

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem Roger Marietta
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Bobby Coleman, BJ Fletcher, Bob Langstaff,
Jr., and Tommie Postell
City Manager: Sharon D. Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., and reminded the audience of the process to address the Commission (Citizen Comments/Speaker Appearance Forms).

The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of silence.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special Approval #17-038 - LaShava Lamar, applicant/Mary M. Owens, owner: request for Special Approval for property located at 2314 Temple Ave., to establish a Child Caring Institution for six (6) residents.

Using a Power Point presentation, Paul Forgey, Planning Director, showed the location of the property requesting special approval to establish a Child Caring Institution (CCI) in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential Dist.). After showing a photo of the home, he advised that there will be six residents and two staff members on premises at all times, etc. He showed an aerial view of the property and discussed planning considerations, advising that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

In reply to Commissioner Postell's questions, the owner, Lashava Lamar spoke in support and explained that these are children who have been awarded to the State through Foster Care of the Department of Family and Children Services, and that they can come from anywhere in Georgia. Commissioner Postell questioned whether criminal information on the children is available; Ms. Lamar explained that background checks are provided to her. Commissioner Postell asked the age limit of those in the house with Ms. Lamar stating up to age 22, if they remain in school.

Mayor Hubbard clarified that the State monitors and is not the City's responsibility. Mr. Forgey explained that if concerns, i.e., code violations are brought to the City's attention, they will inspect/investigate.

Commissioner Fletcher advised that this is in her ward and she has not had any complaints.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve the following Alcohol License Applications, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marietta; the motion carried 6-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

1. Tr2 LLC, d/b/a The Rocket; 1935 Dawson Road; T. Underwood/Agent; Beer and Wine Consumption
2. The Grille House; 105 W. Broad; C. Walker/Agent; Liquor, Beer and Wine Consumption

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marietta.

Commissioner Fletcher stated that she will abstain from the vote.

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3. Jabs BBQ; 1111 Dawson Road; B. Fletcher/Agent; Beer and Wine Consumption

Hearing no further comments, the motion carried 5-1-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no and Commissioner Fletcher abstaining.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve the following Special Approval Application, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

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Commissioner Langstaff moved to approve the following purchases, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

2. Development Services; Charles Abbott Associates, Inc. (CAA);
Estimated expenditure not to exceed 89% of fees collected
3. Training Equipment; Action Target of Provo, UT
Total expenditure \$62,845.00
4. Broker Service for Employee Group Insurance; ShawHankins, Cartersville, GA
Est. expenditure \$87,780.00
5. Tractors; GA State Contract
Total expenditure \$157,326.69

APPOINTMENTS

1. One appointment to Albany Utility Board to fill an unexpired term ending January, 2019

Commissioner Fletcher nominated Jim Deal, seconded by Commissioner Postell; Commissioner Howard nominated Mattie Wright, seconded by Commissioner Postell. Commissioner Marietta moved to closed nominations on said names, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared Jim Deal to be duly appointed (5-2 with Commissioner Howard and Marietta voting no).

2. One appointment to Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending January, 2020

Commissioner Postell nominated Mattie Wright, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. Commissioner Howard nominated Charles Capps. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared Mattie Wright duly appointed (Mayor Hubbard, Mayor Pro Tem Marietta, Commissioners Coleman and Postell voting in the affirmative).

ORDINANCES

Following a brief discussion on the first reading of the following Ordinance, Commissioner Langstaff introduced:

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 24(1) of City Charter so as to provide for a maximum fine of \$1,000 re: Municipal Count

Commissioner Langstaff then moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marietta, the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Langstaff introduced the following two ordinances:

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AN ORDINANCE NO. 17-111

Amending City Code Section 1-17(b) to increase the penalty for violations of this Code or any ordinance(s) by a fine not to exceed \$1,000

AN ORDINANCE NO. 17 -112

Amending Section 36-8 of the City Code so as to add a new provision regarding violations

Commissioner Langstaff then offered the ordinances and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Fletcher moved to adopt the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Postell.

A RESOLUTION NO. 17-R159

Authorizing execution of Restrictive Covenant for 2221 & 2223 S. Madison St.

A RESOLUTION NO. 17-R160

Approving the 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant Award to the City's Department of Community & Economic Development

A RESOLUTION NO. 17-R161

Approving the 2018 Public Employees Group Health Plan

A RESOLUTION NO. 17-R162

Approving funding to ADICA for necessary improvements to Front Street Market property

Discussion followed with Commissioner Howard stating that he will vote to approve the last resolution and stated concerns he has, which includes the fact that the item was not brought to the Commission earlier for consideration. He suggested the City Manager should have held briefings with the Commissioners in advance of putting this on the agenda, however he again said that he will vote to approve.

Commissioner Langstaff offered a substitute motion, which he clarified applied only to the last Resolution, which is to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the developer to include up to \$278,000 of revolving loan funds, seconded by Commissioner Postell. The motion died 2-5 with Mayor Hubbard, Mayor Pro Tem Marietta, Commissioners Howard, Coleman and Fletcher voting in the negative.

Mayor Hubbard called the question on the original motion which carried 6-1 with Commissioner Langstaff voting no.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Marietta mentioned street light repair and bulb replacements within the city limits. Ms. Subadan encouraged him to report issues to 311.

Commissioner Coleman commended the Utility Department for the good job that they do, adding that when he calls, he gets prompt responses and that his constituents have reported getting

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positive responses as well. He said that the employees are doing a good job, which can be challenging.

Commissioner Postell also commended the Utility Department in replacing bulbs that are out and asked that work now focus on curb/gutter and debris in streets.

Commissioner Howard announced that Samuel Snead, Utility Board Member, reported that his mother passed today in Florida.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus to delay the executive session to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK