

NOVEMBER 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, and Roger Marietta  
City Manager: Sharon D. Subadan  
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., and, following a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, she instructed the audience on the policy to address the Commission, whether through Citizen’s Comments or Speaker’s Appearance Forms.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Police Vehicle Purchase - Wade Ford; Smyrna, GA  
Total expenditure \$887,495.00

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

2. Parking System - Parking Boxx Corp.; Sarnia, ON  
Total expenditure \$139,200.00

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

3. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement – Dell  
Total expenditure \$315,062.54

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the 2019 annual Blanket Alcohol License Renewals, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

APPOINTMENT

1. One appointment to the Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank Authority to fill an unexpired term ending July 2020

Commissioner Howard moved to appoint Erick Williams, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT

William Wright stated that he would like to address the charter amendments and distributed information (copy on file). He compared the City Charter to the US Constitution and the charter should be treated in the same manner. He recommended that the Charter should not be changed to suit each new City Manager, with there being reasonable alternatives and briefly discussed why the proposed charter changes are inappropriate. He stated that the Constitution has been amended only 27 times since its adoption and suggested ways to make changes, adding that people should be held accountable and let voters decide if they should continue in their position,

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Fletcher offered the following ordinance and asked for its adoption (second reading), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

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AN ORDINANCE NO. 18-118

Amending Sec. 4 of the Charter of the City of Albany to provide the City Manager with Purchasing Authority; Establishing Limitations

Commissioner Marietta offered the following ordinance and asked for its adoption (second reading), seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

AN ORDINANCE NO. 18-119

Amending Section 26 of the Charter of the City of Albany to provide Limited Purchasing Authority to the Utility Board; Establishing Limitations; requiring the concurrence of the City Manager

RESOLUTION

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 18-R171

Approving easements and right-of-way related to Palmyra Road Sidewalk Improvements "Project"; Authorizing use of SPLOST VII funds for the Project; Accepting (1) Temporary Construction Easements, (2) Sidewalk, Utility and Grading Easements, (3) Utility and Grading Easements, and (4) Right-of-Way Acquisition Agreements

Mayor Pro Tem Langstaff offered a friendly amendment to remove Section 1 as discussed in the work session.

Commissioner Marietta stated that he is in support of this resolution and agrees that sidewalks are needed in the Palmyra Road area for the safety of pedestrians.

Commissioner Howard accepted the amendment and, hearing no additional comments, the motion unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:14 a.m., Commissioner Howard moved to enter into executive session to discuss 1) personnel matter and, 2) property acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Fuller; the motion carried as follows:

Ward I	yes
Ward II	yes
Ward III	yes
Ward IV	abstain (had to leave the meeting)
Ward V	yes
Ward IV	absent
Mayor	yes

At 11:50 am, Commissioner Fuller moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried as follows:

Ward I	yes
Ward II	yes
Ward III	yes
Ward IV	absent
Ward V	yes
Ward IV	absent
Mayor	yes

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Mayor Hubbard called the meeting back to order at 11:51 a.m. Commissioner Fletcher moved to increase the City Manager's salary to \$200,000 per year effective November 1, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no. Commissioner Howard stated that he is in favor of the raise, but disagreed with it being effective November 1, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST

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CITY CLERK