

AUGUST 23, 2016

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

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 D. Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation given by Rev. Carl H. White, Jr., Friendship Baptist Church.

Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Hubbard recognized Derrick Brown, Finance Director, and department staff for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. She thanked Mr. Brown and staff for keeping a watchful eye over the City's finances and thanked them for a job well done. Mr. Brown thanked his staff and stated that without them, he would not be receiving the awards.

2. Marvin Laster, Chief Executive Director – Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany, presented the National Award of Merit to City Manager Sharon Subadan and thanked her for her support of the Boys and Girls Club.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing for the following:

1. Zoning Case #16-032 – M. Beatrice McCormack/Owner; Liberty House of Albany, Inc./Applicant; request to rezone property located at 1304 Dawson Rd. from R-1 to C-5 - **conditional**

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Paul Forgey, Planning Director, advised that the request to rezone to C-5 is to use the existing structure as an office and community residence for approximately 20 clients. He displayed maps of the area, land use map, etc., and discussed planning considerations, advising that the Planning Commission recommends conditional approval as follows: : **1) Installation of protective screening along the property lines that adjoin residential zoning (R-1 District) to the south and west. Type and location of screening will be determined by the Director of Planning, Development Services & Code Enforcement; 2) Access to Florence Drive is prohibited.**

Commissioner Marietta stated that a sinkhole formed after the Planning Commission heard this request and asked the status. Mr. Forgey said he was not familiar with this issue and that it would be a concern of the buyer.

Silke Deeley representing Liberty House (applicant), stated that they are aware of the sinkhole and have been in discussions with the owner, contractor, engineer, etc., and are looking at their options. In reply to Commissioner Marietta, she advised that they are moving forward with the rezoning at this time and they are scheduled to close on the property September 30th. She stated that moving will allow expansion to serve all their clients under one roof.

In reply to Commissioner Langstaff, Mr. Forgey advised that no neighbors attended the Planning Commission meeting to object to the rezoning. Ms. Deeley added that they will having fencing in the area.

Nancy Reimer stated that she has nothing to add.

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

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2. Zoning Case #16-033 – Dunes Properties, LLP/Owner; Lanier Engineering, Inc./Applicant; request to rezone property located at 1701 Schley Ave., from R-3 to C-R.

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Paul Forgey, Planning Director, advised that the request to rezone to C-R will allow construction of duplexes on adjacent property. He showed maps of the location, surrounding zoning, etc., discussed planning considerations and advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Tod Lanier, Applicant stated that he was present to answer any questions and in reply to Commissioner Marietta, he advised that the rezoning will allow the development of duplexes.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Four appointments to Historic Preservation Commission ending August, 2018

Commissioner Coleman nominated Valerie Buchanan; Commissioner Langstaff nominated Bland Cleesattle. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared Ms. Buchanan duly appointed by a vote of 5-2 with Commissioner Marietta and Langstaff voting no.

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Rosemary Hamburger, Gregory Fullerton and Deborah Riley, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

2. Four appointments to Chehaw Park Authority. Three appointments for two year terms ending July, 2018 and one appointment to fill unexpired term ending July, 2017

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Gene Kirk, Ashok Jain and Ricky Lawrence and nominated Brenda Hodges-Tiller, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Commissioner Langstaff nominated Lew Culpepper. Following a show of hands, the motion unanimously carried to reappoint the above noted names, and to appoint Brenda Hodges-Tiller.

Commissioner Marietta stated that Chehaw Director Don Meeks said he would invite those not appointed to be members of the Friends of Chehaw.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 16-119

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 1304 Dawson Rd. from R-1 to C-5 - **conditional**

Commissioner Howard then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 16-120

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 1701 Schley Ave., from R-3 to C-R.

Commissioner Howard then offered the ordinance and asked for consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

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RESOLUTIONS

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 16-R170

Accepting the recommendation from the Street Naming Committee re: S. Carroll St (to S. Nolan St)

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

PURCHASES:

1.	Professional Services, The Cascon Group, Atlanta, GA	
	Total annual expenditure	\$60,000.00
2.	Janitorial Services, Intercontinental Commercial Services, Suwanee, GA	
	Total expenditure	\$47,737.00
3.	Badger Water Meters Contract, United Utilities	
	Estimated expenditure	\$255,286.00
4.	Daft Tank Chain	
	Total expenditure	\$48,602.00
5.	HP Software/Hardware Support	
	Total expenditure	\$351,618.96

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Marietta mentioned the new residential development on Lockett station Road and that children walk in the street to school and/or a store on Lockett Station Road. He stated that a ditch sits on each side of the road and suggested having sidewalks installed or the road widened with a bike lane and asked that his request be expedited.

Commissioner Coleman asked for a schedule/status of Fight the Blight projects.

Commissioner Howard express concern pertaining to public safety, especially the recruitment/retention of officers, adding that gun shots have almost become common. He mentioned upcoming events, i.e., High School reunions, etc., and asked that APD be out in force.

Commissioner Postell agreed with Commissioner Howard and asked the number of officers and the number of vacancies with Ms. Subadan stating that a memo will be provided. Commissioner Postell asked if Chief Persley could address. Chief Persley stated that they have 154 sworn officers, with 32 vacancies. Regarding recruitment and the filling of vacancies, he advised that he will be conducting interviews the end of this month and will be looking at hiring the best to fill the positions.

Mayor Hubbard commented on two items from prior meetings, i.e., a memo that Ms. Subadan and Chief Persley sent regarding concerns from Ms. Larramore and the issues that Bishop Burr discussed. In reply to Commissioner Postell, she stated that the issues of Bishop Burr were code related and that the utilities cannot be restored until the issues are resolved.

Commissioner Coleman asked to have all meetings in room 100 instead of crowding people in room 120. The consensus was to hold meetings in room 100.

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Commissioner Howard mentioned his Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Saturday that will address SPLOST VII adding that Asst. City Manager Phil Robinson and Asst. County Administrator Mike McCoy will be speaking. He invited all to attend.

Ms. Subadan mentioned the Rutha Harris Play at the Municipal Auditorium on September 3rd at 7 pm and encouraged attendance. Mayor Hubbard discussed sites the tickets can be purchased and their cost.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:16 p.m. Commissioner Howard moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, etc., seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; 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 9:11 p.m., Commissioner Howard moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff, 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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK