

JANUARY 13, 2014

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
Mayor Pro Tem Tommie Postell
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Bobby Coleman, BJ Fletcher, Roger
Marietta and Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Manager: James Taylor
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

The invocation was given by Bishop Tiangelo Hill, Cathedral of Praise.

OATH OF OFFICE

Probate Judge Nancy Stephenson administered the oath of office to Commissioners-Elect Bobby Coleman and BJ Fletcher and re-elected Commissioner Bob Langstaff, Jr.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint the following (1-9), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

1. City Manager for two-year term expiring January 2016 (James Taylor)
2. City Attorney for two-year term expiring January 2016 (Nathan Davis)
3. Asst. City Attorney for two-year term expiring January 2016 (Chimere Chisolm)
4. City Clerk for two-year term expiring January 2016 (Sonja Tolbert)
5. Asst. City Clerk for two-year term expiring January 2016 (Elizabeth “Sissy” Kelly)
6. Municipal Court Judge for two year term expiring January 2016 (Willie Weaver)
7. Public Defender for two year term expiring January 2016 (Ingrid Driskell)
8. City Solicitor for two year term expiring January 2016 (Gerald Williams)
9. Associate Judge for two year term expiring January 2016 (Ralph Scoccimaro)
10. Commission appointment to 911 Advisory Board

Commissioner Langstaff nominated Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Postell, The motion unanimously carried to appoint Commissioner Coleman to the 911 Advisory Board.

11. Mayor’s appointment and Commission appointment to Aviation Commission for one-year term expiring January, 2015

Mayor Hubbard reappointed Dr. Willie Adams. Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to reappoint Commissioner Langstaff, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

12. Commission appointment to Pension Board for two-year terms expiring January 2016

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Commissioner Marietta, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion carried 6-0-1 with Commissioner Marietta abstaining.

13. Commission appointments to Police Civilian Review Board for three-year terms expiring December 2016 (Mayor, Wards 2, and 5)

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Mayor Hubbard stated that she is reappointing Kay Hind. Commissioner Coleman asked to postpone making an appointment until he secures someone willing to serve. Commissioner Langstaff stated that he, too, is postponing his appointment.

A brief discussion ensued with Commissioner Langstaff questioning the last time this board met. Mr. Davis advised that they may not have met within the last six-eight months, but they have met occasionally. Mayor Pro Tem Postell asked if the Board is not functional, what alternative gives the Commission a voice regarding APD that the department will recognize. Mr. Davis discussed the intent, process and responsibilities of the Board, adding that he will send notices to the Commission when the Board meets.

Commissioner Howard asked that a brief explanation be given on what each board does so that the public will know.

14. Commission appointments to Citizens Advisory Committee for two-year term expiring January 2016

The Clerk advised that all appointees asked to be considered for reappointment. Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to approve the following, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the motion unanimously carried. Princella Stegall for Ward I; Sally Odom for Ward II; Ralph Rambeau for Ward III; Wylene Jones for Ward IV; Mary Ligon for Ward V; Kowana McKinney for Ward VI; Charles King for Mayor's appointment and Jawhan Ware as the member-at-large.

15. Three appointments to the Albany/Dougherty Inner City Authority/Downtown Development Authority for two-year term expiring January 2016

Mayor Pro Tem Postell nominated Martin Carter. Commissioner Langstaff nominated Thelma Johnson and Mike Stewart. Commissioner Fletcher stated that Kilena Underwood moved to Macon; she contacted Downtown Manager Aaron Blair and advised him of this. Mayor Hubbard asked if a written notice was provided from Ms. Underwood. Commissioner Fletcher stated that Ms. Underwood only called her; she has nothing in writing. Commissioner Howard nominated Nilaja Anderson and Commissioner Marietta nominated Lane Rosen. Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to close nominations on said names, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, the motion unanimously carried. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared Martin Carter (6 votes); Thelma Johnson (7 votes) and Mike Stewart (6 votes) to be duly appointed.

16. Three appointments to Citizens Transportation Committee for three-year terms expiring January 2017.

Commissioner Howard nominated Larry McClain, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Postell, the motion unanimously carried. Mayor Hubbard declared Mr. McClain duly appointed and asked the Clerk to continue advertising the other two vacancies.

17. One citizen appointment and one Commission appointment to the Albany/Dougherty Economic Development Commission for two year terms expiring December 2015

Commissioner Howard nominated Walter Sharpe. Mayor Pro Tem Postell nominated Dr. Price Corr and Commissioner Langstaff nominated Chad Warbington. Following a show of hands, Mayor Hubbard declared Chad Warbington to be duly appointed (6 votes).

18. One appointment to Planning Commission for three year term expiring January, 2017

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Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to reappoint Stephen Kaplan, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

19. Five appointments to Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful Board for three-year terms expiring January 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to reappoint the five requesting to be reappointed, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried. The following were reappointed: Willie Wingfield, Jeanette Henderson, Jeremiah Paschal, Teresa Edwards and Gary Nevins.

20. Commission appointment, one City and one joint City/County appointment to SW Georgia Regional Commission for one-year term expiring January, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to reappoint Stephen Kaplan and Demetrius Love, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the motion unanimously carried. Discussion followed with Commissioner Fletcher being asked if she would like to serve as the Commission appointee, to which she agreed.

21. Two appointments to the Water, Gas and Light commission for two-year terms expiring January, 2016 (must be city resident)

Commissioner Langstaff nominated Bob Hutchinson and Robert Leach. Mayor Pro Tem Postell nominated Rashad Flournoy and then moved to close the nominations on said names, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried. Following a show of hands, Mr. Hutchinson was unanimously reappointed, with a tie vote between Robert Leach and Rashad Flournoy. Commissioner Howard announced that he must recuse himself from voting on the nominees. Discussion followed with Mayor Hubbard asking Mr. Davis the next step. Mr. Davis advised that another vote can be taken at the next meeting.

22. One City appointment (master electrician and citizen member), three Joint City/County appointments (one professional engineer member and two electrical supplier members) and one rotating citizen member to the Joint Electrical Board for one-year term expiring January 2015

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint Willie Emerson and Edward West, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

23. One City appointment (master gas fitter member), one Joint City/County appointment (professional engineer member) and one rotating citizen member to Gas Board for one-year term expiring January 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to reappoint those requesting reappointment, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried, with Mark Holloway and William Walker being reappointed.

24. Two City appointments (one master plumber and one professional engineer) and one rotating citizen member to the Joint Plumbing Board for one-year term expiring January 2015

Commissioner Howard moved to approve those requesting to be reappointed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Postell; the motion unanimously carried, with Thomas Driggers and Eural Chastang being reappointed.

25. One City appointment (master heating and air conditioning contractor), two Joint City/County appointments (professional engineer members) to

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Heating and Air Conditioning Board for one- year term expiring January
2015

A brief discussion followed regarding the City accepting the County's recommended appointments; Mayor Pro Tem Postell stated that he needs to know those the County recommends. Ms. Tolbert replied that they are Thomas Driggers and Sandy Hillsman, who are already on this Board. Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to accept the three names [reappoint]: Billy Goodson, Thomas Driggers and Sanford Hillsman, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

26. Three appointments to Fire Code board of Appeals. One appointment to fill an unexpired vacancy ending January, 2016 and two joint City/County appointments for three year terms expiring January, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to reappoint Rosa Malone, Bruce Campbell and Charles Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff. Ms. Tolbert noted that there are three vacancies and asked if Mr. Mitchell will be the City appointee or the Joint. Mayor Hubbard and Mayor Pro Tem Postell agreed that he would be the Joint appointment. There being no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Hubbard stated that is was called to her attention that no Commissioner was appointed to EDC. Mayor Pro Tem Postell volunteered to serve; however, Commissioner Langstaff stated previously the Ward III Commissioner held that position and asked Commissioner Fletcher if she wants to serve in that position; she replied in the affirmative; he so moved.

Mayor Hubbard asked Mayor Pro Tem Postell if he is willing to be an ex-officio member of ADICA representing her on that Board; Mayor Pro Tem Postell agreed. Commissioner Marietta seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Commissioner Marietta nominated Walter Sharpe for the Citizen's Transportation Committee, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the motion unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2014

Mayor Pro Tem Postell moved to appoint Commissioner Howard, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK