

SEPTEMBER 22, 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 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Rev. Tom Hocutt, Director of Missions, Mallary Baptist Association, 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

1. Zoning Case #15-032 – Wilma Sheffield, Owner/Applicant; request to rezone property from C-1 to C-2 at property located at 900, 906 & 912 N. Slappey. PC approved 7-1 **conditional**

Using a power point presentation, Mary Teter, Planner, showed maps of the location of the property, aerial view, surrounding zoning, future land use and land use maps. She discussed the zoning history, adjacent properties and planning consideration, advising that the request is to rezone to allow commercial uses, including a car lot. In conclusion, she stated that the planning commission recommends conditional approval as follows: **conditions for Tract “A” located at the southeast Quadrant of N. Slappey Blvd. and 3rd Avenue (906 & 912 N. Slappey Blvd.): 1) The following uses are not permitted: motor vehicle related sales or services, including a convenience store; 2) No parking is permitted in the front yard between the principal building and the street.**

In reply to Commissioner Postell regarding use of land to include auto sales, Ms. Teter clarified that the requested use includes a car lot with office space.

Discussion followed, including questions pertaining to the conditions, with Ms. Teter stating that the conditions do not permit use of a car lot and that the Planning Commission concurred with staff's recommendation.

Charles Hall spoke in support of the application and said he currently has a car lot on E. Oglethorpe Ave., and would like to put one in the stated location, adding that they would have a modular building all of which will generate car business and stimulate the economy.

Jason Sheffield (son of the owner/applicant) also spoke in support of the application and asked that the condition be removed as it will prohibit business. Additional questions followed with Mr. Sheffield explaining to Commission Postell that it will cause a problem with the lease and again asked that no conditions be placed on the rezoning request. In response to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Teter advised that planning staff made the conditional recommendation because the location is a gateway into the historic district; the Planning Commission agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Coleman asked if there was opposition from the Rawson Circle citizens. Ms. Teter advised that no one from the area attended the Planning Commission meeting and no one spoke in opposition at the planning commission meeting. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, she advised that notices of the proposed rezoning were properly posted. Paul Forgey, Planning Director reiterated that there were no opposition at the planning commission meeting, however, at a neighborhood watch meeting at Rawson Circle, citizens did express concern/opposition and asked that he relay their concerns.

Commissioner Postell asked Mr. Forgey if the first condition could be removed, which will help the applicant; Mr. Forgey agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Coleman stated that he will check with the neighbors in the area. Commissioner Marietta suggested tabling until next month.

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There was no one else desiring to speak on this application. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

REPORT OF 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. Lobe Foods, LLC d/b/a Charlie & Pearls; 1610 S. Jefferson Rd., R. Chamberlain/Agent; Beer consumption

ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman moved to table the following ordinance to the October meeting, seconded by Commissioner Postell.

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 900, 906 & 912 N. Slappey from C-1 to C-2 **conditional**

In reply to Mr. Davis, Mr. Sheffield said he is ok with tabling until next month.

In reply to Commissioner Fletcher, Mr. Sheffield stated that he has been attempting to rent the location for five years.

Ms. Sheffield attempted to question the C-2 designation at the KFC location since it is at the entrance of the historic district as well. Mayor Hubbard told Ms. Sheffield that the public comment portion was over and that the motion was on the floor for vote.

Hearing no further comments, the motion to table unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R162

Authorizing Execution of Quit Claim Deed from the City of Albany, GA., to Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Albany, GA, Inc., re: 1112 Inverness St

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R163

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for purchase of 22 Mobile Data MCT Licenses and 29 Mobile Data MFR Licenses re: Patrol Cars for the Albany Police Department

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R164

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds to hire an Architect to design and provide construction administration services for the construction of an Aquatic Facility adjacent to Thornton Gym

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Commissioner Howard commended Ms. Subadan for moving the swimming pool for E. Albany forward. He mentioned the length of time work has been done on this and asked the Commission to consider expediting future SPLOST projects especially since another SPLOST is forthcoming next year.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R165

Authorizing City Staff to begin the process re: Implementing a City Sponsored Defined Contribution 457(b) Plan

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R166

Authorizing City Staff to implement an Annual Leave Buy Back for FY 2015-2016

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

Purchases:

1.	Refuse Trucks, New Way, Scranton, Iowa		
		Total expenditure	\$758,264.24
2.	Motor Graders, Flint Equipment Co., Albany, GA		
		Total expenditure	\$129,500.00
3.	Software Licenses, Dell		
		Total expenditure	\$40,660.92

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Postell mentioned the recent qualifying process for the upcoming municipal election and asked anyone with problems to step up and say what needs to be said.

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman thanked the Engineering Department and Phil Roberson, Asst. City Manager, for debris removal and checking on signs on Clark Ave., etc., and commended their prompt response to his calls.

Referring to information discussed in the briefing regarding the closure of a portion of Gillionville Road for bridge repairs, Mayor Hubbard advised that Commissioner Howard provided a contact name and number to call at GDOT and asked that calls/comments be made by Friday.

Ms. Subadan thanked Mr. Roberson for his 40 years of service and presented him with a plaque in recognition of the good job that he does. Mr. Roberson thanked the Mayor, Commissioners and staff for their support.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK