

JUNE 12, 2018

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
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 9:53 a.m., and called for a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She then instructed 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. FY 2018-19 BUDGET

William Wright distributed information (copy on file) regarding the proposed budget in the amount of \$273 million and suggested that more innovative, standardization and synchronization be considered. Regarding City, County and School Board millage rates, he said that their combined budget is approximately \$600.0 million and suggested that approximately \$1 billion is spent, making it difficult to determine the collateral benefits. He commented on rolling stock vehicle purchases and suggested that the purchase of program cars would cost 50% less, especially for administrative vehicles. He referenced the federal region 10 boundary as noted on page two regarding jobs and suggested SLBE (Small Local Business Enterprise) be used as a tool for bids, adding that page four is a short application that could be used in the process.

Mayor Hubbard told Mr. Wright that his time was up and he stated that he will bring a power point presentation to a future meeting to further discuss the SLBE.

Chad Warbington stated that he is happy to see no increases in utility fees or taxes and commended the Commission for hiring a firm to manage the Civic Center. He said his concern stems from last year’s utility rate increase, which used the adding of utility linemen as justification for the rate increase and asked if additional linemen were hired. He mentioned millions of dollars for large capital items, i.e., automatic readers, etc., and asked that the process be vetted and all options are looked at. Regarding crime as discussed in the work session, he said he feels it is unfair to ‘beat up’ on APD Chief Persley when in fact the Commissioners are the ‘boss’ and it takes votes by the Commission to ‘make things happen’. He asked if there is any technology that can be put in place to assist APD and mentioned Baltimore, Maryland, which has gunfire sensors that utilizes technology to pinpoint when shots are fired within the city. The Commission sets policy and can enact laws to assist with crime prevention, i.e., setting a curfew, panhandling, etc. that APD is mandated to follow, etc. He suggested that youth programs are needed (basketball courts, baseball fields, etc.), but are non-existent.

Mayor Hubbard thanked Mr. Warbington for his comments and thanked him for serving on the Safety Coalition.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hubbard closed the public portion of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Tasers, Axon Enterprise; Phoenix, AZ
Total expenditure \$143,698.23

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Commissioner Howard moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

2. Pump Repairs, Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., Garden City, GA
Total expenditure \$62,466.81

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Marietta, the motion unanimously carried.

3. Dell Tablets, Round Rock, Texas
Total expenditure \$143,423.74

Commissioner Fuller moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

1. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill; 2630 Dawson Rd., Suite 1. B. Adams/Agent; Beer and Liquor Consumption

At this time, Commissioner Fuller moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Langstaff, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk advised that the applicant withdrew the following application:

1. Shri Kabir Saheb, Inc., d/b/a Save Rite; 427 S. Westover Blvd; G. Patel/Agent; Beer Package. Transfer of ownership from A. Singh

Commissioner Marietta asked if the owners or agent present to answer questions regarding the following:

2. Havmor Corner, LLC, d/b/a Havmore Food Mart; 2200 W. Gordon Ave., V. Patel/Agent; Beer and Wine Package. Transfer of ownership from N. Dave.

Hearing no comments, Commissioner Marietta stated that his concern is about university housing in the area; Matty Wright, Planning Commissioner, said that this is public housing and there are restrictions. He asked for clarification on this to include security and moved to table to the next meeting (June 27) and to have the owner/agent present to answer questions, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R130

Accepting Easement Agreement from BDC Properties of Georgia, LLC

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Marietta referenced information that was posted on FB and asked that it be discussed in Executive Session at the next meeting (re: Municipal Court).

Commissioner Howard asked Ms. Subadan if a public relations notice can be sent informing and clarifying to citizens that the City of Albany is not having a millage increase this year, but that Dougherty County is considering raising rates.

Commissioner Marietta asked that discussions take place on the possibility of combining Police Services, i.e., APD/Dougherty County Police as a way to combat crime.

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Commissioner Fletcher asked that the Commission discuss and address landlords and holding them to higher standards as was discussed in the work session.

Mayor Hubbard recognized Georgia Municipal Association Director Larry Hanson and Brian Wallace, Director of Strategic Initiatives, who are part of the Georgia Smart Cities Award presentation that will follow this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK