

MAY 5, 2020  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
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PRESENT: Mayor Bo Dorough  
Mayor Pro Tem Jon Howard  
City Commissioners: Chad Warbington  
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order 9:58 a.m., which was followed by attendance confirmation (see Special Called Meeting minutes).

MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS PAY SCHEDULE

Finance Director Derrick Brown discussed the portion of the City Charter that states the Board will be paid on the first of the month and commented on information from the February Commission retreat regarding the necessity to update the Charter. He explained the process of what it will take to comply with paying this Board on the first of each month including program change and adding a fourth pay cycle to the current three. He proposed changing the Charter to match the current practice, which is paying this Board the fourth Thursday of each month which will mirror retirees pay period. He briefly discussed the history of changes in the pay period dating back to 1995, adding that beginning in 2007, Commissioner's pay period began to mirror that of retirees. In August last year, the Pension Board elected to move retirees pay from the last Thursday of the month to the fourth Thursday of each month which is staff's recommendation

Commissioner Fuller questioned the current way the Mayor and Commissioners are paid with Mr. Brown agreeing that this is for service that has been performed within the month, i.e., compensation will be paid the fourth Thursday in May and will be for services rendered in the month of May.

Commissioner Fletcher stated that she does not remember discussions regarding the Commission's pay; however, she said she wants to follow the Charter, even though she is fine with the current practice.

Commissioner Warbington mentioned the discussion at the Retreat regarding various items that are outdated in the City's Charter, adding that this is an example of discrepancies in it and any discrepancy is a major matter. He asked the possibility of tabling this issue until more major matters in the Charter are addressed and if this is the time to start the process.

Mayor Dorough stated that this issue is not a discrepancy in the Charter and is not one of the issues causing concern. This is a directive, with staff veering from that directive at some point in time. The issue is that the Mayor and Commissioners *have* to be paid on the first day of the month.

Commissioner Langstaff stated that the Charter does not state if the Board is paid in arrears or not and, if being paid on the first day of the month, he questioned whether the Board could be being paid for the prior month. Mayor Dorough disagreed and stated that if the Board is paid the first of the month, it is for that month. Commissioner Langstaff stated that the normal practice most everywhere is to be paid after the work has been performed and completed.

Commissioner Fuller stated that he does not pay his employees before they have completed their job and agreed that the Charter should be followed; however, he would like additional clarification this change will cause.

In reply to Mayor Dorough, Mr. Brown explained the programming change to the system, issuance of additional checks, etc., adding that he does not know that cost. He stated that checks are written almost every day; however, payroll and paying bills are two different processes. Mayor Dorough asked if he is asking to change the Charter because it would be a burden on staff. Mr. Brown explained that he can find no history of it being paid the first day of the month; however, it would be more cost effective to change four words in the Charter as opposed to adding a fourth pay cycle every month, as well as the programming cost. Mayor Dorough asked that he ascertain the cost, adding that the pay issue was not discussed at the Retreat, but the Charter cannot be disregarded for convenience sake. Regarding various adverse and antiquated issues in the Charter needing to be updated, he stated that his position is to follow the Charter.

Commissioner Langstaff moved to initiate the process to make this change to the Charter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard.

Commissioner Langstaff modified his motion to add ‘in arrears’ at the end of the sentence, suggesting - ‘payable in monthly installments on the fourth Thursday of each month in arrears’. Mayor Pro Tem Howard rejected the substitute motion.

Commissioner Warbington clarified that Commissioner Langstaff’s motion was to start the process to change the Charter to add the language regarding the fourth Thursday; Commissioner Langstaff agreed, adding that payment is in arrears and currently there is nothing to make this clear. Commissioner Warbington asked if this will be an agenda item on the next meeting.

Mayor Dorough suggested that he feels there is no purpose in taking a vote in the work session. Ms. Subadan explained that taking a vote in the work session is to put matters on the consent agenda at the regular business meeting. However, there are items that would not qualify for the consent agenda and this matter would not, as it is a process. Taking a vote in the work session is merely a straw poll to provide a sense of the Commissioner’s mindset and it gives staff direction, adding that going forward, her suggestion is to take a true vote on minor matters in work sessions, such as travel, GMA flag bearer, etc. Generally, there will be no binding votes in the work session, it gives staff an idea of how to frame matters for regular meeting and allows creation of a consent agenda.

A brief discussion followed regarding Commissioner Langstaff confirming the way payment to Commissioners has been done for the past 25 years with Mr. Brown stating that for the last 25 years this Board has not been paid on the first of the month. Commissioner Langstaff suggested reframing his motion to say that Commissioners will be paid when retirees are paid. Mr. Brown agreed that works much better and discussed pay cycles during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mayor Dorough noted that there would have to be a provision in the Charter stating when pension payments are issued.

Following a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Dorough voting no. He asked Mr. Brown to supply the cost of this action.

#### INDEPENDENT AGENCIES REPORT

Mr. Brown stated that the reports are attached for informational purposes.

Mayor Dorough suggested breaking the reports down and to have bi-annual reports by a representative of the agency, in the event the Board has questions. Ms. Subadan stated that from a fiscal management perspective, seeing these reports every quarter helps staff to see that nothing is going awry, however, having agencies make a presentation can be facilitated. Mayor Dorough mentioned that the Economic Development Commission report includes information regarding the former Mayor's Coalition for economic development and support of those forums and asked that they are removed.

Commissioner Warbington noted the eight independent agencies the City allocates funding to, the ones being tracked, and asked if there are others. Ms. Subadan stated that these are the only outside agencies receiving funds from the City. Commissioner Warbington asked if they all have Boards, accountability, and if some have a Commissioner on the board. He agreed with Mayor Dorough in having reports and coming before the Commission. Ms. Subadan discussed the City's role (appointing some Board members) and the agreements with them spelling out what the City requires, etc. Commissioner Warbington asked if ADICA should be on the list, as well as the Hospital Authority and whether it is open for discussion to add others. Ms. Subadan explained that these are the ones who receive funding and are tracked, adding that the Downtown office, which gets funding, staffs ADICA.

Commissioner Young asked if the eight organizations, which receive funding, are on a contract basis of an expected level every year and if so, how do other organizations qualify to be on the same footing. Ms. Subadan explained that all are funded through an agreement; however, she said she does not know the history of how they became funded. While some are statutorily required (CVB), she said she is unsure about the others. Mr. Davis explained that most are statutory in which an organization is required to be used for a portion of taxes.

Mayor Dorough asked the amount, if any, the County contributes to the CVB and to the EDC, adding that he serves on the Chehaw Park Authority and does not support the way the money goes through the CVB and suggested that his preference is a contract directly with the Authority. He asked for the history of that practice and noted that the DDA and the Boys and Girls Club have exhausted their allocation for this year. He stated that he wants assurance there will be no further transfers to either of those entities without coming to the Commission. Ms. Subadan assured him there would be no more transfers and reported that the EDC is jointly funded by the City, County and Chamber, and is part of the service delivery strategy. The County does not fund the CVB, which is funded through the Hotel/Motel tax that flows through the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked if the Boys and Girls Club has a five-year contract with Thornton and when does it expire. Ms. Subadan replied that she believes it is renewed every year during the budget process but will check and get back with him.

Mayor Dorough questioned the \$250,000 coming from the Chamber (for EDC), which he believes does not come directly from the Chamber and asked for clarification on that. Ms. Subadan said she will get the information.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS**

### **ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION:**

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1. 2 Chicks & A Team LLC, d/b/a Eastside Mini Mart; 1209 E. Residence Avenue; L. Taylor/Agent; Beer Package; WARD 2

Chief Marshal Walter Norman discussed the application i.e., type of business (convenience store), proximity to schools/churches and advised that the business is currently open. The previous merchant was Marcus Smith, and the convenience store named The A. Smith Store, which had an alcohol license for beer and package in 2016; since then the location has been closed. Albany Police has no open investigations at on this location; an ad was put in the paper to notify the public of the application and, the application and location meet all requirements with staff recommending approval.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Howard, Marshal Norman stated the location (the middle of the 1200 block of Residence), adding that there was a convenience store there in 2012, that closed in 2017. Mayor Pro Tem Howard noted that it is in Commissioner Fuller's ward; however, he said that he received calls this weekend about the area being depressed with a high volume of poverty.

Commissioner Fuller asked if the properties on either side of the store are residential or commercial. Marshal Norman replied that they are residential and, in reply to Commissioner Fuller he confirmed that the store is currently open.

Commissioner Warbington noted that the person listed on the tax record is not the same as the owner listed on the application; Marshal Norman explained that Richard Dyson is the one who signed the lease for the store for Ms. Taylor. Commissioner Warbington expressed concern with a convenience store in the heart of a neighborhood, with houses directly next door.

Commissioner Langstaff briefly commented on the license and suggested that this is not an official meeting so, the license cannot be approved today. He suggested that applications should be on a special called meeting at the beginning of a work session to be legally approved and asked the possibility of a special called at the beginning of the next work session, rather than waiting until the end of the month. Mr. Davis replied that it is the Commission's prerogative.

A brief discussion ensued on the proximity of the store to the Blaylock Hosing Complex and crime in that area.

Mayor Dorough again questioned the purpose of taking straw votes in work sessions and moved to approve the license; the motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Dorough stated that it would not be necessary for a special called meeting if there is no support for granting the license.

Commissioner Warbington stated that the purpose of the work session is to provide an opportunity to bring matters forward for discussion. The special called would be an opportunity for the owner or Marshal Norman to come back with a resolution of issues. He reiterated his issue regarding the inconsistencies regarding the owner's name on the application and tax record. Mayor Dorough asked that Marshal Norman convey the Commission's concerns to the applicant.

Mr. Davis stated that he would like to have a hearing at the next work session for the denied alcohol license that was applied for on Radium Springs Road.

Commissioner Fletcher discussed factors in which the actual owner may not be on the application and mentioned people putting hard-earned money into their business only to be denied a license. She suggested that they [business owners] should be cautioned that denial is a possibility before they sink huge amounts of money into a business first.

Mayor Dorough stated that businesses in underprivileged neighborhood have a slim profit margin with beer being something they can sell, adding that this is not a nightclub and he cautioned the possibility of another vacant building in this neighborhood because of this and asking for clarification on the legal requirements, i.e. If there was no second, it died; he asked if taking no action is tantamount to a denial and what are the applicant's rights. Mr. Davis explained that the applicant has the right to a hearing in the presence of the Commission in which Marshal Norman would provide testimony regarding his findings. Explaining the process, he advised that the applicant has the right to bring counsel and to cross-examine anyone testifying, the Commission would provide input, then vote. He stated that even being just a year-to-year process, there are property rights in the application/license.

Commissioner Young stated that the Commission should aim to be on the same page recognizing the harm that these establishments bring to a neighborhood, especially poor, black neighborhoods. He urged the Commission to come to an agreement regarding where these establishments should be located and hopefully keep them outside poor, black neighborhoods.

Commissioner Fuller said that he was unaware that a vote had to be taken before bringing this matter to the next meeting and moved to table it until the next meeting.

Calling for a point of order, Commissioner Langstaff stated that a motion is not necessary in the work session for a matter to roll over to the regular agenda. Taking a vote in the work session is a way to gauge where Commissioners stand on an issue and possibly move it to the consent agenda at the regular meeting. Ms. Subadan agreed and referred to Mr. Davis's response regarding an appeal as a response to the issue being voted down at a regular meeting and to be considered it needs to be on a regular business meeting agenda to take a formal vote. She suggested that additional information be brought back and if the application is denied, Mr. Davis recommendation of an appeal would kick in; Mr. Davis agreed.

Mayor Dorough stated that to make work sessions more efficient he feels that once there is discussion, and after a call for any opposition, if it appears that everyone agrees, it goes to the consent agenda. Commissioner Langstaff voiced support of this suggestion and, following additional discussion, it was determined that there is an understanding of the process and no need to table this item as suggested by Commissioner Fuller.

Mayor Dorough asked Marshal Norman to convey the concerns and basis of opposition the Commission has to the applicant.

Commissioner Langstaff again commented on constraints of applicants seeking an alcohol license and recommended a special called meeting anytime there is an alcohol license up for discussion. Mayor Dorough disagreed, explaining that the public has a right to appear and contest the application, adding that businesses, i.e., Olive Garden will have the license before they open. Commissioner Langstaff countered that the Commission has been shocked by those waiting until the last minute to apply by not knowing they must be approved by the City before applying to the State.

Ms. Subadan advised that the process was modified, approved by this Board and codified allowing application for a license before building; this way they know beforehand if they were approved for a license before sinking large sums of money into building. She stated that there will be more information on this license available before the next work session.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

### **E. BROAD AVE. SIDEWALK**

Bruce Maples, Director of Engineering, discussed the following (copy on file) regarding the implementation of a phased sidewalk construction project along E Broad Ave from Broadway Street to the Sylvester Road traffic signal. He noted approval of the Build Grant in this morning's special called meeting, with this being the main sidewalk portion of the cost estimate for the grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard noted that this will be done in segments, asking the possibility of starting on the other end of School Street and going west. Mr. Maples explained the process regarding plans (Segment G 95% complete, the consultant's recommendation regarding r/o/w, etc., pertaining to bids, adding that until appropriate funding is received, they are unable to proceed. In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Howard, he explained that unless the BUILD grant is received, they do not know how things will play out and, they have cost estimates for various segments and will adjust accordingly. In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Howard regarding the drawings, he advised that this will be distributed once received.

Commissioner Warbington mentioned the Broad Avenue underpass sidewalk and questioned any changes. Mr. Maples explained the cost estimate from Broadway through the underpass pertaining to ADA compliance (handrails, ADA ramps, etc.) which is why the estimate was low. Commissioner Warbington asked to connect to the plasma center to prevent any un-done sections. Regarding parking areas, Mr. Maples said that once they get into the design, they work with business owners to limit access to protect pedestrians.

Commissioner Young referred to the inside bus transfer point, asking if the sidewalk will be integrated into that area. Mr. Maples agreed that it would be incorporated; it will include either a crosswalk or cross signal.

Mayor Dorough stated that having a sidewalk from Broadway to Five Points needs to be a priority and it needs to go forward regardless of the BUILD Grant. He recommended completing that portion by this fall.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

Mayor Dorough noted that the following two items were addressed and voted on in special called meeting.

### **FY 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (HUD)**

AMENDMENT TO FY IS 2018-2019 ACTION PLANS AND 2016-2021 AMENDMENT TO FYs 2018  
& 2019 ACTION PLAN AND 2016-2021 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MATTERS**

### DEMOLITION BUDGET AMENDMENT

Chief Michael Persley, APD, discussed information as noted (copy on file) regarding the request to amend the original \$400,000 budget amount with an additional \$200,000 for demolition expenditures. The additional funds will cover the cost of projects completed and projects to be completed by June 30, 2020. He reported that as of May 1<sup>st</sup>: 74 structures were demolished in the amount of \$414,717.98 with 18 additional structures on the list projected to cost \$96,584.90, the structures include four, which have a court-ordered stay of \$12,190; nine are out for bid, with a cost of \$54,734.93, and five are ready to be bid at \$29,659.97. The total for projects completed and to be completed is estimated at \$511,302.88. He reported that once the remaining projects are completed, it is anticipated that the remaining \$88,697.12 will bring the total to \$600,000 worth of demolition projects completed for FY 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard asked if any of the property owners will try to recoup (liens on property); Mr. Davis explained the filing process: Fi. Fe (real estate lien), with property owners willing to pay the Fi. Fe as opposed to paying the face amount of the demolition (ex. \$1500 vs. \$6000).

In response to Commissioner Fuller, Chief Persley explained that it is anticipated to complete the 18 structures on the list by the end of June, adding that there are 36 structures on the list that will be demolished next fiscal year, with the cost estimated to start at \$274,000.

Commissioner Fletcher asked if the City maintains a database of properties on a list and their status. Chief Persley replied that the City has contractors who respond and perform maintenance on properties that have been demolished, with Code Enforcement maintaining a running list of previous properties. Commissioner Fletcher asked that the list of these properties be placed on the City's website. Ms. Subadan advised that the blighted property list and properties identified for demolition and can be listed on the website with maps. Commissioner Fletcher asked that blighted property identified for demolition be listed; she mentioned Decatur's database, which could be a model for the City's list.

In reply to Commissioner Warbington regarding information that was received at the February Retreat regarding amounts, Chief Persley explained that the amount slightly exceeded \$800,000, but they looked at properties that they are certain that can be completed by the end of this fiscal year, with the remainder moved to FY '21. Commissioner Warbington asked if demolitions should be budgeted at \$800,000 with Chief Persley advising that for FY '21, \$1.0 million was allocated. In reply to Commissioner Warbington regarding repairs rather than demolitions, Chief Persley advised that repairs do not fall under his purview.

Mayor Dorough stated that in August last year, the City Commission voted to demolish ten structures a month and noted the 74 that have been demolished this fiscal year and 18 more set for demolition, (a total of 92); Chief Persley concurred. Mayor Dorough asked if funding will come from the fund balance; Ms.

Subadan replied in the affirmative and, in reply to Mayor Dorough, she stated that she will provide information of fund balances and report back. A discussion ensued with Mr. Brown explaining that the fund balance is the difference between assets (land, vehicles, buildings, cash/investments) and liabilities (what we owe). Mayor Dorough asked the dollar figure of each City fund.

Mayor Dorough asked if any Commissioner objection/reservation about the proposal to transfer an additional \$200,000 to Code Enforcement for demolition of the additional structures; hearing none, he announced that the item will be on the consent agenda, adding that a Commissioner can ask to have it removed from the consent agenda at the meeting.

#### BUDGET WORKSHOP - SEWER

Mr. Maples discussed information regarding a presentation (copy on file) regarding engaging Constantine Engineering in 2019 to analyze the study the sewer, storm drainage, and wastewater treatment plant. He then introduced Wes Byne Senior Project Manager, (Augustus office).

Mr. Byne advised that Jim Kaiser, President: Jeff DuPlanis, Sr. Project Manager (Mobile office); and Butch Gallup, owner of Gallup & Associates, consultant on the project, were also on the call. Using a PowerPoint, he reviewed the information, advising that Constantine was tasked with finding a way to reduce/eliminate CSOs, reduce nuisance flooding in the system, with some separation work done in the 1990s and about 40% of the system being separated then; he listed lift-stations constituting the core of the downtown area west of the Flint River; Capital Improvement Program; seven steps of the phased approach; schematic/map; proposals (improvements; upgrades; new CSO facilities); review of previously proposed stormwater projects, with costs being updated and rolled forward into first five years of CIP program; smoke-tests, which were ran last year and revealed a cluster of places in the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Basin with it being the most unseparated of the basins; and CIP breakdown budget.

Discussion followed with Mayor Pro Tem asking for a copy of the PowerPoint.

Commissioner Fuller asked if the shovel-ready projects are the best use of the initial \$5.0 million; Mr. Byne explained that they have a positive impact and are a good starting point. Mr. Maples interjected to explain the issues involving railroad rights-of-way, with projects being held up since 1996. He mentioned a presentation to EPD made in 2018 asking to pursue those projects. Commissioner Fuller commented on the \$234.0 million to complete the project and asked what position the City's system will be in at the end of the 20 years. Mr. Byne suggested that by then, the City will have eliminated its CSO discharges; the majority if not all, of the system separated; new piping in the ground; the ability to route flooding of areas prone to flooding; and lower long-term O&M maintenance costs.

In response to Commissioner Warbington, Mr. Byne agreed that the intent is to completely eliminate CSOs at the end of the \$234.0 million and to get it routed to a treatment facility with no more untreated CSOs, with the City meeting permit requirements. Commissioner Warbington asked the need for CSO treatment if they are being eliminated. Mr. Byne explained the phased approach, with the first step being to get it all at one location in order to be managed efficiently.

Mayor Dorough said that Mayor Pro Tem Howard brought it to his attention that the meeting will extend past noon and asked if there is a resolution calling for a motion to do so. Mr. Davis replied that he has not



seen anything to that effect. Mayor Dorough said that if there is, it needs to be done away with, but for the time being a motion is in order.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard moved to extend the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Warbington; following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Warbington noting money is being spent to install capital while the process is being finished as opposed to getting the permit extended another five year. Once the City is off the permit, capital will not be needed. Mr. Byne explained question of ‘balance’ with the other piece being able to move water to the system at the 100-year flood elevation. The ‘balance’ is how much separation the City is willing to do versus how much it wants to continue to treat. Commissioner Warbington mentioned the term ‘nuisance flooding’ he heard in a public hearing he attended, and his feedback was to stop using that term, adding that the effect of flooding is more than a nuisance and now as a Commissioner, he would suggest another term. Mr. Byne suggested ‘localize’ or will find an appropriate term.

Commissioner Young noted that the Joshua Street Plant is in his ward and he was told years ago by an engineer employed by the City that if the treatment plant is operating correctly it should not emit an odor. He asked what can be done to diminish it or eliminate it altogether. Mr. Byne replied that there are odor-control measures that can be taken, with some of it being included with upgrades/improvements he discussed. He mentioned industrial components, which are strong, and often play a part in creating the odors.

A brief discussion followed with Mayor Dorough advising that Constantine Engineering donated \$1,000 to Ms. Hubbard (previous Mayor of Albany) on August 8, 2019 and another \$1,000 on November 26, 2019 and asked if anyone from the City request that contribution. Mr. Byne replied in the negative. Mayor Dorough asked if it is a practice of Constantine to donate money to elected officials with Mr. Byne explaining that they make donations in certain instances that they feel are appropriate; however, there was no direct request of a contribution. Mayor Dorough added that suspiciously, they made the same donation (\$1,000) on the same day (August 8, 2019) that ESG made, which raises concerns for him and asked if he or anyone with Constantine talked with anyone at ESG about the contribution; Mr. Byne stated that he did not, and to his knowledge neither did anyone else, but he will find out. Mayor Dorough mentioned his comment of “making a donation when it is appropriate” and asked what determines whether a donation is appropriate/inappropriate when made to an elected official, especially when they have an ongoing business relationship with a municipality. Mr. Byne explained that typically their interests align with the programs and overall, it is a philosophical issue, but he will find out and will provide information. Mayor Dorough mentioned hearing ‘green screen’ at a presentation in which something is added to remove most of the chemicals, plastics, etc. from stormwater. Mr. Byne stated that it was probably ‘pre-screening’. Discussion followed on use of pre-screening technology with Mr. Byne explaining that they discussed it with staff as they specified locations they wanted to put in screening facilities, adding that they were several hundred dollars apiece as well as requiring specialized equipment to clean the screens and having to monitor the facilities to ensure they are not backing up. Mayor Dorough mentioned the Flint Riverkeepers, wanting to see Albany fully immersible (safe to swim and fish) and suggested that if downtown Albany is ever going to thrive, the City must make a commitment to the river, adding that until the CSO situation is handled, we will fall short of that commitment. Mr. Byne reiterated specifics in the proposal, regarding consolidating facilities, to address the issue. Mayor Dorough commented on

Columbus and Augusta and asked if it took them 20 years with Mr. Byne explaining that it depends; Augusta has been ongoing for well over 20 years.

Commissioner Warbington asked Ms. Subadan if Constantine's contract is a certain amount of money, time and material. Ms. Subadan explained it is mostly time and material and noted that the comprehensive report that accompanies the summarized PowerPoint, with hard copies of the presentation that will be provided. Affordability was the reason to spread the project out 20 years; \$230.0 million over 10 years is \$23.0 million/year without interest and while there have been many plans presented over the years, none have been adopted. She asked for Commission feedback regarding what the City can tolerate financially.

Mr. Maples briefly discussed the history of Albany separating the sewer/stormwater lines, etc., with Commissioner Warbington questioning Constantine's current contract and whether it can exceed a certain amount. Mr. Maples said that he can get that information.

In reply to Commissioner Warbington regarding when the work is complete and whether half of the original contract has been spent, Ms. Subadan explained that the City prepared a scope, and they are narrowing down/finalizing everything in the scope, adding that she will provide the contract and the costs and that it's a Commission decision on how to proceed. Mr. Maples discussed the model of our sewer system Constantine is trying to calibrate, with the goal of finishing the analysis, determining appropriate remedies and present it the Commission for consideration.

In reply to Mayor Dorough regarding whether the water treatment plant has been paid off, Ms. Subadan explained that one of two bonds is paid off with a year left on one. Mayor Dorough mentioned federal funding through the Clean Water Act and some limited State funding and asked if Constantine will be identifying potential funding sources. Ms. Subadan advised that this is not in the contract and is a responsibility of the City, adding that currently, no funding have been found for water/wastewater that is not a loan.

Mayor Pro Tem Howard again asked for a copy and have Constantine come back for more discussion.

Commissioner Warbington stated that CSO elimination is the #1 priority and he would like to see a proposal with priorities listed as: Option 1, 2, 3, adding that his question is whether it can be done quicker/cheaper.

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Howard mentioned an email about Birmingham, asking if the City will incorporate the ordinance. Mayor Dorough replied that the City Attorney will have to provide an opinion; the most recent Executive Order prohibits cities/counties from taking action that is inconsistent with whatever is in the Governor's order. Mr. Davis advised that mentioned criminal penalties in the Alabama ordinance would be inconsistent with what he originally saw in Governor's Kemp's order but that he will double-check. Mayor Dorough mentioned the request of the public to wear masks, with there being a lot of non-compliance. He asked if we, as a city, can require citizens to wear a mask, adding that unless there is a spike in the number of cases, he would not want to take issue with Governor Kemp's order. Mayor Pro

Tem Howard mentioned the shelter-in-place and limiting groups of people to ten, adding that City and County parks were full of young people this past weekend.

Commissioner Young mentioned that the City had stopped picking up trash that was not inside the can and asked if residents should call for an additional, temporary can. Ms. Subadan advised that this can be done to the extent that cans are available, adding that there are issues with pickup, i.e., bags getting left and the vulnerability of those collecting trash and a bag burst with something sharp spilling out. The City will make available cans to the best of its ability. Commissioner Young clarified that citizens will be able to use their own private cans that are durable as well, with Ms. Subadan stating that during this time, the City is making that accommodation available.

Commissioner Langstaff interjected that he is unsure that a third-party provider picking up on this side of town is willing to pick up cans that are not one of theirs, adding that before getting word out to the public that they be contacted and agree to this.

Mayor Dorough mentioned: 1) the lobby structure needs to be done at Henderson and Bill Miller; it provides the ability to monitor who is coming/going from the center; 2) the abysmal job regarding recycling in Albany (it was closed on Saturday and asked that it be opened at the designated times); 3) having a status update on the RFP for Carver Park; 4) having the RFP for legislative consultants on the state/national level for the Commission to make a decision; 5) the HUD allocation of approximately \$35.0 million with Albany being one of the three cities and having an explanation on when the money is coming and staff's recommendation on how it should be spent; 6) a study on health care costs in Albany/Dougherty County; 7) as well as the study for the police department and 8) when he can expect to receive the information, the Recreation Department. Ms. Subadan advised that many of the items are in the works and a status update will be provided today and/or information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.

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