

OCTOBER 25, 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 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of silence.

Mayor Hubbard recognized the young ladies from Girls, Inc, who are visiting tonight. She thanked them for being present tonight and expressed pride in them. She mentioned the She Vote project they are working on and encouraged them to vote when they are old enough.

2016 RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AND MEDAL OF VALOR
AWARDS

Albany Fire Department Chief Ron Rowe stated that October, the Fire Department annually recognizes the Fire Fighter of the Year and Medal of Valor recipients. He discussed the stress of the job, which resulted in 131 fire fighter committing suicide last year, with 68 dying in the line of duty, the numbers continue to climb. He thanked the families of firefighters for their support of these men and women as they face the challenges of their job daily duties.

Albany Fire Department Deputy Chief Sebon Burns stated that he will be reading a prepared account of incidences that occurred this year in Albany. The first, at 611 Bison Lane, involved a 38-year old female who was in cardiac arrest; life saving measures were taken and she survived. On January 26, a fire broke out at 2111 Hanover Lane. No one was home, but a thermal imaging camera indicated that the house was occupied and Charlie, the dog, was discovered in a hallway. He was removed from the home, resuscitated, sent to the vet and made a full recovery.

The following two groups of firefighters are being recognized as this year's Medal of Valor recipients for putting their own safety in harm's way. The first group responded to an airplane crash that tragically claimed three lives on January 30, 2016 at the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport. The following firefighters responded to that call:

Adron Bennett	Tyler Horne	Jason Powell
Caleb Cox	Everett Knight	Edward Taylor
Pamela Fletcher	Corey Leddon	Jack Thompson
Robert Goff	David Lentz	Ricky Thompson
Eric Graham	Hannah Marshall	Aaron Tomlinson
Steven Hall	Brian Melton	Corey Webb
Kelly Hargrove	Benjamin McCrary	Herbert West

Deputy Chief Seborn Burns then briefly discussed a fire, which was intentionally set at 2718 W. Doublegate Drive; fatalities were suffered, but the fire was not the cause of some of the deaths. Additionally, due to the diligence of firefighters, a juvenile, who had been locked in the trunk of a vehicle, was saved from certain death. The following firefighters responding to that call were:

James Ambrose	Clinton Hickman	Jason Ribolla
Michael Arnett	Tyler Horne	David Senn
Charles Cox	Antoine Hunt	Christopher Spargo
Vanessa Cutliff	Zachary Jackson	Richard Speir
Alexander Dawson	Travius Lake	Matthew Sproul
Brianna Haefele	Rusty Lane	Ricky Thompson
Albert Hall	Dwayne Mann	Roger Thornton
David Hancock	Clinton Noble	Aaron Tomlinson
Samuel Harris	Marion Price	Mickie Wilburn
Charles Hartzo		Christopher Wood

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Deputy Chief Burns announced that Tawanna Maples has been named Firefighter of the Year for applying the Heimlich maneuver to Firefighter Michael Arnett and preventing him from choking to death.

Mayor Hubbard presented a plaque and congratulated Ms. Maples. She commended all members of the Albany Fire Department for keeping Albany/Dougherty County safe and thanked their families for their support of these brave men and women.

Chief Rowe commended Ms. Maples; it is possible that Michael Arnett might not be here tonight to receive recognition for his role in fighting a tragic fire, if she had not used her training and applied life-saving measures.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Howard briefly stepped out of the meeting.

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Yesterday's Lounge & Restaurant; 108 S. Harding St.; E. Turner/Agent; Liquor, Beer and Wine consumption

Commissioner Howard returned to the meeting.

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application – Transfer of Ownership, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

1. M & S Investment Group, Inc., d/b/a Westside Groceries; 2314 W. Gordon Avenue; M. Shafi/Agent; Beer Package; Transfer Ownership from M. Nadeem

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2. Al-Shafi 786 Inc., d/b/a 24/7 Mart; 521 S. Slappey Blvd; M. Shafi/Agent; Beer Package; Transfer Ownership from H. Patel

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Design-Build 401 Pine Ave., LRA Constructors, Inc., Albany, GA
Est. expenditure \$1,598,067.00

ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 16-122

Amending Article II of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Albany so that there will only be one meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia (December 13, 2016)

Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher 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.

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RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 16-R191

Adopting the Amended and Restated Gas Supply Contract between the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (“MGAG”) and the City of Albany

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Langstaff moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 16-R192

Authorizing abandonment of an existing Sanitary Sewer Easement and acceptance of a new Sanitary Sewer Easement for the Dougherty County Board of Education re: Albany High School

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 16-R193

Approving installation of Traffic Calming Measure in the 700 block of Andover Lane

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell.

A RESOLUTION NO. 16-R194

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Pace Burt to provide Revolving Loan Funds for the Downtown Albany Heights Hotel Project; authorizing transfer of the Albany Heights property to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Discussion followed with Commissioner Marietta asking for clarification about the property being transferred to the DDA, whether the City Manager will approve the MOU and whether the DDA will vote on the MOU. Mr. Davis stated that the property will be transferred to the DDA by resolution and explained the process for accepting the deed from the City, etc. Ms. Subadan advised that the DDA does not vote on the MOU and that the Commissioners will receive a copy to review in advance.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK