

OCTOBER 28, 2014

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard  
Mayor Pro Tem Jon Howard  
City Commissioners: BJ Fletcher, Bob Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell  
Interim City Mgr.: Tom Berry  
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and asked the Young Marines of Albany to come forward.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation given by Rev. Billy Hanna, First Freewill Baptist Church.

Mayor Hubbard stated that the Young Marines of Albany are present to recite the pledge for Red Ribbon Week. Master Sgt. Baisden and Gunnery Sergeant Crawford gave an overview of Red Ribbon Week and its relevance to a drug-free lifestyle, followed by the Young Marines Red Ribbon pledge.

Mayor Hubbard thanked the Young Marines who were present for reciting the pledge and commended their determination to stay drug-free.

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

Commissioner Postell moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Marietta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

#### RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION – FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Fire Chief James Carswell stated that the Firefighter of the Year has been awarded to employees since 1967. The award is given to those reaching and exceeding expectations; however, they are supported by members of their team. He then asked Deputy Chief Ron Rowe to assist with the awards. Deputy Chief Rowe presented awards as follows: AOE Danny Hancock and Firefighter Scott Whiddon (Medal of Valor); Capt. Wesley Wells, Capt. Cline Nobles, AOE Gary King, Relief Driver, Chris Spargo, Relief Driver, Anthony Pearson and Firefighter Charles Hartzo (Medal of Valor); Lt. E.C. Goff, AOE, B. Hopkins and Firefighter J. Olsen (Medal of Valor). A short video of Douglas Greene, who was rescued from a house fire at 203 Nona, thanking Firefighter David Smith was shown with Deputy Chief Rowe advising that David Smith is the 2014 Firefighter of the Year.

Mayor Hubbard thanked the firefighters for their service to the citizens of Albany.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing for the following:

1. Zoning Case #14-073 – Robert L. Leach/Owner; William Hancock/Applicant; request to rezone property located at 1520 W. Third Ave., from C-7 to C-5. PC approved 8-0 – WARD 3

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Mary Teter, Planner, discussed the request to rezone, which includes demolishing the existing building and new construction of an office building. She showed maps of the surrounding zoning and discussed the zoning history. After a review of the land use map, aerial view map and future land use considerations, she advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Teter discussed C-7 and C-5 designations.

There was no one present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the application.

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2. Zoning Case #14-076 – Christopher S. Cleveland/Owner; Lanier Engineering, Inc./Applicant; request to rezone property located at 2409 Dawson Rd., from C-1 to C-2. PC approved 8-0 – WARD 5

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Ms. Teter discussed the request to rezone to allow a Dunkin' Donut Shop. She showed maps of the surrounding zoning and discussed the zoning history. After a review of the land use map, aerial view map and future land use considerations, she advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Tod Lanier stated that he is present to answer any questions.

3. Zoning Case #14-078 – Diane B. Rouse/Owner; Virginia Harris/Applicant; request to rezone property located at 2023 Palmyra Rd., from C-6 to C-5. PC approved 8-0 – WARD 2

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Ms. Teter discussed the request to rezone to allow expansion of a group day care (up to 24 children). She showed maps of the surrounding zoning and discussed the zoning history. After a review of the land use map, aerial view map and future land use considerations, she advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Virginia Harris, Applicant, stated that she is present to answer questions.

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Harris stated that she currently has a day care center and the rezoning will allow her to have the maximum number of children (24), which is an increase of six children.

There being no further comments, 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 Transfer of Ownership, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. Avni Parth, Inc., d/b/a Chevron Food Mart, 2509 Stuart Ave., JM Snead/Agent; Beer & wine package. Transfer from J. Patel – Ward 5

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. Smoke and Fire, 2610 Gillionville Rd., RG Eames/Agent; Consumption – Ward 4

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

2. MRA Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a/Pace, 404 S. Slappey Blvd., RH Aslam/Agent; Beer & wine package – Ward 3

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following current bid, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Langstaff voting no.

1. Janitorial Supplies, Piedmont National, Albany, GA  
Estimated expenditure \$48,858.31

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APPOINTMENT

1. Mayor's appointment to Aviation Commission to fill an unexpired term ending January, 2015

Mayor Hubbard stated that she is appointing Gloria Gaines.

ORDINANCES

The Clerk advised that an email was received from the applicant (N. Patel) stating that he is withdrawing the following:

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 2402 Whispering Pines Circle from R-1 to C-1 **conditional**

Mayor Pro Tem Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-125

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 1520 W. Third Ave., from C-7 to C-5

Mayor Pro Tem 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-126

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 2409 Dawson Rd., from C-1 to C-2

Mayor Pro Tem 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-127

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 2023 Palmyra Rd., from C-6 to C-5

Mayor Pro Tem 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. 14-128

Amending Article II of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Albany changing the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners from December 23, 2014 to December 16, 2014; changing date of December's work sessions

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.

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RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R171

Providing for the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Albany/Dougherty Payroll Development Authority re: Thrush Aircraft, Inc.

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R172

Authorizing submission of an application to the GA Environmental Finance Authority re: Building a one million gallon Water Tank at the end of Kensington Court

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

A RESOLUTION No. 14-R173

Adopting the Small Business Program

The Clerk advised that the following was tabled in the briefing.

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the execution of a Contract for Operation, Management and Maintenance Services between South Georgia Regional Information Technology Authority and the City of Albany [SGRITA]

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R174

Approving a Voting Delegate and Alternate for National League of Cities Conference

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R175

Opposing the Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC Natural Gas Pipeline, as well as the Albany Compressor Station Application No. 2236

In reply to Commissioner Postell, the Clerk provided him with a copy of the draft resolution adopted by the Dougherty County Commission at their meeting on Monday (copy on file). In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Davis discussed the City/County resolutions and advised that his draft complimented what the County adopted.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to approve the following consent agenda, seconded  
Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

Current Bids:

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| 1. | ESRI Software Maintenance, Environmental Systems Research Institute,<br>Redlands, CA | Annual expenditure | \$51,000.00 |
| 2. | Aeration Blower Maintenance, Siemens Energy, Hamilton, NJ                            | Total expenditure  | \$52,600.00 |
| 3. | Replacement Parts for Daft Tanks, Evoqua Water Technologies, Pittsburgh, PA          | Total expenditure  | \$96,380.00 |

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

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK