

JANUARY 11, 2010

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA

PRESENT: Mayor Willie Adams, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Dorothy Hubbard  
City Commissioners: Jon Howard, Christopher Pike, Roger Marietta, Bob  
Langstaff, Jr., and Tommie Postell  
City Manager: Alfred D. Lott  
City Attorney: C. Nathan Davis

Mayor Adams reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Outgoing City Commissioner Morris Gurr gave the invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Nancy Stephenson to Commissioners Dorothy Hubbard, Ward II; Commissioner Christopher G. Pike, Ward III; and Commissioner Bob Langstaff, Jr., Ward V

APPOINTMENTS

1. City Attorney for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Langstaff moved to reappoint C. Nathan Davis, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

2. City Clerk for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Sonja Tolbert, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard; the motion unanimously carried.

3. Asst. City Clerk for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Elizabeth 'Sissy' Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk advised that City Manager Alfred Lott is under contract.

4. Municipal Court Judge for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Willie Weaver, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Langstaff asked if Mr. Lott should be appointed. Mr. Davis advised that it is not necessary due to his contract and is listed as part of the appointment list.

5. Public Defender for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Ingrid Driskell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard; the motion unanimously carried.

6. City Solicitor for two-year term expiring January 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard moved to reappoint Tony Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pike; the motion unanimously carried.

7. Interim Municipal Court Judge for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Ralph Scoccimaro, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

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8. One City Commission member to the Albany/Dougherty Aviation Commission for one-year term expiring January 2011.

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Commissioner Marietta. Commissioner Langstaff nominated Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard. Following discussion, Commissioner Marietta seconded his nomination and Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard withdrew her name for consideration. Mayor Adams asked that the nominations be re-done. Commissioner Postell nominated Commissioner Marietta, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

9. One City Commission member to the Pension Board for two-year term expiring January 2012

Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Commissioner Langstaff, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

10. Commissioner appointment to Albany/Dougherty Economic Development Commission to fill unexpired term ending December, 2010.

Commissioner Postell nominated Commissioner Pike, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard; the motion unanimously carried.

11. Commission appointment, one City and one joint City/County appointments to the SW Georgia Regional Commission for one-year term expiring January, 2011

Commissioner Postell nominated Commissioner Pike, seconded by Commissioner Marietta; the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Marietta moved to reappointment Stephen Kaplan for the joint appointment and John Williams for the City appointment, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard about county appointments, the Clerk advised that the County has not yet had their meeting.

12. Three appointments to Albany Police Dept. Civilian Review Bd., for three-year term expiring December 31, 2012 (Mayor, Wards 1 & 4)

Mayor Adams moved to appoint Gary Nevins; Commissioner Howard stated that Ms. Williams is deceased and he will submit another name. Commissioner Marietta stated that he is reappointing Ron Tate.

13. Mayor and Commission appointments, one at large member and two youth members to Citizens Advisory Committee for two-year term expiring January 2012:

Ward I	reappointed Princella Stegall
Ward II	will provide name
Ward III	will provide name
Ward IV	reappointed Wylene S. Jones
Ward V	reappointed Mary Ligon
Ward VI	reappointed Gerald Reid
Mayor	Dr. Charles King, Jr.

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Jawahn Ware as the at-large member, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

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14. Three appointments to the Albany/Dougherty Inner City Authority/Downtown Development Authority for two year terms expiring January 2012

Commissioner Langstaff nominated Robert Kraselsky, David Prisant and Thelma Johnson. Commissioner Howard nominated Elvis Muldrow. Commissioner Postell nominated Aaron Johnson.

Commissioner Postell asked if the deadlines are not met are the people still eligible to be considered for appointment. Mr. Davis opined that this is only a guideline.

Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard asked for an explanation on the qualifications. James Taylor, Asst. City Manager/Interim ADICA Director, stated that DDA guidance requires that four of the six appointees are people who own property or who have a business interest in the area. He advised that two of the appointments have to have a business interest in the downtown area or own property, work downtown, or live downtown.

Commissioner Langstaff clarified that ADICA makes the fourth appointment. Mr. Taylor advised that ADICA makes one at-large appointment and agreed that the appointment could satisfy the business interest. Commissioner Langstaff asked if only one of the three appointed have a business interest will it force ADICA to appoint someone who has a business interest. Mr. Taylor said he cannot answer this. Mr. Lott stated that ADICA would have to, in order to be in compliance with the law. Commissioner Langstaff verified that that more than one person who has a business interest can serve. Mr. Taylor agreed that the number could exceed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard suggested considering appointing people who will bring additional qualifications that the City may need, i.e., people who have contact with developers and those willing to use their professional expertise without charging. She suggested that the criteria be looked at in addition to what we already have. She added that she asked some who were interested in the appointment if they were willing to use their expertise for the development of downtown development. Mayor Adams stated that this is a good problem to have in that the people who have come forward should be thanked.

Following additional discussion, a vote was taken on the nominees that carried as follows: Robert Kraselsky was unanimously appointed; Elvis Muldrow was reappointed by a 5-2 voted with Commissioners Marietta and Langstaff voting no; and Thelma Johnson was appointed by a vote of 6-1 with Commissioner Pike voting no.

15. One appointment to Albany/Dougherty Payroll Development Authority for three-year term expiring December 31, 2013

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Danny Blackshear, seconded by Commissioner Langstaff; the motion unanimously carried.

16. One appointment to the Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission for three-year term expiring December 31, 2013

Commissioner Marietta moved to reappoint Stephen Kaplan, Hampton Smith, and Yvonne Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

17. One appointment to Barrier Free Board to fill unexpired term ending March 2010

The Clerk advised that no names/resumes were submitted. Commissioner Postell suggested continuing advertising the vacancy.

18. Two appointments to the Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful Board for three-year term expiring January 2013

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Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Lisa Whittaker and John Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

19. One appointment to Board of Health for six-year term expiring January, 2016

Commissioner Marietta moved to reappoint Dr. Lucille Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

20. Two appointments to the Water, Gas and Light Commission for two-year term expiring January 2012 (must be city resident)

Commissioner Langstaff nominated Jay Kimbro; Commissioner Postell moved to reappoint Joann Pope and Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Carol Fullerton. Commissioner Postell moved to close the nominations on the said three names, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard. Following a show of hands, Mayor Adams declared Joann Pope to be unanimously reappointed and Carol Fullerton to be reappointed by a vote of 5-2 with Mayor Adams and Commissioner Postell voting no.

21. 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 2011

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Reginald Pollard and Willie Emerson, seconded by Commissioner Postell; the motion unanimously carried.

22. 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 2011

Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard moved to reappoint Mark Holloway, William Walker and Glenda Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

23. 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 2011

Commissioner Howard moved to reappoint Thomas Driggers and Eural Chastang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard; the motion unanimously carried.

24. One City appointment (master heating and air conditioning contractor), two Joint City/County appointments (professional engineer members) and one rotating citizen member to Heating and Air Conditioning Board for one-year term expiring January 2011

Mayor Pro Tem Hubbard moved to reappoint Billy Goodson, Thomas Driggers, Reginald Pollard and Clifford Tolbert, seconded by Commissioner Postel; the motion unanimously carried.

25. One City appointment to Fire Code Board of Appeals for three-year term expiring January 2013

Commissioner Marietta moved to reappoint Greg Freed, seconded by Commissioner Howard, the motion unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2010

Commissioner Langstaff moved to appoint Commissioner Pike, seconded by Commissioner Howard; the motion unanimously carried.

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CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Howard stated that WALB reporter Len Kiese will be moving to Florida and commended him for his service in covering Commission meetings.

Commissioner Pike thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the City of Albany and the constituents of Ward III. He said he is looking forward to working with the City Commission and thanked former Commissioner Morris Gurr for the work he did for the people of Ward III.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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MAYOR

ATTEST

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CITY CLERK