

JANUARY 28, 2014

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

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

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation given by Pastor Rance Pettibone, Missionary Baptist Church.

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

RECOGNITION OF ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT – OFFICER OF THE YEAR,
CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR AND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Chief John Proctor and Mayor Hubbard presented awards to the following: Pastor Gabriel Martin – Citizen of the Year. Mayor Hubbard thanked Pastor Martin and commended the work she does on behalf of the city, adding that the Police Department cannot do it all alone; it takes citizens, like her, to help move the community forward. Sonya Johnson and David Sparks were named Civilians of the Year. Mayor Hubbard thanked both for their efforts in assisting Albany Police Department in obtaining the CALEA designation, especially in receiving the accreditation in 18 months rather than the 36 it normally takes. Kawaski Barnes was recognized as APD Officer of the Year. Mayor Hubbard thanked Officer Barnes and his wife for their teamwork, which greatly benefit the citizens of Albany.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Zoning Case #13-098 – SJE Development/Owner; Lanier Engineering, Inc./Applicant; request to rezone property located at 1300 Owens Ave., from R-3 and C-1 to C-R. PC Approved 8-0 – WARD 2

Using a power point presentation, Mary Teter, Planning Manager, reviewed the application and advised that the request to rezone to C-R allows for the subdivision of the property and allows townhouses, which are not permitted in the current zoning designation. Rezoning also allows subdivision of the property into 48 single-family lots, which is Section II of St. Johns Estate. The remaining 50 units will be subdivided at a future date and will be Section III. She showed photos of the current housing and gave the background of Boyette Village, adding that Section I is complete. She discussed surrounding zoning, the land use map and Planning considerations, she showed an aerial view of the property. She explained the future land use map regarding density criteria and advised that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Bobby Donley, Lanier Engineering, was present to answer questions.

There was no one else present desiring to speak in support of or opposition to this matter. Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application Transfer of Ownership, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. Shivom Group, LLC d/b/a A&D Food Store; 1421 N. Maple St. S. Patel/Agent; Beer/wine package; Transfer from BB Patel – WARD 2

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

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1. Bogeys of Albany, LLB d/b/a Bogeys Bar & Grill; 2238 Palmyra Rd. M. Ervin/Agent; Consumption – WARD 2

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher.

2. Sabir & Lisa, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine Acres Grocery 2; 1800 E. Oglethorpe Blvd, U. Sabir/Agent; Beer package – WARD 1

Commissioner Postell questioned who had the license before. Nathaniel Norman, Chief License Investigator, stated that it was formerly JDM Food store and that N. Patel was the holder of the license in 2013. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Chief Norman stated that the business was sold.

Hearing no further comments, the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

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3. Hong Kong Café, 2700 Dawson Rd., Suites 1-2; JP Liang/Agent; Beer/Wine Consumption – WARD 5

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following One Day Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

1. ATC Foundation, LLC; JA Najjar/Agent; Black Tie Fundraiser @ Albany Tech College; 1704 S. Slappey Blvd., March 14, 2014; 6-11:00 pm

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following One Day Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

2. Georgia Chamber of Commerce; J. Strickland/Agent; Reception/Dinner for GA Quail Hunt; River Front Park; 112 N. Front St. Feb 6, 2014; 6-10:00 pm

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Marietta moved to approve the following One Day Alcohol License Application, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

3. Girls Inc., of Albany, GA; S. Alexander/Agent; Wine Market, Flint RiverQuarium; 101 Pine Ave., March 8, 2014 6 pm to 10:00 pm

Mayor Hubbard advised that the following was tabled in the briefing.

APPOINTMENT

1. One appointment to WG&L Commission for two year term expiring January, 2016

ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-100

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 1300 Owens Ave., from R-3 and C-1 to C-R.

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Mayor Pro Tem Howard then offered the ordinance and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R104

Authorizing use of SPLOST VI Funds for Records Management to be provided by Thronateeska Heritage Foundation, Inc. re: Engineering Department

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R105

Approving submission of Grant Application to GA Natural Resources for a Historic Resource Survey

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R106

Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Transfer Title to Vehicles

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R107

Authorizing the filing of an Application with Dept. of Transportation USA and the GA Dept. of Transportation for a Grant under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R108

Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to enter into a Contract with Niles Bolton Associates re: Multimodal Transfer Center

Commissioner Langstaff asked how much money is left for the multimodal. Wes Smith, Assistant City Manager, stated approximately \$4.0 million, adding that GDOT offered to assist in potential future applications for additional monies.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Postell asking for clarification regarding the funding. Mr. Smith explained that GDOT met with staff and pledged to find additional money to assist with construction. Commissioner Postell questioned funds for the environmental assessment, with Mr. Smith explaining the cost of the assessment, the \$4.0 million and GDOT funding. Mr. Taylor clarified that the money will not be used for the assessment, but will assist with other funding. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Smith stated that the environmental assessment will cost \$211,000 and that half will come from this year's budget with the other half coming from FY 2015; the study will begin immediately. Commissioner Postell questioned the date of

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completion of the study and if it will be completed in July 2015. Mr. Smith advised that it could take up to one year, but staff is working to reduce the time. He explained the expense change in regulatory requirements, etc. Commissioner Postell questioned money to build the center when the study is complete. Mr. Smith stated that construction would not be ready before the fall of 2014, adding that staff will do an RFP for design services for construction. Commissioner Postell questioned the cost to move the project forward. Mr. Smith stated that the study determines the best layout and determines cost, timeframe, etc. Mr. explained that they do not know the total cost, adding that the cost for land acquisition is unknown at this time. He mentioned that depending on the design, this will also have an effect on the cost, but the design options will be brought to the Commission to review. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr. Taylor reiterated that the cost of land acquisition is unknown at this time and any environmental issues that may be found must be resolved.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to approve the following consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried. Commissioner Postell stated that he wants the record to show that two of the police interceptors will go to the Gang Task Force.

Current Bid:

1. (3) 2014 Ford Police Interceptors, Wade Ford, Smyrna, GA

Total expenditure	\$71,353.00
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OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Postell questioned the Lavoie lawsuit settlement. Mr. Taylor advised that this will be discussed in an upcoming executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK