

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

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

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

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and called for a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She then proceeded to instruct the audience on the policy to address the Commission, whether through Citizen's Comments or Speaker's Appearance Forms.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Fuller moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried:

1. Aerial Ladder Fire Trucks; Ten-8 Fire & Safety, Forsyth, GA
Total expenditure \$2,091,992.00

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Marietta.

2. Venue Management re: James H. Gray, Jr., Civic Center, Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, Philadelphia, PA
Est. total exp. \$625,000.00

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff offered a friendly amendment to the motion to approve staff negotiating the final contract, seconded by Commissioner Howard.

A brief discussion followed with Commissioner Howard asking when the contract will be brought back to the Commission. Ms. Subadan said her intent is to have it ready for the next meeting. Commissioner Howard asked to have it brought back at the March meeting in order to allow more time for the Commission to review.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE

Commissioner Postell moved to table the following ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Marietta, the motion failed 2-5 with Mayor Hubbard, Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff and Commissioners Howard, Fuller and Fletcher voting no.

Commissioner Fuller introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 18-100

Providing for an expansion of the Historic District within the City; prescribing the boundaries of such expanded Historic District; to list each property in the Historic District; requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness from the City Historic Preservation Commission prior to any material change in appearance of property within the expanded Historic District; the expanded Historic District to be shown on the official Zoning Map of the City and for other purposes

Commissioner Fuller then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher. Commissioner Fuller stated that he has lived in the district for seven years and has painted the exterior, changed the color of the shutters, planted trees and put a roof on his house without any problems. He suggested that there is confusion and mis-communications with code enforcement,

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adding that if this is passed, he is a licensed Georgia contractor and that he will assist anyone doing exterior work to their house and provide assistance through the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff reminded the Commission of the number of years this item has been discussed, the public hearings that were held, the survey that was conducted with 283 responses equating to 59% against; Mr. Forgey shrunk the initial map and there were 58% responders with the numbers being more favorable with the shrunken area. He referenced his map that carved out the area of those in opposition (McKinley St. area) and suggested that this would have a 74% approval. He asked what percentage of his proposed map would make it enough and stated that he will vote for his map.

Commissioner Fuller noted staff's current proposal, which is the revised version and commented on the map prepared by Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff and asked where this will stop. He agreed with the proposed area as presented by staff adding that he feels it will work well with the district.

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mayor Hubbard explained that the expansion of the historic district would have no bearing on redistricting.

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the map prepared by Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, the motion failed 2-5 with Mayor Hubbard, Commissioners Howard, Fuller, Fletcher and Postell voting no.

Mayor Hubbard called the question on the original motion. Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, with the concurrence of Commissioners Marietta and Postell, announced no opposition to waiving the second reading. Hearing no further comments, the motion carried 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, and Commissioners Marietta and Postell voting no.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R108

Accepting Right of Way Acquisition Agreements from Central Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia, Inc., and Pine Lake Club, Inc., re: Dawson Rd. widening project

Commissioner Marietta moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell.

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R109

Urging the Georgia General Assembly to oppose De-Annexation Legislation to create new municipalities; providing for severability, repealing inconsistent resolutions, providing an effective date

Discussion followed with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff stating that he researched this item and found a lot of information on Stockbridge's opinions/position, but nothing on the proposed new municipality of Eagles Landings. He said that there were reports from Georgia State University, but he did not get the information and at this time he does not know enough information to argue both sides of the issue. For these reasons, he stated that he will vote no and stay out of this matter.

Commissioner Howard commented on metro Atlanta areas and cities being created in North GA, adding that he is aware of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) giving their support, but he said he agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff. He asked if there is a date that this is due, with Mayor Hubbard advising that the General Assembly is currently in session and a lot of cities have already sent their information in support. She mentioned that this matter was voted on at the GMA Convention in Savannah (June 2017) and asked which Commissioner represented

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Albany as the voting delegate. The consensus was that former Commissioner Bobby Coleman was the voting delegate at the convention and the vote taken on this matter was unanimous. At the request of Commissioner Howard, Mayor Hubbard said that she can provide additional information.

Commissioner Postell stated that he is familiar with the area, which is used as an amusement area and a rest stop. Mayor Hubbard suggested that if this can happen in Stockbridge, it can happen here. Hearing no further comments, the motion carried 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff, Commissioners Fuller and Fletcher voting no.

Commissioner Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell, the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R110

Authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver and the City Clerk to attest to any and all documents re: Loan Agreement from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK