

JUNE 23, 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, Bob Langstaff,  
Jr., and Tommie Postell  
City Manager: Sharon Subadan  
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m., and welcomed City Manager Sharon Subadan.

The invocation was given by Pastor Robert Bennett, New Birth Fellowship Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing for the following:

1. Zoning Case #15-020 – WRB Ventures, LLC/Owner; Melissa Strother/Applicant; request special approval to allow an Indoor/Outdoor Special Event Center within the C-5 Dist., for property located at 1308 Dawson Rd.

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Mary Teter, Senior Planner, reviewed the special approval application and advised that special approval is required in the C-5 District to allow for the special event center. She stated that small gatherings, such as baby/bridal showers, etc., which are limited to 75-100 guests (average of 30 guests per event) will be held at the location and displayed a photo of the house. Additional discussion followed on the surrounding zoning, parking spaces, ingress/egress, hours of operations, planning considerations, etc., including the land use map, and aerial view, etc. In summary, Ms. Teter advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval, conditioned to the applicant's May 15, 2015 Letter of Intent, .

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Teter advised that 27 parking spaces are required; they have 14 spaces on site and were granted the use of an additional 40 spaces at the Executive Center, which meets zoning requirements of being within 500' of their property.

Richard Barnhill and Melissa Strother were present to answer questions.

2. Alley Closing – Closing Approx. 345 Ft. of Edgewood Alley from W. Third Ave. to W. Second 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

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following special approval zoning application, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff, the motion unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointments to Community Development Council for one-year term expiring June 2016

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The Clerk advised that Michael Fowler, Timothy Sweet-Holp, Jonetta LaMons, Njemile Ali, Wylene Jones, Joyce Lane, Deborah Lilly, Pinky Modeste, Eloise Moore, Ella Murray, Louise Primrose and Gary Sanders requested to be reappointed and that Commissioner Postell recommended appointing Doris Meadows and Jeannie Nobles to serve in S. Albany.

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint and/or appoint the names as noted, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously.

Mayor Hubbard asked if there is still a vacancy in East Town with Mayor Pro Tem Coleman advising that he will speak with Ms. Hammond.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Marietta introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-118

Amending the City of Albany's FY 2015 Budget

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 Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Postell introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-119

Adopting Budget and Appropriations for period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

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 unanimously carried.

Commissioner Postell introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-120

Closing Approx. 345 Ft. of Edgewood Alley from W. Third Ave. to W. Second Ave.,  
Authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed

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 unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R131

Cancelling the July 7, 2015 Work Session

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

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A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R132

Authorizing the Termination of the City's Weatherization Program funded by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and Transferring Weatherization Funds to the SW GA Community Action Council

Commissioner Howard asked that spending is monitored on houses approved for weatherization funds. Commissioner Marietta stated that he feels the City should be able to receive more federal funds for this project than what it currently receives, adding that he spoke with the City Manager and suggested exploring the possibility of getting additional funding. Mayor Hubbard suggested that this be discussed with the City's federal lobbyist.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R133

Accepting the recommendation from the Community Development Council to fund Public Service Grants through CDBG

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R134

Acceptance of GA. Dept. of Natural Resources Grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of a Historic Resource Survey

Discussion followed with Commissioner Postell asking for clarification as it pertains to flooded homes in South Albany, homes that are in disrepair being listed as historic, etc. Paul Forgey, Planning Director, explained that this is the second year the City has applied for and received the grant. The purpose is to remain in compliance by being a certified local government; it is an effort to survey all of the historic structures in the city. Commissioner Postell asked if homes/structures that remained following the flood of 1994, have been declared historic. Mr. Forgey replied that some have, but not all. He explained that the age (50 years and older) and significance of a structure is the basis for declaring it as historic; being flooded is irrelevant to preserving them. A structure can be historic, but still need to be demolished; historic is a designation that there is something significant about a structure. Commissioner Postell discussed a situation in which structures in north Albany were in a Catch-22 – they could not be torn down because of being classified as historic, but could not be restored because materials of their time were no longer available.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R135

Authorizing submission of Application for FY 2015-16 JAG Grant; authorizing execution of Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the City of Albany and Dougherty County

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R136

Authorizing execution of a Service Provider Contract with Alcalde & Fay, LTD re: Federal Lobbyist Contract Renewal

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Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following three resolutions, seconded by  
Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R137

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for the purchase and installation of Mobile Camera  
System

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R138

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for the purchase of Printers and for the Albany Police  
Dept.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R139

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for the purchase of Laptops for the Albany Police Dept.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Current Bids:

1.	Bucket Truck, Altec Industries, Inc., Birmingham, AL	
	Total expenditure	\$95,065.00
2.	Mgmt./Maint. Services, CH2M Hill OMI Corp., Englewood CO	
	Total amount	\$1,070,958.00
3.	Transit Buses, Gillig Buses, Heywood CA	
	Total expenditure	\$1,919,812.00
4.	Office Supplies, Staples	
	Total Expenditure	\$170,000.00

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Postell questioned the installation of lights on Westover Blvd to Oakridge. Asst.  
City Manager Phil Roberson reported the status and advised that work should begin next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman asked about his request to have a Charter Amendment re: Interim City  
Manager selecting Police and Fire Chiefs. Mr. Davis stated that he sent an email to the Clerk  
asking that it be on the next work session.

Commissioner Howard mentioned: the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks will be brought back downtown,  
students from Jacksonville are in the city helping rehab houses and advised that he has a family  
reunion next month. He said it is his hope that the citizens of Albany will be on their best  
behavior and Albany will be seen in a positive light while our guests are here.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK