

MARCH 26, 2019

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
Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Manager: Sharon Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.; following a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, she instructed the audience on the policy to address the Commission, through either Citizen's Comments or Speaker's Appearance Forms.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Alley Closing between Marie Road and East Drive re: Dogwood Trail Apartments

Engineering Director Bruce Maples explained that this is the public hearing which was previously approved to advertise for possible closure.

There were no questions/comments regarding this item and, no one signed up to speak on this matter.

2. Zoning Case #19-028 – Clarence M. Pippin III/Applicant/Owner requests to rezone property located at 1901 W. Oakridge Drive from R-MHS; C-3; and C-8 to AG.

Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Planning Director Paul Forgey reviewed the rezoning application regarding the 160-acre tract of land in which the owner desires to plant a variety of tree crops. The review included: an aerial view of the property, access to the property, information regarding the property lying within the 100-year floodplain/floodway including drainage, lack of public sewer; map of flood prone areas, the original AG zoning classification and subsequent rezoning, surrounding zoning/land use maps; uses of pesticides/herbicides/chemicals/compounds/substances on the crop trees, which could adversely affect the adjacent residence on Willie Pitts Road, information on regarding the proposed 150' buffer as a condition, current zoning designations, need for Environmental Health to approve septic systems due to lack of public sewer, and the Future Land Use Map. He stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: **1) The application of pesticides, herbicides or other chemicals, compounds or substances to the crop trees shall be prohibited within 150' of the western boundary of 909 Willie Pitts, Jr. Rd. (Tax Parcel # 00242/00001/036; 2) The required 150' buffer must be shown on a survey or plat and submitted to Planning and Development within 30 days or before commencement of any chemical application, whichever occurs first.**

Commissioner Howard asked if the owner will be using a tractor or other farm equipment to spray the trees. Mr. Forgey replied that a variety of methods are used, but they most often use large, mechanical equipment. Commissioner Howard asked if they will be crop dusting; Mr. Forgey replied that planes are not usually used in the application of chemicals on trees.

Clarence Pippin, III, stated that sometimes planes are used early in the season for applying pesticides to trees; however, due to the location of this property, planes will not be used to apply any pesticides.

There being no further questions/comments, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner Langstaff abstaining.

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1. Crushed Asphalt – Oxford Construction; Albany, GA
Est. expenditure \$744,000.00

Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following purchase, seconded by Commissioner Fuller; the motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner Langstaff abstaining.

2. Runway 4-22 Mill and Overlay – Oxford Construction; Albany, GA
Total exp. \$5,481,908.50

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

1. Crooked Lounge; 307 W. Broad Avenue; J. Acree/Agent/; Liquor, Beer and Wine Consumption; Transfer of Ownership from A. Banks

APPOINTMENTS

1. Four appointments: Albany/Dougherty Inner City Authority – (three appointments for two-year term ending Jan. 2021 and one appointment to fill unexpired term ending 2020)

Commissioner Fuller moved to appoint George Buchanan, Cal McMillian, Tammye Jones and William Myles, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

In response to Commissioner Howard, Ms. Tolbert explained that the name she received yesterday George Buchanan. She added that Omar Salaam requested to be reappointed; however, with the appointed of Ms. Jones and Mr. Buchanan, Mr. McMillian and Mr. Myles, all vacancies on this Board are now filled.

Commissioner Fletcher asked that Lequrica Gaskins, Downtown Manager, present recommendations, based on Commissioners previous discussions to include that the same individuals not serve on both ADICA and DDA, as well as instituting a residency policy. She added that the guidelines need clarity because of previous statements made in those discussions. Mayor Hubbard agreed, and specifically mentioned the residency issue.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Marietta introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 19-106

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 1901 W. Oakridge Drive from R-MHS, C-3 and C-8 to AG; **conditional**

Commissioner Marietta then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Fuller; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 19-107

Closing the alley between Marie Road and East Drive, more particularly described herein with certain reservations, authorizing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed

Commissioner Howard then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Marietta.

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Commissioner Howard stated that this connects to the old Albany Homes, built prior to WWII, which has been an eyesore for many years. Mayor Hubbard agreed, adding that this area is off of Clark Avenue and is a major route coming into Albany, adding that she is excited about this. Hearing no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 19-R122

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI funds for Sanitary Sewer Extension for the Shadowlawn Drive Neighborhood

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 19-R123

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with the Civil Air Patrol for use of the vacant fire station building at the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

SONJA TOLBERT
CITY CLERK