., August 22, 2014; 4:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

2. Albany Chamber of Commerce; C. Hardy/Agent; State of Community Dinner; Albany Tech College, 1704 S. Slappey Blvd., August 28, 2014; 6-8 p.m.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

3. Flint River Habitat for Humanity, Inc., A. Sheppard/Agent; Fundraiser, Austin's Firegrill & Oyster Bar, 2817 Old Dawson Rd., August 9, 2014; 6- 11 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

### CDBG FUNDING ALLOCATION TO FLINT RIVER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Shelena Hawkins, CD Director, referred to page 27 and discussed information as noted (copy on file) pertaining to the emergency home repair program.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marietta.

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Ms. Hawkins discussed the houses to be repaired, adding that there is a waiting list, which is city-wide and not ward specific. Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked for a list of those selected. Ms. Hawkins said she will ask that this information be provided.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

### ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Postell stated that a meeting was held yesterday with the LTFP Committee to enter into an investment with Thrust Aircraft and he would like to have this approved at the night meeting. He stated that the project will bring 100 jobs to the city, adding that \$200,000 was

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requested. He stated that Justin Strickland is present to answer questions. Mayor Hubbard asked if there is a consensus for Mr. Strickland to discuss.

Mr. Strickland thanked the Commission for setting up the Job Investment Fund; it is a great incentive tool to recruit new industries or help expand existing industries.

Commissioner Marietta said he attended the meeting yesterday and was pleased with the thorough handling of information. He said he feels good about the initial, historic use of the Job Creation fund, which he will vote for it at the night meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard expressed concern regarding the amount of money with 100 jobs being added and asked that the number of jobs not be short.

Mayor Hubbard asked the process. Mr. Strickland explained the requirements and process as it pertains to paying money back if requirements are not met. Mayor Hubbard stated that she thought an agenda item would be prepared for discussion. Mr. Smith said he will provide information to the Commission and that this will be placed on the night meeting as a conditional item.

Commissioner Postell agreed, adding that this was brought up today so that it can be voted on at the night meeting. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, he stated that the time frame is ASAP, adding that he advised those at the meeting yesterday that he would bring it up today.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

### REQUEST TO EXTEND SEWER IN UNINCORPORATED AREA

John Hudgens, Capitol Development Superintendent, discussed information as noted (copy on file) pertaining to the request from Dougherty County for sewer extension. He advised that the project is for a McDonalds on the corner of Gillionville and Westover, adding that the developer will fund it and routine maintenance will be the cost to the City.

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Postell.

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Mr. Hudgens gave the location of the project, adding that it is in an unincorporated area of Dougherty County. Discussion followed on the former owner of the property and annexation of that area. Mr. Hudgens located the property on a map.

Commissioner Postell stated that he seconded the motion in order to move forward with the sewer extension. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Hudgens explained that Dougherty County made the request because the ordinance does not allow sewer extension without Commission approval. Commissioner Postell suggested informing the County that they should

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be involved in funding. Mayor Hubbard stated that part of the criteria is that they pay; Mr. Hudgens agreed. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Hudgens stated that he explained that McDonalds will pay the cost for installation to tie into sewer service.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS**

### ACCEPTANCE OF FAA GRANT OFFER

Yvette Aehle, Airport Director, discussed information (copy on file) pertaining to a FAA Grant to help fund the second part of Phase III of terminal construction.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Marietta.

Commissioner Postell asked if there will be further demolition at the site. Ms. Aehle replied in the negative and explained construction/demolition/resurfacing parking lot, etc.

Commissioner Marietta thanked Ms. Aehle for her work at the airport; with all that has been done, it helped with the expansion at Thrush.

In reply to Mayor Hubbard regarding completion of the parking lot, Ms. Aehle advised that the entire project will be completed by February.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried

### CURRENT BIDS:

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

1. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement; Dell Marketing, LP, Round Rock, TX

Total expenditure	\$162,308.16
City's share	\$138,638.22

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

2. Network Video Recorder Servers, Industrial Design Systems, Cape Canaveral, FL

Total expenditure	\$43,500.76
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In reply to Commissioner Marietta, Joshua William, Buyer, explained that this will be used in the LEC building for investigations.

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following bid, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher.

3. Alley Paving/Phase I, Jim Boyd Construction, Inc., Albany, GA  
Lump sum expense \$1,038,901.25

Commissioner Postell referenced the location near June Bug Store on Madison/Oakridge and asked why it was not included in the paving. Phil Roberson, Public Works Director, stated that he will have to look into it and bring back the information.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard stated that they have approximately 240 days to complete the four alleys allocated to each ward and once complete he asked if there will be another bid; Mr. Roberson replied in the affirmative. Mayor Pro Tem Howard commented on with the total of 21 alleys, and asked why piece-meal the process. Mr. Roberson explained the process of design/new construction/utility relocation, etc., adding that there is more intensive work that has to be done as opposed to repaving. Mayor Pro Tem Howard suggested educating the public regarding the process; Mayor Hubbard agreed, adding that there are a number of reasons for a decrease in SPLOSTs’.

Commissioner Marietta asked when information will be brought back on the next bid action. Mr. Roberson stated that Engineering will come back with information. Discussion followed on the upcoming new SPLOST with the need to explain to the public the process as it pertains to money received from SPLOST.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following bid, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

4. Consultant – Transit Plan, RSH Transit Development Plan Consultant Serv.  
Total amount \$83,159.00

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following bid, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard, the motion unanimously carried.

5. Rehab of Waste Water Treatment Plant pumps, Waco Electric, Sanderson, GA  
Estimated expenditure \$79,296.00

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following bid, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard.

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6. Emergency Repair Eastside Inceptor Sewer, HTS Construction, Inc., Albany, GA  
Estimated expenditure \$445,007.74

Discussion followed regarding approval for emergency repair for an E. Albany area. Yvette Fields, Interim Central Services Director, explained that they are asking for two things because it is an emergency repair and was not on the agenda for a special called meeting. Once it is approved, they want to move forward and get the contract started. Mr. Roberson interjected that they want to give notice of award and to proceed since time is of the essence. Ms. Fields added that instead of this being a Sewer Enterprise Fund it is a SPLOST project.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Davis opined that the emergency powers of the charter allows the City to proceed with this since there is an open sewer, which cannot be allowed to continue as it would be too much of a risk.

#### ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Fletcher stated that her item is for Public Works regarding the church on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and side walk issues. Mr. Roberson stated that Engineering is working on a permanent solution and he will provide information.

Commissioner Marietta asked to look at the City's employee incentive program or if there is none he would like to know the status and if it is in the HR manual.

## **PUBLIC FUNCTIONS MATTERS**

MATTERS FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014; 6:30 P.M., ROOM 100; GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING; 222 PINE AVE.

The Clerk read the following, with Mr. Davis addressing #1:

Mr. Davis stated that it pertains to reasonable accommodations and the proposed new ordinance. He said he worked with Planning Director Paul Forgey, who helped revamp Subsection N of the ordinance due to statutory requirements of the Fair Housing Act. The previous provision was too brief and this revamp fully specifies and shows that the City is more flexible in helping the disabled find housing. The ordinance does not exclude community/group homes in residential areas nor does it require special use permits; it does however establish a formal procedure with formal guidelines for anyone requesting reasonable accommodations and, puts the City in line with the Fair Housing Act.

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1. Reasonable Accommodations under FHAA re: individuals with disabilities. PC unanimously approved.
2. Zoning Case #14-048- Nene Properties, LLC; Tracey D. Fripp; BAM Properties, Inc./Owners; Elcan & Assoc., Inc./Applicant. Request to rezone property located at 500 N. Slappey Blvd., 501-505 Haley Dr., and 1023 W. Residence Ave., from C-5 and C-2 to C-2 conditional. PC approved 6-3 (WARD 3)
3. Zoning Case #14-049 - Mark Gavin Properties One, LLC/Owner/Applicant. Request to rezone property located at 2805 Wilmar Lane, 2714 Elton St., 2105 & 2111 Schley Ave., from R-2 and R-3 to C-3 conditional. PC approved 7-0 (WARD 2)
4. Zoning Case #14-051- Jerry & Lynda Brimberry/Owner; Lanier Engineering, Inc./Applicant. Request to rezone property located at 3203 Gillionville Rd., from C-8c to C-2 conditional. PC approved 7-0 (WARD 5)
5. Special Approval Case #14-053- Kerrie Davis/Applicant; Mt. Zion Baptist Church/Owner. Request special approval to allow the facility at 1905 MLK, Jr., Drive to be used for an after school care center. PC approved 6-0-1 (WARD 6)
6. Special Approval Case #14-054- Willie & Alvin Essie/Owner; Clarese Cook/Applicant; request special approval to allow the facility at 2519 MLK, Jr., Drive to be used for a group day care center. PC approved 6-0 (WARD 6)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – personnel matter

