

JANUARY 11, 2016

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA
GOVT. CENTER – RM 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem Bobbie Coleman
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, BJ Fletcher, Roger Marietta, Bob
Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell
City Manager: Sharon D. Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor Roderick Hubbard, Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

OATH OF OFFICE

Probate Judge Nancy Stephenson administered the oath of office to Mayor Dorothy Hubbard and Commissioners Jon Howard, Roger Marietta and Tommie Postell.

Mayor Hubbard thanked those present for their support over the years. She said her pledge is to do her best to move the City forward.

Commissioner Howard stated that this is his 22nd year as an elected official in Ward 1 and asked his supporters to remain at the meeting to see how government works.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint the following (1-9), with the exception of #3 – Asst. City Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

1. City Manager for two-year term expiring January 2018 (Sharon Subadan)
2. City Attorney for two-year term expiring January 2018 (Nathan Davis)
3. Asst. City Attorney - vacant
4. City Clerk for two-year term expiring January 2018 (Sonja Tolbert)
5. Asst. City Clerk for two-year term expiring January 2018 (Elizabeth “Sissy” Kelly)
6. Municipal Court Judge for two year term expiring January 2018 (Willie Weaver)
7. Public Defender for two year term expiring January 2018 (Ingrid Driskell)
8. City Solicitor for two year term expiring January 2018 (Gerald Williams)
9. Associate Judge for two year term expiring January 2018 (Ralph Scoccimaro)
10. Mayor’s appointment and Commission appointment to Aviation Commission for one-year term expiring January, 2017

Mayor Hubbard reappointed Gloria Gaines. Commissioner Marietta moved to reappoint Commissioner Langstaff, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

11. Commission appointment to Pension Board for two-year terms expiring January 2018

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Commissioner Marietta, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

12. Commission appointments to Police Civilian Review Board for three-year terms expiring December 2018 (Mayor, Wards 1, and 4)

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The Clerk advised that the Mayor's and Ward 4 appointees did not return their letters of continued interest in serving. Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Albert Givens (Ward 1), seconded by Commissioner Howard, the motion unanimously carried. Commissioner Marietta said he is appointing Tom Gieryic.

13. Two appointments to Citizens Transportation Committee to fill an unexpired terms ending January, 2017

Commissioner Fletcher moved to appoint Tommy Gregors, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Marietta stated that Allen Baggs wanted to be considered for appointment. Commissioner Postell asked that Mr. Baggs submit a resume.

14. One citizen appointment and one Commission appointment to the Albany/Dougherty Economic Development Commission for two-year terms expiring December 2017

Commissioner Fletcher nominated Bob Karwowski; Commissioner Postell nominated John Burr, who requested to be reappointed. Commissioner Howard moved to close nominations on the said two names. Mayor Hubbard asked for any further discussion; Commissioner Langstaff nominated Chad Warbington. Mayor Hubbard said she will take names in the order of nominations and, following a show of hands, she declared John Burr to be duly reappointed (5-2 with Commissioners Fletcher and Langstaff voting no). Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

15. One appointment to Albany/Dougherty Payroll Development Authority for three-year term ending January, 2019

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Danny Blackshear, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

16. Two appointments to Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring January, 2019

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Hampton Smith and Yvonne Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

17. Two appointments (one citizen and Commission (Ward I) to the Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful Board for three year-terms expiring January 2019

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Commissioner Howard and Lisa Whittaker, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

18. Commission appointment (Ward VI), one City and one joint City/County appointments to the SW Georgia Regional Commission for one year term expiring January 2017

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Commissioner Postell, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

19. Two appointments to the Utility Board for two-year terms expiring January 2018 (must be city resident)

Commissioner Marietta moved to reappoint Commissioner Hutchinson and nominated Samuel Sneed. Commissioner Langstaff nominated Chad Warbington, Commissioner Fletcher nominated Walter Sharpe. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared

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Commissioner Hutchinson unanimously reappointed and Samuel Sneed appointed (4-3 with Commissioners Coleman, Fletcher and Langstaff voting no).

20. One City appointment (master gas fitter member), two Joint City/County appointments (professional engineer member) and one rotating citizen member to Joint Gas Board for one-year term expiring January 2017

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Mark Holloway. Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint William Walker, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. Commissioner Postell moved to close nominations on said names, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried. Hearing no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried to reappoint Mark Holloway and William Walker.

21. Two City appointments (one master plumber and one professional engineer), one Joint City/County appointment and one rotating citizen member to the Joint Plumbing Board for one-year term expiring January 2017

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Thomas Driggers and Eural Chastang and then moved to close the nominations on said names, seconded by Commissioner Howard. The motion unanimously carried to reappoint Mr. Driggers and Chastang.

22. One City appointment (master heating and air conditioning contractor), three Joint City/County appointments (professional engineer members) and one rotating appointment to Joint Heating and Air Conditioning Board for one-year term expiring January 2017

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Billy Goodson, Clint Newson, Thomas Driggers, Sanford Hillsman and Cliff Tolbert, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

23. One City appointment to Fire Code Board of Appeals for three-year term ending January, 2019

Commissioner Postell moved to appoint former AFD Chief James Carswell, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

24. One City, one Dougherty County Bar Assn. and one Dougherty County Superior Court appointment to Board of Ethics for two-year term ending October, 2017

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Victoria Johnson, Michael Meyer von Bremen and Thomas Duck, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2014

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Postell congratulated all those who were sworn in earlier and again welcomed City Manager Sharon Subadan to Albany.

Mayor Hubbard stated that she is honored to have been re-elected and thanked her supporters, adding that she will do all she can for the City because she loves Albany. She said she will continue working to put personal agendas aside so that everyone can work together and, she also welcomed Ms. Subadan to Albany. She recognized the presence of

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members of the Kiwanis Club and others in attendance, including her pastor, Rev. Carter, and acknowledged that it was her grandson who gave the invocation. She also recognized former Mayor Willie Adams.

Commissioner Howard referred to Nelson Tift, Horace King, and Dr. Joseph Holley, saying that it is possible for him being here tonight, in his capacity as an elected official because of their foresight, efforts and contributions to Albany. He stated that he was elected August 8, 1993 with these past 22 years having been a privilege and challenge. He said the primary challenges are economic development and education and, he praised the school board for the creation of a career academy. He directed comments about the need to improve Albany's infrastructure to the Commission and City Manager. In closing he proclaimed that the future belongs to Generation X'ers.

Commissioner Marietta thanked his supporters, City staff and employees for providing excellent customer service, adding that those re-elected are a credit to City staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher thanked the large crowd in attendance and asked that citizens hold the Commission accountable. She spoke of the positive changes that are coming and asked that everyone keep the Commission in their prayers.

Mayor Hubbard read a text she received from former County Commission Chairman Jeff Sinyard regarding MCLB and efforts of the Military Affairs Coordinating Committee. She stated that state funds were put in the budget for MCLB to strengthen and preserve jobs, adding that a future announcement is forthcoming. She mentioned that Mr. Sinyard was appointed to the Military Affairs Coordinating Committee by former Governor Zell Miller and has been working diligently to protect the future of MCLB.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK