

MARCH 27, 2018
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Matt Fuller, BJ Fletcher and Roger Marietta
Asst. City Manager: Phil Roberson
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and reminded the audience of the process to address the Commission (Citizen Comments/Speaker Appearance Forms).

APPOINTMENT

1. Mayor's appointment to Albany Housing Authority for five-year term ending June 2022

Mayor Hubbard stated that she will announce her appointment in the regular meeting.

TRAVEL

Commission Howard moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Commissioner J. Howard, NLC Congressional City Conference; Washington, DC; March 9-13, 2018; \$2,616.01
2. Commissioner M. Fuller, GMA Newly Elected Officials Training; Tifton, GA; March 8-9, 2018; \$533.29

MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Admin. Asst. advised that the request is to change meeting dates during the months of June, July and December, 2018 as follows: June 26 to June 27, have only one meeting in July on July 24 and have only one meeting in December on December 11 as noted in the agenda (copy on file).

There were no comments on this item.

COMMISSION EXPENSE REPORT - (2nd Quarter)

Mayor Hubbard noted that the expense report was placed in the front pockets of the agenda packet notebooks and asked if there were any questions; there were no comments on this item.

PUBLIC FUNCTION MATTERS

ZONING APPLICATIONS

The Admin. Asst. read the following and, there were no comments on this item:

1. Special Approval Case #18-007 - Kai Burk/Applicant; request for Special Approval for property located at 2601 Dawson Rd. (Former Sears Auto Center); to construct a fast food restaurant with a drive-thru window in the C-7 (Mixed-Use Planned-Development) District. PC approved 9-0. Ward 5.
2. Special Approval Case #18-008 - Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv./Applicant; request for Special Approval for property located at 421 Edgewood Ln; to install a columbaria to the rear of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) District. PC approved 8-0-1. Ward 4.
3. Special Approval Case #18-009 - Willie & Annie Singletary/Owner/Applicant; request for Special Approval for property located at 221 Lockett Station Rd; to establish a Child Caring Institution residence for up to six residents in the R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District. PC approved 9-0. Ward 4.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

PURCHASES:

Mike Trotter, Procurement Manager, reviewed the following purchase (copy on file), reporting that due to the storms of last January, 1,053 stumps throughout the city and on city right-of-ways need to be ground up, as well as removal of root balls. The contract is 180 days.

1. Stump Grinding - Big Creek Enterprises;
Est. total exp. \$148,482.00

Commissioner Howard asked for list of the areas in which the stumps are to be ground up. Mr. Roberson advised that these were stumps from the first storm in January 2017. He explained that the contract is necessary because FEMA would not reimburse for any tree that had less than 50% of its root ball exposed. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, he agreed that they must be in the right-of-way and there is an itemized list. He added that some property owners took the initiative to have the stumps ground up already. There were no additional comments on this item.

Mr. Trotter reviewed the following purchase (copy on file) and, there were no comments on this item.

2. Trash Carts - Total expenditure \$47,165.76

Mr. Trotter discussed the following purchase (copy on file) and, there were no comments on this item.

3. Trash Dumpsters - Total expenditure \$55,602.00

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Roberson advised that the April 10 agenda will have the updated personnel manual and the Spectra contract. He stated that he spoke with Oxford Construction today and briefly discussed the resurfacing slated for this spring, with September 17 ending their 180-day contract. Additional updates: the downtown trail connectors is slated for bid in April; GEFA loan is waiting for execution by the GEFA board; \$18.0 million was submitted to FEMA for reimbursement, with 75% due back to the City and \$14.4 million of that is obligated; this is connected to the first two storms. He added that a little more than \$10.0 million in checks (\$8.3 million for January 2 and \$1.7 for January 22) have been received. The estimate for damages due to Irma is \$560,000, with no expenses obligated for that storm. He explained that 'obligated' means that they agreed to reimbursement pending all proper/correct paperwork. He recognized Engineering Director Bruce Maples to update the status of railroad crossings.

Mr. Maples discussed: a commitment from Genessee & Wyoming, which is planning to upgrade the Lockett Station crossing; Georgia/Florida Railroad will upgrade the S. Mock Road crossing by the end of April and, Norfolk Southern is committed to upgrade the crossing on S. Westover Boulevard. Because of challenges, he advised that it is difficult for them to return to do additional crossings, so the intent is to pin them down to also do Industry Avenue, Westtown, and Gordon when they do S. Westover; however, no dates have been determined. Mayor Hubbard asked if the City has to match any funding. Mr. Maples reported that this is being funded through SPLOST VII, adding that because their asphalt cost is rather high, the City has discussed and will be offering to provide the asphalt, which will reduce a lot of the cost. In response to Mayor Hubbard, he stated that Swift and Roosevelt has not yet been broached with Georgia/Florida. He listed the ones that were submitted on SPLOST VII. In response to Mayor Hubbard, he said that he will submit the comprehensive list.

OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Howard asked to have APD and the Gang Task Force at the next meeting for a detailed update.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

SONJA TOLBERT
CITY CLERK