

APRIL 24, 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, and Roger Marietta
Asst. City Manager: Phil Roberson
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., and called for a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She then instructed the audience again on the procedures for addressing Commissioners regarding matters on the current agenda or to speak in the future regarding other issues.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Café 5.0 LLC, d/b/a Café 5.0; 1410 Radium Springs Road; Liquor, Beer and Wine Consumption

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff stated that the agenda reads as follows: “Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole” to approve this; however, there was no recommendation from the Committee to approve this item. He asked if anyone remembers doing so. Commissioner Marietta agreed that they did not make a recommendation. Ms. Tolbert interjected that Commissioner Postell expressed concern about it and mentioned an email for Stephen Collier in which Commissioner Postell asked that it be put back on the agenda. Mr. Davis reminded the Commission that if it is denied, there must be a hearing and that he and Marshal Walter Norman will get together and set up a hearing date and provide notice to the applicant.

Commissioner Marietta asked if this is a bar or restaurant. Mr. Norman advised that it is next to the Sand Trap Lounge with the building being modified and brought up to code as a restaurant. Commissioner Marietta clarified that it is not a bar, but a restaurant; Marshal Norman agreed. Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the license. Hearing no seconded, Mayor Hubbard declared that the motion failed. Mr. Davis reiterated that he will get a notice to the applicant.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff moved to correct the language on the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Fuller.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Marietta asking if the health department has inspected the building. Marshal Norman explained that the building is still under construction and that the health department will inspect the building once construction is completed. Commissioner Marietta asked the percentage of sales for a restaurant to sell alcohol with Mr. Norman advising they would have to generate at least 50 % of their revenue through the sale of food. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Norman agreed that this is a restaurant under construction, in which there is an alcohol license application. Mayor Hubbard noted that in the future, during the renewal process, it will be looked at to determine if they meet the required percentage of sales; Mr. Norman agreed.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion to change the language on the agenda unanimously carried.

In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Davis explained the process to deny the application adding that he and Marshal Norman will meet to discuss and will bring information back at an upcoming meeting for the Commission to determine whether or not a public hearing will be held to deny.

APPOINTMENT

1. One appointment to Chehaw Park Authority to fill an unexpired term ending July 2018

The Clerk advised that two citizens had sent information to be considered for appointment, Sean Hendley and Marcia Studley, and that she received an email today from Ms. Studley withdrawing her name from consideration due to her being hired by the City of Albany to work in the Planning Department.

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Commissioner Marietta advised that the Chehaw Authority Board made a recommendation to consider Sean Hendley since he has a background in accounting and moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Hendley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE

The Clerk read the following for the second reading

AN ORDINANCE #18-106

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 401 Johnny W. Williams Road from R-3 to C-1

Commissioner Fletcher then offered the ordinance and asked for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion carried 4-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff and Commissioner Howard voting no.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R120

Adopting the Bylaws of the Albany Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff stated that he is voting in favor of the resolution. He thanked Mary Ligon and the Transition Team for their work on this and said for the record that he originally did not think separating the CVB from the Chamber was a good idea. He felt it would be too great a cost to do; however, that is in the past and he is ready to roll ahead with it and thinks the Bylaws are good, with there being good people on the Board.

Commissioner Howard stated that he is voting in opposition to this item because he would like to see more diversity on the Board and that the members be expanded from 11 to 13.

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

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R121

Approving FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R122

Approving the proposed Substantial Amendments of FY 2014-2017 Annual Action Plan

Commissioner Fletcher moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R123

Amending the Central Services Department's procurement policy so as to add a Procurement Policy for Albany's Transit System

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OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Marietta stated that he is getting calls from upset constituents regarding Dougherty County filing a lawsuit opposing the Lee County Hospital and asked if there is additional information that he can give other than the City of Albany is not involved. Ms. Subadan stated that the information he is giving is correct and there is no other information available because the City of Albany is not involved in that matter.

Commissioner Marietta moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Postell due to illness, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Hubbard stated that the City of Albany is hosting the GMA Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) and the Executive Board meeting this week and extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend dinner on Wednesday and Thursday. She commented on the success of the LPC, i.e., Revenue Bill and Internet Sales and asked Mr. Davis to give an update on any new policy and laws that were passed this year. She expressed appreciation for being given support while she has been President of GMA this year, adding that it has been an honor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK