

MARCH 24, 2020

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

PRESENT: Mayor Bo Dorough
Mayor Pro Tem Jon Howard
City Commissioners: Matt Fuller, BJ Fletcher, Chad Warbington, Bob Langstaff,
Jr., and Demetrius Young
City Manager: Sharon D. Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis
(Virtual participants: Matt Fuller, Chad Warbington, Bob Langstaff and Demetrius
Young)

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m., which was followed by attendance confirmation (see work session minutes) announced that former Ward VI Commissioner Tommie Postell passed away and asked all to remember his family in their thoughts and prayers. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Purchase:

Central Services Director Yvette Fields and Transit Director David Hamilton were present to answer questions on the following:

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| 1. Consulting Services - RS&H, Savannah, GA | Total expenditure | \$142,005.00 |
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Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to approve the services, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

Alcohol Applications:

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the following alcohol license application, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, and, after a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. ACG BBQ LLC, d/b/a Sonny's BBQ; 1900 N. Slappey Blvd.; V. Lewis/Agent; Liquor, Beer & Wine Consumption

Mayor Dorough moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher.

2. Lucky Break Grill & Billiard LLC, d/b/a Lucky Break Grill & Billiard; 2207 E. Oglethorpe Blvd.; S. Goodwin/Agent; Liquor, Beer & Wine Consumption

In reply to Commissioner Warbington regarding the floor plan of the building and if renovations are still ongoing; Marshal Norman replied in the affirmative. In reply to Commissioner Warbington, Marshal Norman explained that an applicant has 180 days to complete necessary steps to open the establishment; otherwise the license is forfeited, and a new application is required. Commissioner Warbington asked if there was a gaming room/billiard previously in the location and if it is the same establishment/applicant that is reapplying. Marshal Norman replied in the negative, stating that the previous establishment was Fastenal, adding that the prior application was approved in January of last year. He agreed with Commissioner Warbington that the applicant did not get the remodeling completed in time after appearing and receiving approval at that time.

Commissioner Young asked if Lucky Break was a previous business with a license at another location in the city with Marshal Norman stating no. Commissioner Fuller interjected that a vending business called Lucky Break is probably what Commissioner Young is thinking of. Commissioner Young asked if the standard is met for this being a restaurant. Marshal Norman explained that they are not required to meet standards of being restaurant unless they choose to serve alcohol on Sundays; it will be a bar and pool hall with food service.

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Mayor Dorough asked if the applicant pays when submitting the application or when they receive the license and if they are required to repay if the time runs out. Marshal Norman explained the process of the applicant paying for the license via a money order (\$4100), which is held by his office with no additional cost to resubmit the application.

In reply to Commissioner Warbington regarding precautions in place to ensure anyone under 21 is not served alcohol, Marshal Norman explained the process of issuing ABC cards, etc. In reply to Mr. Davis, Mr. Norman agreed that classes are required before issuance of an alcohol license.

In reply to Commissioner Young, Marshal Norman gave the exact location of the establishment and agreed that the Albany Transit transfer station is close to the establishment.

Hearing no further comments, and after a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-3 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard and Commissioners Warbington and Young voting no.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Dorough introduced (for the first reading)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Code Sec. 2-41 providing for meetings

Mayor Dorough then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard.

Commissioner Warbington stated that he suggested additional changes to be considered at the last meeting: 1. Re-establish invocations at regular meetings and 2. Utilizing Consent Agenda. A brief discussion followed with Ms. Subadan explaining that the invocation was discontinued when meetings were changed a few years ago and time became variable; the intent was to prevent preachers having to stay for a long period of time before the regular meeting started. Mayor Dorough said he does not have a problem with having invocations and stated that consensus of the board can make that determination; he suggested putting this on the agenda for discussion.

A brief discussion followed with Ms. Subadan stating that this should be the first reading due to not having unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading. Mayor Dorough asked Mr. Davis if he agreed; he replied in the affirmative.

Hearing no further comments, and, following a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-3 with Commissioners Fuller, Fletcher and Langstaff voting no.

The following item was removed from the agenda as noted in the work session minutes:

AN ORDINANCE NO.

Amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 1, of the City Code so as to provide a process for consulting/retaining outside legal counsel

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, and following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-R111

Authorizing the use of SPLOST VII Funds for Engineering Services for the Sandy Bottom Circuit Utility Conversion Project

OTHER BUSINESS

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Mayor Pro Tem Howard questioned the status of the following, with Ms. Subadan advising as follows:

1. ECG conference call scheduled for next week (cancelled)
2. GMA Annual convention (pending decision to be made in May)

Commissioner Warbington commented on the shelter-in-place Order and asked whether any action is required by the City Commission. Mayor Dorrough replied in the negative, adding that people should comply with the Order so that they will not have to appear in Municipal Court.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK