

JULY 23, 2019
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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PRESENT: Mayor Dorothy Hubbard
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Matt Fuller, B.J. Fletcher, Roger Marietta and
Bob Langstaff, Jr.
City Manager: Sharon Subadan
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m., and advised that the Commission will now enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition.

At 6:25 pm, Commission Langstaff moved to enter into executive session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher: the motion unanimously carried as follows:

Ward I	yes
Ward II	yes
Ward III	yes
Ward IV	yes
Ward V	yes
Ward VI	absent
Mayor	yes

At 6:37 p.m., Commission Howard moved to exit executive session, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff, the motion unanimously carried as follows:

Ward I	yes
Ward II	yes
Ward III	yes
Ward IV	yes
Ward V	yes
Ward VI	absent
Mayor	yes

At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Hubbard reconvened the meeting and stated that no vote was taken during executive session. In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Davis reported that in executive session, it was discussed that the property is owned by Destiny (300 Oglethorpe and 303 Highland) and that the owner is in agreement with the \$1,595 million amount in the authorizing resolution that will be up for formal adoption during the regular meeting. He explained the closing date, the City retaining title and the City Manager authorized to impose additional conditions in a new agreement she deems appropriate.

At this time, Mayor Hubbard continued with the Committee of the Whole as follows:

SPEAKER APPEARANCE

1. William Chunn, Westover HS Principal, recognized the following individuals and thanked them for assisting with the Home Town Hero Parade and Program that was held on June 29, 2019 in honor of Albany native and Super Bowl Champion, Trent Brown:

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Mayor Dorothy Hubbard	City of Albany
Key Dyer, Superintendent	Dougherty County Schools (absent)
Captain Therron Hayes	Dougherty County Sheriff's Office
Chief Troy Conley	DCSS Police Dept. (absent)
Judge Willie Lockette	Superior Court Judge (Chief Judge)
Brian Lavoie	Albany Police Dept.
Chief Cedric Scott	Albany Fire Dept.
Pastor Theodus Drake	2 nd Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Vincent Davis, Principal	Monroe Comprehensive HS
Thelma Chunn, Principal	Robert A. Cross Middle Magnet School
Robert Hubbard	Ford Town of Albany
Michael Irvin	Ford Town of Albany
Lt. James Williams	Albany Southwest Georgian
Pastor Lorenzo Heard	WZBN Radio 105.5
DJ Trey	WJIZ Radio 96.3
Karla Heath Sands, Anchor	WALB News
Danielle Ledbetter	WFXL FOX 31 (absent)
John Barron	WALB Sports
Joe Whitfield	Albany Herald Sports

Mayor Hubbard thanked Mr. Chunn for his efforts in organizing the Home Town Recognition event and those who assisted in a 'job well done'.

APPOINTMENTS:

The Clerk read the following and there were no questions/comments.

1. Two appointments to the Aviation Commission for three year term expiring July, 2022
2. Two appointments to Chehaw Park Authority for two year term ending July, 2021
3. Two appointments to the Albany/Dougherty County Land Bank Authority for two year term ending July, 2021
4. One appointment to Albany/Dougherty County Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending January 2020 (must be a resident of Albany/Dougherty County).
5. One appointment to Utility Board to fill unexpired term ending January, 2020 (must be city resident)

TRAVEL

The Clerk advised that she had one travel that did not make the list as follows:

Mayor Dorothy Hubbard; Attend tour of Atlanta Aquarium, Atlanta, GA, July 30-31, 2019

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Commissioner Howard moved to approve all nine travels as noted, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion unanimously carried.

1. Mayor D. Hubbard; 2019 GMA Annual Training Convention; Savannah, GA; June 20-25, 2019; \$2,194.47
2. Commissioner J. Howard, 2019 GMA Annual Training Convention; Savannah, GA; June 21-24, 2019; \$1,832.13
3. Commissioner M. Fuller, 2019 GMA Annual Training Convention; Savannah, GA; June 21-24, 2019; \$2,064.46
4. Commissioner R. Marietta, 2018 GMA Annual Training Convention; Savannah, GA; June 21-24, 2019; \$1,992.98
5. City Manager S. Subadan, ICMA Annual Conference; Nashville, TN; Oct. 20-23, 2019; \$2,205.16
6. City Attorney N. Davis, 2019 GMA Annual Training Convention; Savannah, GA; June 21-24, 2019; \$806.50
7. City Clerk S. Tolbert, 2019 GMA Annual Training Convention; Savannah, GA; June 21-24, 2019; \$1,775.14
8. City Clerk S. Tolbert, Georgia Clerks Education Institute; Athens, GA; Sept. 8-9, 2019; \$703.16

CHEHAW PARK AUTHORITY FY 2020 MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Davis discussed information as noted (copy on file) and asked for approval to enter into a one-year Management Agreement with the Chehaw Park Authority.

In reply to Mayor Hubbard, Barry Brooks, Asst. to the City Manager, advised that the legislation sunsets December 31, 2020.

401(a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Davis discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the proposed increase to the City's contribution to the 401(a) Pension Plan to 12% of salary for senior management employees who do not participate in the Defined Benefit Plan.

There were no questions/comments on this item.

PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION:

1. Rao's Citgo LLC; d/b/a Rao's Citgo; 1800 E. Oglethorpe Blvd; N. Mobeen/Agent; Beer Package; WARD I

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Commissioner Howard expressed concern regarding recent break-ins at convenience stores and the fact that windows are covered with advertisements, which does not allow people to see as they walk up to the store. He asked that this be looked into, with Ms. Subadan stating that staff will check into this matter.

ALCOHOL LICESNE APPLICATION - Transfer of Ownership

1. Shree Deep LLC; d/b/a Pace Food Mart #1; 404 S. Slappey Blvd; T. Foster/Agent; Beer and Wine Package; Transfer of Ownership from D. Patel;
WARD 3

There were no questions/comments on this item.

P-25 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AFD Chief Cedric Scott discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the P-25 Radios Cost Allocation - Memorandum of Understandings with Regional Public Safety Partners to include: First Responders, Thomasville/Thomas County, Decatur-Grady 911, Lee County, Mitchell County, Camilla, Dougherty County Police and Sheriff's Dept., Albany State University, Albany Technical College, Chehaw Park and the Dougherty County School System.

Commissioner Marietta advised that Chehaw Park is not interested in being inclusive due to not having a public safety department. Mayor Hubbard questioned why Turner Job Corps was not inclusive, with Ms. Subadan advising that they also do not have a public safety department.

In response to Commissioner Fuller, Chief Scott explained that inner-operability is the ability to communicate with other first responders, adding that the need for this was underscored when the Twin Towers were attacked.

At this time, discussion followed with Commissioner Langstaff suggesting that since there is a long agenda, if there are no questions/concerns, a motion is made to skip discussions on the rest of the agenda with the exception of City Manager's Update. After discussion, the consensus was to skip discussions. Commissioner Langstaff then moved to skip discussions up to the City Manager Update, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher; the motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Howard voting no.

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

SOUTHERN LIGHT, LLC FIBER UTILITY WITHIN CITY R/W

UTILITY EASEMENT RE: 300 BLOCK OF W. RESIDENCE AVE. ALLEY

BARKLEY BLVD., EXTENSION OF R/W SWAP

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GEORGIA PACIFIC LUMBER PLANT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT

3000 BLOCK OF AUTUMN AVE., SPEED TABLES

PUBLIC FUNCTION MATTERS

ZONING APPLICATION:

1. Zoning Case # 19- 048 – Lanier Engineering, Inc./Colony Bank Owner, request to rezone 3.601 acres from C-5 to C-2 located in Ward 5. PC approved 6-0 (**conditional**)

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS

FY 2020 MILLAGE RATE

PURCHASES:

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| 1. | Internet Services – SyncGlobal – Bremen, GA | |
| | Three yr. expenditure | \$234,000.00 |
| 2. | Mowers – John Deere Co., Cary, NC | |
| | Total expenditure | \$142,602.84 |
| 3. | Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, Dell (State Contract) | |
| | Total expenditure | \$329,231.49 |

FY20 5339 BUS AND BUS FACILITY GRANT AWARD

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Ms. Subadan stated that there were questions on whether Sunday Sales could be added to the November General Election and advised that Mr. Brooks and Marshal Walter Norman will discuss.

Mr. Brooks advised that after a review, it was determined that the earliest the Commission could take up this matter as an agenda item was this meeting and the latest opportunity to put a resolution together to get on the ballot is the September 24, 2019 meeting. He briefly discussed the process and advised that Mr. Davis has drafted the resolutions. Mr. Davis stated that he drafted the package store Sunday sale resolution and a resolution for the Brunch issue, which he plans to present next month. He briefly explained Special Elections, which has specific timelines. Marshal Norman added that a lot of communities in the state of Georgia have already passed these laws. He advised

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that Dawson have the package and on premise consumption, known as the Brunch Law, which allows on premise consumption starting at 11:00 a.m. (currently 12:30 p.m.); Leesburg will vote on this November 5th. Columbus, Valdosta, Savannah, Pooler, Jesup, Gainesville, Suwannee and Duluth have enacted both. He explained that the measures were not taken as a revenue source, rather it is complementary to establishments holding an alcohol license.

Mayor Hubbard asked if the City has to do anything in conjunction with Dougherty County. Mr. Davis replied that he understands that County Attorney Spencer Lee is preparing similar documents.

Ms. Subadan gave a brief update as follows: LED streetlight conversion is now 97% complete, 29 of the 49 approved streets have been resurfaced but are not showing as complete on the Website due to additional work needing to be done, 14 of the 120 approved alleys have had crushed asphalt applied, Palmyra sidewalk contractor was scheduled to begin yesterday, and, regarding the East/Westside interceptor, the majority of the Eastside is complete, with the Westside being 30% complete.

Commissioner Marietta stated that a lot of water lines are breaking and asked if there will be a future program to replace all city waterlines. Ms. Subadan explained that the City would not be able to afford to replace all of its waterlines, adding that better technology will enable the pinpointing of where water is flowing. The intent is to bring resolutions closer to the end of the year on sewer/stormwater, which is the highest priority and could potentially be future SPLOST projects.

OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Commissioner Fletcher mentioned the increasing illegal dumping and stated that in travelling through the city she has noticed hundreds of empty roll-tops. She asked if it is possible to use the roll-tops/large empty dumpsters in the areas that continue to be plagued with dumping. Ms. Subadan stated that this will be checked into.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

SONJA TOLBERT
CITY CLERK