

MARCH 26, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Matt Fuller, Roger Marietta and
Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Manager: Sharon Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m., and reminded the audience of the process to address the Commission (Citizen Comments/Speaker Appearance Forms).

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Four appointments to the Albany/Dougherty Inner City Authority (ADICA)

There were no questions/comments on this item.

TRAVEL:

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

1. Mayor D. Hubbard; ACCG/GMA Policy Council Meeting; Atlanta, GA; Feb. 27-28, 2019 - \$484.84
2. Mayor D. Hubbard; Women's Legislative Caucus; Atlanta, GA; March 12-13, 2019 - \$409.00

COMMISSION EXPENSE REPORT

The Clerk advised that the second quarter FY 2018-19 expense report was put in the back of the white notebooks for review.

PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION – (Transfer of Ownership)

1. Crooked Lounge; 307 W. Broad Avenue; J. Acree/Agent; Liquor, Beer & Wine Consumption; Transfer of Ownership from A. Banks; WARD 3

There were no questions/comments on this item.

PUBLIC FUNCTION MATTERS

ZONING APPLICATION:

1. 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. Planning Commission approved 5-1 (**conditional**) Ward 4.

There were no question/comments on this item

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

PURCHASES:

Mike Trotter, Procurement Manager, discussed the following (copy on file):

1. Crushed Asphalt, Oxford Construction Co., Albany, GA
Estimated exp. \$744,000.00

In reply to Commissioner Howard, Stacy Rowe, Interim Public Works Director, advised that a list of alleys will be distributed to Commissioners.

Mr. Trotter discussed the following (copy on file):

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

In reply to Commissioner Howard, Hunter Hines, Airport Superintendent of Operations and Project Manager, discussed the dilapidation of the runway and the process of repairing. Ms. Subadan advised that this project is FAA funded with David Hamilton, Transportation Director, explaining the matching funds (FAA (90%)/State (5%)/City (5%)), which will be reimbursed using passenger facility charge. Commissioner Howard commented on minority contractor's participation with Mr. Hamilton explaining the percentage required by FAA for minority contractors and the process of FAA approval to move forward. Commissioner Howard asked for the actual percentage of minority participation with Mr. Hamilton stating that this information will be provided.

Commissioner Marietta commented that this is a great project and is a key to economic development (by having an upgraded airport).

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In reply to Mayor Hubbard regarding the start to finish timeframe, Mr. Hamilton explained that the timeframe has not been finalized at this point, but they are in conversations with Oxford and will coordinate with FAA, Delta, UPS, etc.

Commissioner Fuller commented on the reimbursable amounts with Mr. Hamilton explaining that the reimbursed amount will come through Delta Airlines from the passenger facility charge.

Mr. Trotter discussed the following (copy on file):

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| 3. | Sanitary Sewer Extension - Jim Boyd Construction, Albany, GA | |
| | Total exp. | \$492,613.00 |

Commissioner Marietta stated that this covers parts of Wards 3, 4 and 6 and he supports the project.

In reply to Commissioner Howard, Phil Roberson, Asst. City Manager, explained the process for residents going from septic tanks to City sewer with a connection fee of approximately \$300.00. Commissioner Howard mentioned the 2900 block of Rosebrier, which is being developed with 30 homes in Rosebrier Garden. Mr. Robertson advised that he believes sewer is already there, but he will check on this.

CIVIL AIR PATROL AGREEMENT

Mr. Hamilton stated that the request is for the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Civil Air Patrol and recognized Greg Frich, Commander of the Albany Composite Squadron/Civil Air Patrol, to explain the role of the Civil Air Patrol (which is an auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force), in this request. Mr. Frich discussed the current lease that has expired, adding that he brought cadets with him and senior staff to represent the squadron. He commented on work that they have completed in helping with past/current storms and the programs that they have in place. He asked the Commission to consider approving the proposed resolution regarding the negotiation process, adding that they will restore the facility, pay for the restoration and are looking for a long-term relationship.

Commissioner Howard stated that the cadets helped during the 2017 storm cleanup and commended the students for their assistance.

Mr. Hamilton stated that Mr. Fritz spoke at a special called meeting of the Aviation Commission and this request was unanimously approved by that board.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Ms. Subadan announced that T-SPLOST passed last week, with the bid going out for paving. The intent is to expand this year's bid from \$2.5 million to \$5.0 million, using SPLOST monies to pull the additional work forward and complete the work this year.

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Commissioner Fletcher commented on the proposed \$5.0 million and asked whether the contractors will honor the price. Ms. Subadan explained that we are currently in the bid process and will be joined by the County, which should allow getting the best rate, i.e., volume discounting, etc. Bids should be received within the next few weeks, with this item being on the agenda at the second meeting in April.

In reply to Commissioner Fuller, Ms. Subadan stated that additional information can be brought back on whether to add more alleys, etc., as it pertains to project costs.

Commissioner Fletcher asked to have areas marked by signs showing that tax dollars are at work in various locations.

Ms. Subadan gave a status update on LED light fixtures, adding that 42% of the project is completed. She reminded the Commissioners of the citizen at the last meeting, requesting that the street his business is located on be paved; GDOT reported that it is within their jurisdiction. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Bruce Maples, Director of Engineering, stated that GDOT agreed to speak with the citizen, with Ms. Subadan asking Mr. Maples to make contact with the citizen and follow-up.

Ms. Subadan stated that a GDOT public hearing will be held on 3/28 from 4-6 pm regarding the traffic detour for the replacement of the Oglethorpe Bridge.

Commissioner Fuller asked for an update on railroad closures with Mr. Maples commenting on 7th Avenue, not having many problems and that it will re-open next week. Society has not been disturbed and there has not been much word on 3rd Avenue at this time.

Ms. Subadan commented on the sewer maintenance contract, which will be forthcoming next month for Commission consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Howard commented on his recent Town Hall meeting that focused on mental health issues and the need to have Code Enforcement check on certain hotels/motels, especially those in the 100 block of Thornton Drive., which is hurting businesses in the area. He named the hotels, which house a lot of children; drugs and prostitution are prevalent, and suggested that Code Enforcement conduct impromptu visits.

There being no further business, Mayor Hubbard adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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CITY CLERK