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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
Interim City Manager: Tom Berry
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation given by The Very Reverend Lee Lowery, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALICE COACHMAN

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard briefly discussed the privilege of meeting Mrs. Coachman 15 years ago, in which a proclamation was presented to her at an Albany State University football game hosted by Tuskegee. He described the honor he felt to meet such an historic figure, who was known world-wide. However, he said what struck him most was her class and her down-to-earth, friendly, pleasant demeanor; it makes him proud that she was a native Albanian.

Commissioner Postell stated that he knew Mrs. Coachman and her family, many of whom were with the Dougherty County School System. Mrs. Coachman was an outstanding person, who faced and overcame many obstacles during her life/career.

Mayor Hubbard also described the honor of knowing Mrs. Coachman-Davis; a humble person who did not take advantage of her celebrity status. Even though presented posthumously; she said it is her honor to present the resolution on behalf of the Board of City Commissioners to someone who represented Albany with dignity, class and endurance. She presented the resolution to the husband of Mrs. Evelyn Davis-Jones on behalf of Alice Coachman Davis.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R160

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALICE MARIE COACHMAN DAVIS

***WHEREAS**, on November 9, 1922, Alice Marie Coachman was born to Evelyn and Fred Coachman; and*

***WHEREAS**, after Ms. Coachman demonstrated her skills on the track at Madison High School, and then Tuskegee Institute offered the 16 year old a scholarship to attend its high school program where she competed against all black teams throughout the segregated South; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1943 Ms. Coachman entered the Tuskegee Institute college division to study dressmaking where she played basketball and competed on the track and field team, where she won four national championships for events in sprinting and high jump; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1946 Ms. Coachman completed her degree from Tuskegee and continued her education at Albany State College, where she received a B.A. in Home Economics in 1949, and later taught at South Carolina State College, Albany State College, and Job Corps; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Coachman's first Olympic opportunity came in 1948 in London at the age of 26. On August 8, 1948, Coachman set a new Olympic record at 5'6 1/8", becoming the first African American woman from any country to win an Olympic gold medal; and*

***WHEREAS**, during Ms. Coachman's career, she won 34 national titles; she was inducted into nine Halls of Fame, including the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and Albany Sports Hall of Fame. In 1999, Ms. Coachman was one of six members inducted into Albany State University's first Sports Hall of Fame class. She became the first black woman to*

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endorse an international product when Coca-Cola signed her as a spokesperson in 1952. Coachman was also honored as one of the 100 greatest Olympic athletes at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. The most rewarding honor that she received was being inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame in 2004; and

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Coachman founded the Alice Coachman Track and Field Foundation to provide assistance to young athletes and former Olympic competitors; and*

***WHEREAS**, Ms. Coachman was inducted as an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in 1998 at the sorority's international conference; and*

***WHEREAS**, Alice Coachman Elementary School was named for Ms. Coachman and opened its doors in 1999. She was a fixture in the building on many occasions where she was involved with the students and staff, and*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to being an Olympic Gold Medalist, Ms. Coachman married Dr. N. F. Davis and raised two children: Richmond Leander Davis and Evelyn Diane Davis Jones;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by authority of same that this Commission does hereby extend official recognition to Mrs. Alice Marie Coachman Davis for her profound accomplishments, and for the positive influence that she had upon all who came into contact with her.*

Let this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and copies of this Resolution be furnished to the family of Mrs. Alice Marie Coachman Davis.

/s/ Dorothy Hubbard
MAYOR

On behalf of Mrs. Coachman-Davis's family, Mr. Jones accepted the resolution and expressed appreciation for the recognition.

SPEAKER APPEARANCE – Bishop F. Williams

Bishop Williams stated that tonight he represents three groups - spiritual leadership, private citizens and Stop the Violence. He thanked Commissioner Postell for attending the Stop the Violence meeting today and expressed concern about Albany's image, especially for those who work to bridge the community and local law enforcement agencies. He mentioned recent comments made during a televised interview of Commissioner Postell regarding APD; which were offensive to many in the community, adding that Commissioner Postell briefed them on events prompting his comments. He discussed the negative environment created when elected officials make such statements, counteracting positive steps forward and suggested that elected officials should do what they were elected to do - represent their wards/districts. Even though Commissioner Postell contends there are internal problems at APD that the general public does not know about, it would have been better to not broadcast this. He said this leads him to wonder 'who would settle in a city where it has been proclaimed that police are not doing their job'. The groups he represents feel that the police department is doing a good job. Based on the 500 + calls that were received following the interview, he suggested building stronger bridges with local leadership. Referring to latest statistics, he stated that crime is down and the interview cast a negative light on strides APD has gained over the past few years. He encouraged Commissioners to think about Albany's image and not waste time on immaterial issues that cannot be enforced, such as the saggy pants ordinance. If the police department has internal problems, records should indicate that proper channels have been followed to clearly reveal where problems exist.

Commissioner Coleman stated that he shared the same sentiments when Stop the Violence began. Albany is portrayed as being a gang infested, off-the-chart crime haven and these are not images which should be associated with the city. But, there is a morale issue within APD, with the cause for it unknown at this time. He suggested that the truth needs to be told and that every Commissioner on the Board knows that there is a problem. The department is made up of officers who have migrated here, with minimum experience, making it a rookie force.

Commissioner Postell stated that he is not debating Bishop Williams, but whether or not anyone likes what he said, it is true and he is not going to change his stance.

Commissioner Marietta stated that the monthly report issued by APD indicates that crime is down. He mentioned the issue of pay for public safety employees, which he had asked to be on a future agenda, adding that in conversations with officers, salary compression (new hires making

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the same as veteran officers), is a source of major contention; resulting in him believing the morale issue is more of a pay issue. He said he asked the City Manager to bring up this issue as part of a larger incentive package for all City employees, adding that he has promised to get better pay and recognition for APD officers and would like to keep his promise.

Mayor Hubbard thanked the members of Stop the Violence and stated that their efforts have greatly enhanced APD's positive strides. Every organization has issues with which it must deal; the question is 'how to deal' with them. She expressed gratitude to the City's first responders – police, fire – every department that helps make Albany the city that it is, especially given that they put their lives on the line for all of Albany's citizens. Albany is undergoing major changes and Mr. Berry proposed to have a survey/study of APD in order to ascertain what major issues exist in order to address them. She stated that there may be personnel and morale issues throughout other departments, but all issues cannot be addressed simultaneously. She assured the public that City leaders feel good about where the City is going.

Mayor Hubbard opened public hearings for the following:

1. Zoning Case #14-058 – P.S. Patel; Owner/Applicant; request to rezone property located at 2402 Whispering Pines Circle from R-1 to C-1. PC approved 6-0 **conditional** (WARD 5)

Using a Power Point, Planning Manager Mary Teter reviewed the application (copy on file) and reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval with the following conditions: **1) No access to the subject property is allowed from Whispering Pines Circle. Driveway placement on Whispering Pines Road will be determined by the Director of Planning and the City Traffic Engineering Department; 2) Due to possible high traffic volume, noise, and/or late hours of operation, the following uses will not be permitted at this location: convenience store, bar, night club, and event centers; 3) Any outdoor lighting will be designed to minimize effect on neighboring residences; 4) A screening fence shall be located at or near the rear property line that is a minimum height of six (6) feet, and constructed of brick, wood or similar material but not concrete block. Evergreen trees, with a minimum mature height of sixty (60) feet shall be planted and maintained inside the screening fence. The southeast side property line (Whispering Pines Road) must meet this requirement to a point determined by the Planning Director that will offer protection to 2500 Whispering Pines Road. Required fencing and evergreen buffer must be shown on the site plan and approved by planning staff prior to issuance of a building permit.**

Quida Fincher, 2403 Whispering Pines Circle, stated that her property is extremely close to the subject property. She said she took pictures of her property to show the proximity and a fence erected behind the shopping center and Pizza Hut, which is not being maintained and is in a state of disrepair. She stated that Mr. Patel has a service station on N. Jefferson and wants to put another one on the subject property; it is not something she wants at the entrance of her neighborhood, even with a good barrier. She suggested that an office or similar type construction be placed there instead which is more appropriate for the neighborhood.

C. B. Fincher, same address, stated that they recognize changes are going to be made, but the major concern is the type of buffer between the street and subject property. He referred to the natural vegetative buffer Family Dollar created between its location and Whispering Pines Circle in which it has not been maintained and a tree has fallen. He recommended requiring a 20-30 foot buffer from the street and that any fence erected is that far from the street, as well, and, suggested that Evergreen trees should be planted between his home and their fence. Regarding a recommended condition, he suggested a slight change be made and the tree screening be planted outside the fence and whoever develops the property will be responsible for maintaining it in a presentable manner.

Commissioner Postell asked if the Fincher's voiced their concerns to the Planning Commission; Mr. Fincher replied in the affirmative. In response to Commission Postell, Ms. Teter stated that they did not address the fence much; the topic came up afterwards. She stated that the placement of the trees and fence can be switched. Discussion followed regarding the placement of the fence/trees with Mr. Fincher stating that feels that the trees should be between them and the fence rather than the fence between him and the trees. In reply to Commissioner Postell, Mr.

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Patel, owner/applicant stated that he lives at 2401 Whispering Pines Circle and that he has an issue with maintenance and would like to continue with what Family Dollar has by keeping the fence going straight on the outside and keep tree planted inside the fence. In response to Mrs. Fincher, Mr. Patel stated that they can accommodate them if they can construct a convenience store.

Commissioner Postell stated that the Commission has to know what it is voting on beforehand; he asked Mr. Patel if he as the owner can assure the Fincher's he will have a barrier on the outside. Mr. Patel replied that he can put a barrier outside the fence as well; he asked if there are stipulations how tall the trees must grow or how far the fence has to be from the trees. Ms. Teter explained that the fence can come to the property line.

In reply to Commissioner Fletcher Mr. and Mrs. Fincher agreed that they would rather see the trees than the fence.

Mayor Hubbard mentioned maintenance and asked if the trees are put on the other side of the fence, who will be responsible for maintaining. Ms. Teter stated that it would fall on the property owner. Mrs. Fincher stated that evergreens do not shed and Leyland Cypresses were recommended.

Commissioner Langstaff mentioned the dilapidated condition of the fence in the pictures and asked what teeth the Commission has to impose conditions that the fence must be maintained. Mr. Davis stated that it can be a made a condition. Commissioner Langstaff asked that this be reviewed. In response to Commissioner Langstaff, Ms. Teter stated that the location of trees can be either or (inside/outside) the fence; the aim was to keep continuity with Family Dollar. Based on Mr. Patel's comment about allowing a convenience store, Commissioner Langstaff asked his intent. Mr. Patel replied that a Family Dollar was allowed and that the only difference between it and a convenience store are gas pumps, adding that he cannot understand why a convenience store would be restricted; his hours of operation will be 6 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., with Family Dollar operating from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. In response to Commissioner Langstaff, Ms. Teter explained that convenience stores are high-traffic generators, with late hours of operation, lighting and some play music. All these factors would not be appropriate close to the neighborhoods. She mentioned that in a previous zoning case, Home Run Foods was not recommended and they try to be consistent, so the restriction was recommended for this application. Family Dollar does not have as much traffic and the Zoning Ordinance contains a definition of 'convenience store'. Mr. Patel asked the possibility of having a convenience store without pumps, adding that he is unsure if it is a gas station or convenience store Planning wants to restrict. Commissioner Langstaff mentioned the issue of late hours; however, there are many other businesses with late hours and suggested striking a balance for residents and to keep them protected – even though it is just a matter of time before it all goes commercial in that vicinity. Ms. Teter explained that the list of restricted uses is based on conversations with neighborhoods; they cause problems in residential areas. Commissioner Langstaff asked about fast food; Ms. Teter replied that it could not have a drive-thru. Commissioner Langstaff asked about limiting hours of operation as opposed to types of businesses or, restrict both. Mr. Davis replied that the Commission can do both. Ms. Teter stated that gas stations are not allowed in C-1. Mr. Patel listed several businesses that are open past midnight; if hours are an issue, they can restrict their business hours from 6:00 am – 11:00 pm and they will agree to fencing as requested by the residents with the trees on the outside. Commissioner Langstaff countered that those businesses Mr. Patel listed were approved before he became a Commissioner, adding that it is his job to strike a balance between the businesses already there while protecting the residents that remain.

Commissioner Marietta asked if the City has a policy about transitional/step-down zoning; Ms. Teter replied that is what this is – C-1. Commissioner Marietta stated that office/institutional might be more appropriate as they would be less intrusive. He suggested that tabling for further discussion/information. Ms. Teter listed the type of uses allowed in office/institutional.

There was no one else present to speak in support of or in opposition to the application.

2. Zoning Case #14-059 – Estate of Beela Ellis/Owner; Lanier Engineering, Inc./Applicant; request to rezone property located at 3101 Old Dawson Rd., from C-Rc to C-2. PC approved 6-0 **conditional** (WARD 5)

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Using a power point presentation (copy on file), Mr. Teter reviewed the application, stating that the Planning Commission recommends approval, with the following conditions: **1) Access to Kensington Lane must be completed prior to issuance of any building permit; 2) No access to the 4-acre site is allowed from Old Dawson Rd.; 3) Screening and buffering will be required along property lines that adjoin the R-1 and C-R Districts. Type of screening and buffering will be determined by the Director of Planning during site plan review; 4) Use of property is restricted to hotel/motel.**

Tod Lanier stated that he, Bobby and Eric Patel signed up to speak in case there are any questions. He stated that they are in agreement with the conditions, with the exception of #1. He explained that they want to construct the building and the entrance at the same time and asked that it be changed to: 'Access to Kensington Lane must be **obtained** prior to issuance of any building permits'. He advised that they have gotten a request for an easement giving access to the property.

Commissioner Postell asked if someone had previously wanted to locate a hotel there. Mr. Lanier replied in the negative and explained that previously, a potential developer wanted to put an assisted living facility at the rear of the site, where the hotel is going. Current zoning allows a hotel there. In response to Commissioner Postell, he explained the reason for constructing the driveway and facility at the same time.

In response to Mayor Hubbard, Ms. Teter explained that Planning worked with the previous developer to word the condition that way, but what Mr. Lanier said makes sense. Mr. Lanier added that it was worded that way previously because the last rezoning effort, the developer wanted to construct streets.

Commissioner Langstaff asked if Ms. Teter and Engineer Director Bruce Maples had any problems with Mr. Lanier's request; both replied in the negative.

There was no one else present to speak in support of or in opposition to the application.

3. Special Approval Case #14-061 – Rev. James Blue & Charlie Lee/Applicants; St. Stephens Baptist Church/Owner; request approval to allow for expansion of an existing religious institution in the R-3 District at property located at 1100 & 1106 E. Third Ave. PC approved 6-0 (WARD 2)

Using Power Point, Ms. Teter reviewed the application (copy on file) and stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Commissioner Coleman stated that the property is in his ward; he polled residents and there is no opposition to the application.

There was no one present to speak in support of or in opposition to the application.

4. Zoning Case #14-062 – Bertha Parrish & Alice Hill/Owners; Roderick Chamberlain/Applicant; request to rezone property located at 1608 & 1706 S. Jefferson St., from C-1 to C-2. PC approved 6-0 (WARD 6)

Using Power Point to review the application (copy on file), Ms. Teter reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Commissioner Postell spoke in support of the application, adding that the property is in his ward.

Mayor Hubbard asked who is responsible for ensuring that conditions imposed on rezoning application are complied with; Ms. Teter replied that one way is through the site plan review and once it is built Planning does a follow-up inspection. If someone fails to comply with conditions, Planning attempts to work with property owners and if that fails, Code Enforcement is contacted.

There being no one else present to speak in support of or in opposition to the application, Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

1. Easter Seals Southern Georgia, A. Martin/Agent; Music Concert/dinner, Veterans Park Amphitheater, 220 S. Front St., Nov. 8, 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 Marietta; the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Howard voting no.

2. Ducks Unlimited, Inc., M. Bryson/Agent; Annual Fundraising event; Merry Acres Ballroom, 1500-1504 Dawson Rd., Sept. 4, 2014; 6-11:59 pm

Commissioner Postell moved to approve the following special approval, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Special Approval Case #14-061 – Rev. James Blue & Charlie Lee/Applicants; St. Stephens Baptist Church/Owner; request approval to allow for expansion of an existing religious institution in the R-3 District at property located at 1100 & 1106 E. Third Ave.

The Clerk announced that at the request of the City Manager, the following item was removed from tonight's agenda:

CURRENT BID:

1. Tenant Upfit Area, Kellerman Construction, Inc., Valdosta, GA
Total expenditure \$92,819.00

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Two appointments to the Aviation Commission for three-year term expiring July, 2017

Commissioner Langstaff nominated Drs. Gillespie and Mayer. Commissioner Postell nominated Dr. Mayer and Gloria Gaines.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked to take the nominations individually; Mayor Hubbard agreed. Mr. Davis interjected that they must be voted on in the order of nominations.

Commissioner Postell moved to close nominations on the said names, seconded by Commissioner Coleman; the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Hubbard asked for a show of hands in support of Dr. Gillespie. The Clerk noted that the Mayor and Wards I, III, IV and V raised their hands.

Mayor Hubbard asked for a show of hands in support of Dr. Mayer. The Clerk noted that Wards II, III, IV, V, and VI raised their hands.

Following discussion the Clerk verified the votes for Dr. Gillespie: Mayor Hubbard and Wards I, III, IV and V; for Dr. Mayer: II, III, IV, V and VI with Mayor Hubbard advising that there is no need to take a vote on Ms. Gaines.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Postell stated that he wants to rescind his vote for Dr. Mayer. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Davis explained the procedure to rescind Commissioner Postell's vote for Dr. Mayer.

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Following a recount of votes, Mayor Hubbard announced that Drs. Gillespie and Mayer have been reappointed and will remain on the Aviation Board.

2. Five appointments to Chehaw Park Authority for two-year terms expiring July, 2016

The Clerk reported that Jalyne Byrom, Matthew Inman and Patricia Moody requested to not be considered for reappointment; Dr. Ashok Jain, Brad Hallford asked to be reappointed, with Gail Woolard, Gene Kirk and Ricky Lawrence submitting resumes and letters of interest. She stated that Friends of Chehaw recommended Gail Woolard replace Patricia Moody.

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Dr. Jain and Brad Hallford and to appoint Gail Woolard, Gene Kirk and Ricky Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion carried unanimously.

3. Four appointments to Historic Preservation Commission for two-year term expiring August, 2016

Commissioner Marietta moved to reappoint the four members requesting to be reappointed - Blake Brantley, Greg Fullerton, Eddie McCarty and Deborah Riley, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

4. Tree Board appointments for two year-term expiring August, 2016

The Clerk reported that Katherine Kirkman, Carlos Phillips, Richard Foreman, Chuck Norvell and Jackie Powell requested to be reappointed, with Wards II and VI to provide names.

Commissioner Coleman stated that he has an appointee, but needs to get in touch with her first to confirm. Commissioner Postell stated that he also needs to confirm with his appointee.

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint those requesting to be reappointed and to approve his and Commissioner Coleman's appointees later, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

Commissioner Langstaff introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-119

Amending Sec. 34-43 of Article II, Chapter 34 so as to update the Speed Limit of Streets within the City of Albany

Commissioner Langstaff 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.

Commissioner Marietta moved to table the following until next month's regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

AN ORDINANCE NO.

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 2402 Whispering Pines Circle from R-1 to C-1 **conditional**

Commissioner Langstaff introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-120

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City to Albany to change the status of property located at 3101 Old Dawson Rd., from C-R to C-2 **conditional**

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Commissioner Langstaff then offered the amended ordinance and requested to change ‘completed’ to ‘obtained’ in the first condition and asked for unanimous consent to dispense with the second reading and asked for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried

Mayor Pro Tem Howard introduced

AN ORDINANCE NO. 14-121

Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Albany to change the status of property located at 1608 & 1706 S. Jefferson St., from C-1 to C-2

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 Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R161

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary in Albany of the Mars Chocolate Facility

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R162

Approving 2015 Emergency Solutions Grant Award to the City’s Department of Community & Economic Development

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R163

Merging the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of the Albany Water, Gas & Light Commission into the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of the City of Albany

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R164

Approving the 2015 Public Employees Group Health Plan

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R165

Approving the installation of the Korean War Monument in Veterans Park

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R166

Accepting the recommendation from the Community Development Council to fund Public Service Grants through CDBG Funds re: SOWEGA Council on Aging

Mayor Pro Tem Howard reported that it was brought to his attention that SOWEGA Council on Aging will only be operating four days a week. In response to Mayor Hubbard, CED Director Shelena Hawkins stated that she is not aware of this and will check. Mayor Hubbard stated that she heard this also when she recently visited the Center that they would only be open Monday – Thursday; she discussed the issue of State funding. Ms. Hawkins interjected that the application submitted by SOWEGA stated the request for funding was for Monday – Friday. In response to Commissioner Postell, Ms. Hawkins stated that the application states that they operate Monday – Friday.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

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-R167

Authorizing the execution of an ISDA Credit Support Annex, JP Morgan August 2012 and March 2013 Bilateral Dodd-Frank Agreements; Authorizing and Adopting certain policies and procedures for swap transactions in compliance with the Wall Street Transparency and Accountability Act re: GMA Lease Pool

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

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R168

Accepting the existing 300 Block of Meadowlark Dr., and the new Extension & Utility Easements within Darton State College on private Herbert Haley Dr.

Following the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, Commissioner Postell moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Marietta.

A RESOLUTION NO. 14-R169

Approving certain Access Easement from the City of Albany to Gujaret Hotel Group, LLC for property known as the Beela Ellis Property on Kensington Court

Mr. Davis interjected that he worked with the Engineering Department on the indemnity agreement, which requires insurance. He stated that the agreement will not be executed or go into effect until there is proof of insurance. Commissioner Langstaff asked Commissioner Postell if he accepts a friendly amendment; Commissioner Postell replied in the affirmative, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff.

Hearing no further comments, the motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to approve the following consent agenda, seconded Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

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Current Bid:

1. Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, Dell Marketing, LP; Round Rock, TX
Total annual expenditure \$239,988.24

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Coleman mentioned that employees are intimidated in the workplace and asked if there is a policy in place addressing this. If there is an SOP, the Commission needs to review it and ensure that everyone adheres to it. Employees need to have a constructive environment that allows them to produce a work product to the best of their abilities. He asked to have this on a future agenda.

Due to the upcoming Labor Day Holiday and the light agenda for the work session, Mr. Berry proposed cancelling the September 2, 2014 work session.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to cancel the September 2, 2014 work session, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK