

MARCH 9, 2021

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA
GOVT. CTR. – RM. 100 (Virtual Meeting)

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

Mayor Dorough called the (virtual) meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and confirmed the attendance of those on the virtual conference call.

The Asst. Clerk read the call as follows:

Mayor and Board of City Commissioners
P.O. Box 447
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

There will be a Special Called City Commission virtual meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in room 100 of the Government Center Building located at 222 Pine Ave., Albany, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting is for the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to adopt the following ordinance:

1. Amending Article 1, Sec. 6-5(b) of Chapter 6 of the Code of the City of Albany [re: sale of alcoholic beverage hours]

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon D. Subadan
Sharon D. Subadan,
City Manager

Notified via email
BO DOROUGH, MAYOR

/s/ Jon Howard
JON HOWARD, WARD I
CITY COMMISSIONER

Notified via email
MATT FULLER, WARD II
MAYOR PRO TEM

/s/ BJ Fletcher
BJ FLETCHER, WARD III
CITY COMMISSIONER

/s/ Chad Warbington
CHAD WARBINGTON, WARD IV
CITY COMMISSIONER

Notified via email
BOB LANGSTAFF, JR., WARD V
CITY COMMISSIONER

/s/ Demetrius Young
DEMETRIUS YOUNG, WARD VI
CITY COMMISSIONER

Mayor Dorough noted that the ordinance recently adopted had typographical errors in changing the hours and recognized City Attorney Nathan Davis to briefly discuss.

Mr. Davis explained that the ordinance dealt with the provision that certain employees could remain until 5:00 a.m., which was deleted. He referenced line seven in section two, in which the time should have stated from 2:55 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Dorough questioned the 8:00 a.m. time and suggested that the 11:00 a.m. is more reasonable and asked if there was any interest in addressing that issue; there were no comments.

Commissioner Howard introduced:

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AN ORDINANCE NO. 21-108

Amending Article 1, Section 6-5(b) of Chapter 6 of the Code of the City of Albany so as to delete a provision of Sec. 6-5(b) as set forth

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 Warbington and, following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Dorough stated that he has a couple of items for a future agenda and asked if any other Commissioner has an item they would like to add; there were none. Mayor Dorough advised that the first issue regards the Ritz Cultural Center and asked Mr. Davis to supply the owner's name. He referenced Ms. Subadan's past estimate of \$300,000 to remediate the building and asked for a copy of any recent inspection as well as an estimate of repair. He asked to see any reports from someone else looking at the building and recommended that a recent, more extensive inspection be conducted to know the cost of removing the asbestos and mold in the building before proceeding any further. His second item is for Commissioners to consider a member of this Board to sit in on PAG's when proposals are considered in the future. If there is no procedural problem with that, he asked that it be on the agenda for discussion. Ms. Subadan advised that staff has already started work on the Ritz Cultural Center, which can be put on the first work session in April. Mayor Dorough stated that, if he is correct, the Ritz started operating in 1991 and programming ceasing in 2011 and asked for more in-depth details regarding the operations of the Ritz Cultural Center, suggesting that Dr. Berry's records would be helpful.

Commissioner Fletcher stated that she feels Frank Wilson also has information on the Ritz.

Commissioner Young recommended checking with Dr. James Hill, retired professor from Albany State, and Helen Young, Ritz Cultural Center Board member.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

ASST. CITY CLERK