At 10:02 a.m., Mayor Hubbard stated that an execution is in order. Commissioner Postell moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard. Commissioner Langstaff stated that the purpose is to discuss a personnel matter; the motion unanimously carried as follows:

Ward I	yes
Ward II	yes
Ward III	yes
Ward IV	yes
Ward V	yes
Ward VI	yes
Mayor	yes

At 10:13 a.m., discussion followed regarding the resignation of City Manager James Taylor.

At 11:16 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried as follows:

Ward I	yes
Ward II	yes
Ward III	yes
Ward IV	yes

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Ward V           yes  
Ward VI          yes  
Mayor            yes

At 11:20 a.m., Mayor Hubbard reconvened the meeting and stated that she hates to lose James Taylor, who did an outstanding job for the City and she is proud to have worked with him. She commented on Mr. Taylor wanting to move the city forward and that he did what he thought was best for the city, adding that she appreciates him and all the work he did for the City of Albany. She stated that she received a text from Mr. Taylor last night and a copy of his resignation letter this morning. Commissioner Postell moved to accept the resignation of James Taylor as City Manager, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard.

Commissioner Langstaff stated that Mr. Taylor did a fantastic job and it has been a pleasure working with him. He said Mr. Taylor had commented on being tired and wanting to move to Florida to retire adding that he will be sorely missed; he made a significant impact on the City and City employees.

Commissioner Postell agreed with Commissioner Langstaff, adding that Mr. Taylor was hired as an assistant city manager under former City Manager Al Lott and was helpful to the City; he worked long hours and brought about changes. He mentioned a conversation at a Retreat whereby Mr. Taylor asked that he not be micromanaged and said he appreciated how Mr. Taylor informed all the Commissioners as it pertained to taking care of City business. Regarding the bonus given to an employee, he stated that Mr. Taylor had the right to give this money to the employee and that we cannot get the money back because it was authorized. Mr. Taylor had a \$40,000 privilege and it was within his authority to give the \$20,000 bonus to the employee. He commented on the merger of the City and WG&L with increased duties/responsibilities, adding that Mr. Taylor served this city well, he did a good job and did nothing wrong.

Mayor Hubbard agreed with Commissioner Postell, adding that based on the charter, Mr. Taylor had the right to give a bonus to employees. She expressed sorrow at not being allowed to hear his side of the story; however, she said she hopes he will be able to give his side one day and set the matter straight.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Hubbard opened the floor for nominations for interim City Manager to replace James Taylor. Commissioner Fletcher nominated Tom Berry; Mayor Pro Tem Howard nominated Wes Smith and Commissioner Langstaff nominated Phil Roberson. Commissioner Postell moved to close nominations on said names, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard. Mayor Hubbard advised that the votes will be taken in the order of nomination and after a show of hands, 4-3 (Mayor Hubbard, Commissioners Coleman, Fletcher and Langstaff), Mayor Hubbard declared Tom Berry to be duly named as interim City Manager.

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Commissioner Langstaff asked Mayor Hubbard if she will contact Mr. Berry. Mayor Hubbard stated that she will make contact and advise the Commission of his comments.

Commissioner Postell commented on the appointment of Stephen Collier as Interim Assistant City Manager of Utilities and asked if the Commission should ratify this appointment. Mr. Davis stated that it can be voted on today and ratified at the night meeting. Commissioner Postell moved to ratify the appointment of Stephen Collier as Interim Asst. City Manager for Utilities, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Hubbard stated that last week meetings were held with WG&L staff and Mr. Collier with the WG&L Board showing their complete support for Mr. Collier. She advised that Bob Hutchinson was absent from the Thursday meeting, but there was unanimous approval for Stephen Collier to be Interim Assistant City Manager for Utilities.

Commissioner Postell asked Mayor Hubbard to let the Commission know what Mr. Berry says about his interim City Manager Appointment. Mayor Hubbard stated that she will let everyone know.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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CITY CLERK