

DECEMBER 10, 2019  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard  
Mayor Pro Tem Tommie Postell (arrived at 8:40 am)  
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 8:30 a.m., and reminded the audience of the process to address the Commission (Citizen Comments/Speaker Appearance Forms).

APPOINTMENTS:

1. One appointment to Albany Housing for one-year term ending Nov. 2020 (Mayor's Appointment)
2. Appointments to Ethics Board for terms ending Oct. 2020 and Oct. 2021

There were no questions/comments on this item.

TRAVEL:

The Clerk advised that the location of item #2 is Athens instead of Atlanta.

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

1. Mayor D. Hubbard; 2019 GA Smart Fall Workshop; Atlanta, GA; Sept. 4-5, 2019; \$430.65
2. Mayor D. Hubbard; GMA Legislative Policy Council Meeting; Atlanta, GA; Sept. 10-13, 2019; \$665.58
3. Mayor D. Hubbard; 2019 GMA Hub Cities Meeting; Atlanta, GA; Sept. 29-30, 2019; \$278.18
4. Commissioner J. Howard; Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation 2019 Awards Program; Atlanta, GA; Dec. 4-5, 2019; \$235.84
5. City Clerk S. Tolbert; CVIOG Clerk's Training, Jekyll Island, GA; Feb. 2-4, 2020; \$1,089.68

**PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS**

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION:

1. Cork Wine & Charcuterie LLC, d/b/a Cork Wine & Charcuterie; 2700 Dawson Rd. Ste. 5; J. Rohand/Agent; Beer & Wine Consumption; WARD 5

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There were no questions/comments on this item.

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS – (Transfer of Ownership):

1. United Brothers 367 Inc., d/b/a Oasis; 1301 S. Slappey Blvd.; F. Farhanulkaq/Agent; Beer Package; Transfer of Ownership to R. Dar; WARD 6
2. United Brothers 2 Inc., d/b/a EZ Corner; 521 S. Slappey Blvd.; Muhammad Nadeem/Agent; Beer Package; Transfer of Ownership to R. Dar; WARD 3

There were no questions/comments on the above two applications.

SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (SEC. 6-5 (c))

Mr. Davis discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the request to amend City Code Sec. 6-5(c) to authorize Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 midnight.

There were no questions/comments on this item.

AMENDING CITY CODE SECT. 6-8 RE: PRIVATE CLUBS

In response to Commissioner Marietta, Mr. Davis advised that a motion is needed to get the item on the agenda. Commissioner Marietta moved to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

Mr. Davis explained the proposed ordinance re: Sec 6-8(b) which pertains to private clubs, adding that the request is to allow clubs to be open, with the option to sell alcohol by the drink at the same time as provided in the recently passed Brunch Bill.

Commissioner Fuller asked if this will have the same requirements as set for restaurants with Mr. Davis replying in the affirmative.

In reply to Commissioner Howard regarding whether the serving of food will be a criteria, Mr. Davis advised that they have different criteria (a set number of members for a set number of years), which they still must meet; they do not, however, have to meet \$1.00 more than 50% in food sales.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

COMMERCIAL DRIVEWAY INSTALLATION

Bruce Maples, Director of Engineering, discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the request to install a driveway for a new commercial office at 1819 Dawson Road (near the

Shackelford House). He explained the separation requirements for driveways, adding in order to approve the request, a variance of the footage is required in the city code.

There were no questions/comments on this item.

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS**

### **PURCHASE**

Tina Strassenburg, Buyer I, discussed information as noted (copy on file):

1. Hurricane Michael Streetlight Repairs – MetroPower, Inc. (d/b/a Albany Electric)  
Total Exp. \$462,669.34

There were no questions/comments on this item.

## **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Commissioner Postell arrived at this time (8:40 am.).

Ms. Subadan distributed a booklet (copy on file) outlining accomplishments for the period of 2015-2019 and discussed. She also gave comments regarding the upcoming retirement of Phil Roberson adding that this is the last meeting that he will be attending.

Commissioner Fletcher commented on the new Commissioners coming on board and also gave comments to Mayor Hubbard and Commissioners Marietta and Postell regarding their no longer serving. She commended Ms. Subadan and City staff for the job well done in making presentations to the Commission and the accomplishments as noted.

In reply to Commissioner Marietta, Ms. Subadan advised that the accomplishments that were presented were made by all staff.

Commissioner Postell congratulated Commissioners who have served over the years and the new ones who will be sworn in. He stated that he has not always agreed with the City Manager and Mayor Hubbard, but he believes in sharing and doing things in the best interest of the Commissioners.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Mayor Hubbard advised that James Pratt had submitted speaker appearance forms, which were not received and advised Mr. Pratt that he has five minutes to make his presentation.

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Mr. Pratt distributed information (copy on file), adding that the five items he will speak on are as follows: 1) Proclaim Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day or Native Americans Day in the City of Albany; 2) Adding a holiday for Election Day for City employees; 3) repeal saggy pants ordinance; 4) Live stream meetings and, 5) place moratorium on alcohol licenses until creation of community partnership agreements.

In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Pratt discussed his bio, including college attended, teaching at Albany State University, etc.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Mayor Hubbard recognized Commissioner Jon Howard for being awarded the Elected Official of the Year by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation at a meeting held in Atlanta earlier this month. She presented the award to Commissioner Howard and asked all present to recognize Commission Howard for the work he has done working to keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful.

Commissioner Howard commended Judy Bowles and the KADB Board for submitting his name, adding that there were over 70 vying for the award. He suggested instilling in citizens the need to clean-up and thanked Mayor Hubbard and Commissioners Marietta and Postell for their service to the Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Hubbard stated that the award was presented at the annual Keep Georgia Beautiful Awards luncheon in Atlanta and again congratulated Commissioner Howard for receiving this award.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

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SONJA TOLBERT  
CITY CLERK