

MAY 26, 2015

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Coleman
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, BJ Fletcher, Roger Marietta and Bob
Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell
Interim City Mgr.: Phil Roberson
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The invocation was given by Bro. Jesse Jackson, US 19 Church of Christ, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Hubbard expressed the City's pride in the ASU girls' basketball team win of this year's SIAC; they represented themselves, ASU and the City of Albany well. The resolution represents the City's pride for their accomplishments.

Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R122

Recognizing 2015 Women's Basketball Team of Albany State University

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing for the following:

1. Proposed FY 2015/16 Budget

William Wright discussed information that was emailed earlier in the day (copy on file) and suggested ways to create jobs. He stated that he will discuss this at a later time and commented on FASB and GASB, accounting terms pertaining to accounting practices, adding that he taught accounting at Albany State University, etc. He addressed depreciation and indirect costs and again stated that he will bring back additional information.

Commissioner Marietta mentioned the Customer Bill of Rights that was discussed in the handout, which he thinks is a good idea, suggesting that the Utility Board could address cut-offs, notices, the energy efficiency program, etc., which might help with the image of that department.

2. Alley Closing – Portion of MLK, Jr., Alley from Gowan Ave

There being no one present to speak in opposition or support of the alley closing, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Duttatrey, Inc., d/b/a AJAX Liquors, 1301 E. Broad Ave., S. Stokes/Agent;
Package

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2. Ganpati Bapa, LLC d/b/a D & D Food Mart, 1430 N. Jefferson St., T.
Kubar/Agent; Beer/wine package

Commissioner Postell moved to appoint Sharon Subadan as City Manager, seconded by Commissioner Howard. Mayor Hubbard interjected that the contract is contingent on the City Attorney following up with Ms. Subadan and reporting back.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Howard thanking Mayor Hubbard for appointing a committee to review applications, adding that he reviewed all 50+ applications that were received. He commented on the committee that consisted of himself and Commissioners Langstaff and Postell, adding that Ms. Subadan was the top candidate.

Commissioner Postell agreed with the comments of Commissioner Howard and also thanked former Interim City Manager Tom Berry for assisting the Commission with the process.

Mayor Hubbard thanked the Commissioners for participating in the process and serving on the committee and said she felt that they have selected the best candidate.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Joint City/County appointment to Regional Commission to fill an unexpired term ending January, 2016

Commissioner Howard moved to appoint Haryl Dabney, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-115

Closing a portion of MLK, Jr., Alley from Gowan Ave.

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 Postell introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-116

Amending Article 1, Chapter 6, Sec. 6-3(c) re: Modifying the proximity regulations Alcohol License

Commissioner Postell then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

Commissioner Marietta introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-117

Amending the City's Tree Ordinance so as to delete Article II, Division 1 and 2 of Chapter 62 as it presently exists by enacting a new Article II, Divisions 1 and 2 of Chapter 62

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Commissioner Marietta then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Howard.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Howard thanking the Tree Board members, Kay Kirkman, Chairperson and Judy Bowles, Director, Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful for the excellent job that was done in revising the tree ordinance. Commissioner Marietta mentioned the revisions regarding lumbering operations, which provides protection and also thanked the City Attorney, Engineering Department and Planning Director Paul Forgey for assisting. Mayor Hubbard echoed the opinions of both Commissioners and thanked all those who assisted in the revision.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R123

Approving a Voting Delegate and Flag Bearer for the City of Albany to the 2015 GMA Annual Conference on June 26-30, 2015

Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R124

Awarding CDBG Funds to the Albany Housing Authority for Construction of a Blast Wall re: Oaks at North Intown in the 500 Block of Residence Avenue

Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff, the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R125

Adopting the Oaks at North Intown Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan dated June 2013

Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Marietta, the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R126

Authorizing filing of application with the US Dept. of Transportation and GA Dept. of Transportation for a grant under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303

Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R127

Authorizing execution of contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for lighting for the Roundabout @ Westover/Ledo Connector

Commissioner Marietta moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

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A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R128

Authorizing Initiation of Procedure to close approximately 345 feet of Edgewood Alley from West Third Avenue to West Second Ave.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R129

Approving submission of application to US Dept. of Transportation for a DTOS59-15-RA-TIGER7 Grant re: Multimodal Project

Commissioner Howard moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Current Bids:

1. Transit Bus Cameras, Apollo Video Technology, Bothell, WA
Total amount \$83,015.00
2. EPR Software Maintenance, Oracle USA, Inc., Palatine, IL
Total expenditure \$128,345.90

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Hubbard recognized the new Albany Police Chief, M. Persley, and the new Fire Chief, R. Rowe, and congratulated both on their promotions.

Commissioner Postell also congratulated both.

Commissioner Howard asked for a spread sheet listing all employees by name, department and current salary.

Commissioner Marietta mentioned the \$100,000 that was allocated in the upcoming budget for speed bumps and asked that this be placed on a future agenda.

Mr. Roberson stated that all budget books will be picked up and redistributed with revised information.

Mayor Hubbard announced the upcoming Ward I Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 30th at the LEC building on Oglethorpe, adding that the topic pertains to utilities. She also reminded everyone of the Gang Task Force Meeting at noon on Thursday, May 28th in room 120.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK