

DECEMBER 15, 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 6:42 p.m.

The invocation was given by Associate Minister Sydney Curley, Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Zoning Case #15-047 – Chip Leveson & Tim Coley, Owners/Applicants; request to rezone property located at 605 Lockett Station Road from C-7 to R-2

Using a power point presentation (copy on file) Mary Teter, Planner discussed the application and maps of the area. She explained that the request to rezone will allow development of single family dwellings without the commercial requirement. After a review of the zoning history and planning considerations, she advised that the planning commission recommends approval.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Postell expressing concerns regarding use of cesspools/septic tanks and not being on city sewer. Ms. Teter explained that the guidelines were met, with Commissioner Postell requesting to see information regarding EPA's regulations/requirements.

Commissioner Marietta stated that owners in that area cannot hookup to City services, and suggested that they would be happy to be on the City's sewer system.

Commissioner Langstaff said he just looked up cesspools vs. septic tanks and agreed with Commissioner Postell that there is a federal ban on cesspools, which are different from septic tanks.

In reply to Commissioner Howard regarding the Brookhollow area, Ms. Teter stated that the property is not in the flood plain. Commissioner Marietta mentioned that the Brookhollow area was abandoned years ago and suggested this being a good project for the area.

There was no one signed up to speak for or against this matter.

2. Special Approval #15-049 – New True Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Owner/Applicant, request special approval to allow for expansion of an existing religious institution to property located at 1113 Gillespie Ave

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Ms. Teter discussed the application and maps and advised that the request is to expand the church. After a review of planning considerations she advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Teter discussed parking and stated that the building in question is owned by Winfred Dukes, who approved the request.

Commissioner Marietta stated that he inspected the area and commended the church for cleaning up the area. Commissioner Fletcher said she spoke with Winfred Dukes, who is in favor of the request.

Hosea Miller, Pastor of the church, spoke in favor of the application and thanked Commissioners for their support.

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There being no further comments, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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 Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

1. 3411 Enterprise, LLC d/b/a Levels Bar & Grill, 234 W. Broad Ave., C. Hatcher/Agent. Consumption

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

2. Walmart Stores East, LP d/b/a Walmart #4517, 2586 N. Slappey Blvd. B. Rivers/Agent. Beer/brewers

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

3. Triple Diamond Lounge 2, LLC 1009 Clark Ave., G. Hunt/Agent. Consumption

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

1. The Yellow Store, 903 S. Madison St., C. Gray/Agent. Beer package. Transfer from Roderick Gray

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 Coleman; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

2. Happy Times Holdings d/b/a AB Liquor Store, 723 E. Broad, L. Colquitt/Agent. Package. Transfer from Thomas Adair

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the following Special Approval zoning application, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Special Approval #15-049 – New True Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Owner/Applicant, request special approval to allow for expansion of existing religious institution to property located at 1113 Gillespie Ave.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Two appointments (Mayor's appointment) to Albany Housing Authority for one year and five year terms

Mayor Hubbard said she will reappoint Linda Coston to the Albany Housing Authority for a five-year term ending in 2020. She advised that she will make the other appointment next month.

2. One member to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term ending August, 2016

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Commissioner Marietta nominated Rosemary Hamburger, seconded by Commissioner Postell. Commissioner Howard nominated Tracy Taylor. Commissioner Postell moved to close nominations on the said two names, seconded by Commissioner Marietta. Following a show of hands (Mayor Hubbard, Commissioners Fletcher, Marietta, Langstaff and Postell), Ms. Hamburger was duly appointed.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Marietta introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-127

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 605 Lockett Station Road from C-7 to R-2

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 Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Postell introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 15-128

Establishing a New Policy regarding Installation of Traffic Calming Devices in Alleyways; setting the same Policy for Installation of Traffic Calming Devices in Streets and Alleyways

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 Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R183

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Novin Construction for the disposition of property located at 249 Pine Ave. re: Albany Heights

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Coleman voting no.

A RESOLUTION NO. 15-R184

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Pretoria Fields, LLC to provide Revolving Loan Funds for the Downtown Microbrewery Project

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-R185

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for construction of Thornton Pool and Splash Park

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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-R186

Authorizing settlement with Hartford Insurance re: coverage issues for Manufactured Gas Plant

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Howard stated that he discussed elected officials participating in a retirement plan with the Georgia Municipal Association and asked to have a representative at the next work session.

Mayor Pro Tem Coleman mentioned Solid Waste not using hydraulic trucks causing employees to lift heavy trash cans and asked the City Manager to check into this.

Commissioner Postell mentioned road rage and traffic concerns at Broad Avenue and the railroad tracks in E. Albany and asked APD Chief Persley to monitor this area.

Mayor Hubbard thanked staff for all they do in serving the citizens of Albany and wished everyone happy holidays. Commissioner Postell also wished all happy holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK