

OCTOBER 27, 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 6:35 p.m.

The invocation was given by Bishop Victor Powell, Rhema Word Cathedral, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION – FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Fire Chief Ron Rowe, Jr. conveyed the role and dedication of firefighters and advised that Capt. John Beamon, AOE Michael Padgett and Firefighter Derrick Eldridge were the recipients of the Medal of Valor and presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Capt. Kevin Prince.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the following Alcohol License Applications, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

1. Eleanor Renae Hill d/b/a Pak-n-Sack, 845 Oglethorpe Blvd., ER Hill/Agent; Beer/wine package
2. Jay Sai Ram, Inc., d/b/a Stop-n-Shop, 1701 E. Oglethorpe Blvd., D. Patel/Agent; Beer/wine package
3. Miyos Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Miyos Restaurant & Global Cuisine, 2820 Meredyth Dr., MJ Daniels/Agent; Consumption

APPOINTMENT

1. One appointment to Barrier Free Board to fill unexpired term ending March, 2016

Commissioner Postell moved to appoint Tim Spence, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

Regarding the following, Mayor Pro Tem Coleman asked Commissioner Postell to restate his suggested compromise, which would allow both parties (applicant and residents) to come to 'yes'. Commissioner Postell asked Paul Forgey, Planning Director, to restate what was said at the meeting last month. Mr. Forgey stated that the recommended conditions requires that any building constructed would have to be on the corner, with a maximum, rather than minimum, setback and any automobile related uses would be prohibited (gas station, sales lots/auto repair shop). Commissioner Postell suggested leaving the requirement to build on the corner with a maximum setback, but all uses allowed in a C-2 district would be permitted with no restriction on uses. Mayor Pro Tem Coleman stated that his intent is to have an outcome where everyone wins and the conditions reviewed by Mr. Forgey accomplishes that; the property would be sold and the Historical District would be preserved. Commissioner Postell moved to approve this recommendation.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Marietta offering the ordinance and asking for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Howard.

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AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-125

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**

Commissioner Langstaff stated that he will vote against this ordinance since it goes against staff's recommendation to not have auto sales allowed.

Hearing no further comments, the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Langstaff voting no.

Commissioner Langstaff introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-126

Amending Article II of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances changing the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia from December 22 to December 15, 2015; Changing date of December's Work Sessions

Commissioner Langstaff 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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R169

Changing date of November 3, 2015 Work Session

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R170

Proclaiming the City of Albany as a Purple Heart City

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

Commissioner Marietta asked the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the representative from American Legion Post 30 to stand and be recognized for spearheading the naming of Albany as a Purple Heart City.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R171

In support of Back the Blue

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

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A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R172

Naming the City's Park Property located between Corn and Holloway Avenues and S. Monroe and S. Jefferson Streets after Mary Young-Cummings (Moss)

Commissioner Postell recognized the family and friends of Ms. Young-Cummings who were present.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R173

Approving the cost for a Stop-Loss Policy re: the Public Employees group Health Plan

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R174

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for renovations to Thornton Gym; Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Boys & Girls Club of Albany, Inc., for operation/maintenance of Thornton Pool and Splash Park and Thornton Gym

Commissioner Howard recognized the children, parents and administrators from the Albany Boys and Girls Club and gave a brief history of the SPLOST VI funding for the East Albany Pool. He mentioned the meeting this weekend (Ward I, Town Hall meeting), in which the plans will be reviewed and discussed and invited the audience to attend.

Mayor Hubbard recognized Marvin Laster, Bob Hutchinson, members of the Board of Directors, parents and students in attendance supporting the adoption of the resolution and asked them to stand. The Boys & Girls Club participants displayed signs thanking the City of Albany for moving this project forward.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R175

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for purchase of Palo Alto Next Generation Firewalls

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R176

Approving Settlement of any and all claims of Kimbalyn Moore

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R177

Authorizing Execution of Quit Claim Deed from the City of Albany, Georgia to Divine Management, LLC re: 1338 Mobile Ave.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R178

Appointing Voting and Alternate Voting Delegate for the City of Albany to the National League of Cities' Business Mtg. in Nashville, TN on November 7, 2015

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

Purchases:

1.	Dry Cleaning Services, Riley Cleaners, Albany, GA		
		Estimated expenditure	\$45,950.00
2.	Fuel, Petroleum Traders, Fort Wayne, IN		
		Estimated expenditure	\$1,753,056.40
3.	Liquid Chlorine, JCI Chemicals, Jacksonville, FL		
		Estimated expenditure	\$76,500.00
4.	Polymer, Polytech, Inc., Mooresville, NC		
		Estimated expenditure	\$136,224.00
5.	Transformers, Irby Utilities, Kennesaw, GA		
		Total expense	\$69,289.00
6.	Para Transit Buses, National Bus Sales & Leasing, Inc., Marietta, GA		
		Total expense	\$743,145.00
7.	Front Loader Containers, Wastequip Co., Duncan, SC		
		Total expense	\$50,345.00
8.	Brush Chipper – Vermeer SE, Marietta, GA		
		Total expense	\$52,161.00
9.	Digger Derrick Truck, Altec Industries, Inc., Birmingham, AL		
		Total expense	\$186,371.00
10.	Bucket Truck, Altec Industries, Inc., Birmingham, AL		
		Total expense	\$150,842.00
11.	Voice Project, Metaswitch		
		Total expense	\$612,227.00
12.	Software Licenses, Xerox		
		Annual expense	\$83,101.84
13.	Software Licenses, Hansen Technologies		
		Total expense	\$48,010.72

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Postell recognized Boy Scouts who were present.

Commissioner Marietta mentioned speed humps for Meadowlark, which was tabled four months ago and said he would like to bring one speed hump back off the table. The cost for the 400 block of Meadowlark is \$3,000 and has been approved by the Engineering Department for meeting all the thresh holds; he so moved, seconded by Commissioner Howard.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Postell questioning if other wards were considered by the Engineering Department. Mayor Pro Tem Coleman stated that he had met with Engineering and Andover Lane is in the review process. Commissioner Marietta mentioned the \$100,000 allocated in the current budget and discussed the estimated amount each ward would receive (\$14,000) for speed humps. Commissioner Postell said he wanted five for his ward and asked that this be considered as well, seconded by Commissioner Marietta who accepted this as a friendly amendment to his original motion. He clarified that the motion is to bring the matter back off the table.

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Additional discussion followed with Commissioner Langstaff suggesting not voting on this matter tonight as the amount per ward amount could be different from Commissioner Marietta's estimate. He asked that this be an agenda item for further discussion before voting. Commissioner Marietta expressed support of this, with Commissioner Postell asking that everyone be treated fairly and agreed with Commissioner Langstaff's suggestion to place it on as an agenda item. Commissioner Marietta withdrew his original motion. Following clarification on the motions, Mr. Davis suggested that a substitute motion be offered to put this issue for discussion on the November 17th work session. Commissioner Marietta said he would accept this as a substitute motion. Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Marietta mentioned an upcoming EPD hearing [Sabal Pipeline] at the Kirkland Building at Albany Technical College on November 5th at 6:30 p.m., regarding air quality. He stated that the EPD issued a report asking that the pipeline be moved and that a letter from Congressman Bishop's office was sent in support of moving the pipeline; he asked that everyone attend to show support.

Commissioner Howard mentioned Habitat for Humanity no longer being involved in housing repair and asked for an explanation from Community and Economic Development. He also asked for an update from APD regarding gangs/drugs, etc., regarding recent crimes in E. Albany.

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman asked if a celebration has been planned for the opening of the Broad Avenue Bridge. Mayor Hubbard advised that she met today with staff and the opening ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., on November 11th. The program will be in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Program Albany State University has scheduled. In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Coleman, she stated that a press release was sent and briefly commented on those attending and participating in the program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK