

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

June 22, 2021

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Lester M. Miller.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller
Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Sheriff David Davis
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Wanzina Jackson, ECD
Edna Ruiz, Communications
Olivia Walter, Communications
Sherita Jones, Budget and Strategic Planning
Dr. Henry Ficklin

VISITORS PRESENT:

Blake Roy, Middle Ga. Regional Airport

1. Announcements

2. Approval Of Minutes From The May 25, 2021 Meeting

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved.

3. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Raceway 6833 located at 5127 Mercer University Drive, Macon, GA 31210

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Raceway was approved.

- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Greenwood Mart located at 5950 Hawkinsville Road, Macon, GA 31216

On motion of Mayor Miller seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Greenwood Mart was approved.

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for Graffitis Pizza located at 5577 Thomaston Road, Macon, GA

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Graffitis Pizza was approved.

- D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Light Mart located at 4535 Hartley Bridge Road, Macon, GA 31204

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Light Mart was approved.

4. MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL AIRPORT

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- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Michael E. Clark and Associates, Inc to provide Professional Consulting Services for the retrofit roof project on Hangar A at Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the amount of \$12,000 to be paid from Airport Fund, Airport-Middle Ga. Regional, Professional Services, Other (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Valerie Wynn)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the agreement with Michael E. Clark Associate for professional consulting services for Hagar A at the Airport.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Holt Consulting Company, LLC for the provision of Aviation Consulting Services at Middle Georgia Regional Airport (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Valerie Wynn)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with Holt Consulting Company was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a reimbursable agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$59,235.84 for the FAA to perform a design review for the relocation of the Runway 5 MALSR to be paid from the Airport Budget (sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Valerie Wynn)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with the FAA regarding the relocation of Runway 5 MALSR was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization with Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood, Inc in the amount of \$73,412.76 for the purpose of updating the Environmental Assessment required for the extension of Runway 5-23 to be paid from the Airport budget (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Valerie Wynn)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the work authorization with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood for an environmental assessment for the extension of Runway 5-23 was approved.

5. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc in the amount of \$145,900 for the exterior painting of Macon City Hall and the EMA/EOC Facilities, with funds to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund - Facilities Management - Building and Building Improvements Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with Intercontinental Commercial Services for the exterior painting of City Hall and EMA Facilities was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Harmon Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$83,871.55 for the renovation of the administrative area of the interior of the First Floor of City Hall with funds to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund - Facilities

Management - Building and Building Improvements line item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with Harmon Solutions for the renovations of the first floor of City Hall was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fisher Scientific Company LLC in the amount of \$129,472.69 for the purchase of 127 cott 4500/45 min CBA Cylinders, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Fire Department, Machinery & Equipment Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Brown and carried unanimously, the agreement with Fisher Scientific Company was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Williams Communications, Inc in the amount of \$178,519 for the purchase and installation of a microwave network update using Aviat Equipment, with funds to be paid from 2018 SPLOST FUNDS - Public Safety Towers - Property Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the agreement with Williams Communication to install a microwave network using Aviat Equipment was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Independent Contractor Agreement with All South Roofing Solutions to replace the roof of the Macon-Bibb County Facilities Management Building, in the amount of \$118,000 to be paid by the Capital Improvements Fund, Facilities Management, Building & Building Improvements Line Item (sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with All South Roofing to replace the roof at Facilities Management was approved.

- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Southern Majority, LLC for administrative, planning and design services to support the Macon Violence Prevention (MVP) Program in the amount of \$23,211.00 Payable from the Mayor's Office Budget - Contingency Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with Southern Majority in support of the Macon Violence Prevention Program was approved.

- G. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor as well as the Pension Trustee Board for the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan; the Retirement Committee for the Macon-Bibb County Pensions and Retirement System, Division A; and the Retirement Board of Trustees for the Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System, to execute an agreement with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia for the purpose of providing pension administration, payroll and actuarial services for the three aforementioned pension plans, in the initial amount of \$115,000 with ongoing annual costs in the amount of approximately \$423,550 to be divided among the three pension plans and paid from the trust corpus thereof on a prorated basis by plan membership (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Valerie Wynn)

On motion of Mayor Wynn seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the agreement with ACCG for the administration of the pension boards was approved.

6. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to reactivate the Macon-Bibb County Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) created by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia's Civic Affairs Foundation to address the need for increased civic involvement and awareness among Georgia's youth in Macon-Bibb County (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Paul Bronson)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Resolution to reactivate the GCAP was approved.

- B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to submit an application to rejoin the Sister Cities International at the Community Population Level of 100,000 to 300,000 at the cost of \$1,030 for annual membership dues to be paid from General Fund - Non-Departmental (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Paul Bronson)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution to rejoin the Sister Cities International was approved.

- C. A Resolution to designate the area described herein as an "MLK Small and Minority - Owned Business District" to be known as "Macon's Black Wall Street" as a project and focus area for economic growth and development in Macon-Bibb County (Sponsored by Commissioner Paul Bronson)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the motion failed by a vote of eight to two with Commissioners Bronson, Lucas, Clark, Wilder, Howell, Watkins and Tillman casting the dissenting votes and Commissioner Wynn and Jones casting the affirmative votes.

Mayor Miller called for the question, Mayor Pro Tem Clark seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried eight to two with Commissioners Bronson, Lucas, Clark, Wilder, Howell, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Wynn and Jones casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution designative Macon Black Wall Street was approved.

7. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION

- A. A Resolution to request that Macon-Bibb County issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for violence interruption workers to provide crisis response services and to assist with proactive peacekeeping regarding gang reduction and youth development (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins)

This item was removed from the agenda.

8. RENAMING MECCA DRIVE

- A. A Resolution to rename Mecca Drive as "Shrine Park Drive" (Sponsored by Commissioner Bill Howell)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the Resolution to rename Mecca Drive was approved.

9. GRANTS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$384,878 with no local match, awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court (sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Grant for the Judicial Circuit Juvenile Court was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Inc. Downtown Challenge 2.0 Grant awarded to the Friends of Rosa Parks Square on behalf of Macon-Bibb County to complete a bid set of plans for Rosa Parks Square Redesign, in the amount of \$43,600 with no local match (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Grant for the Rosa Parks Square was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Inc. Downtown Challenge 2.0 Grant awarded to the Macon - Bibb County Cooperative Extension on behalf of Macon - Bibb County to equip the Historic Train Building Auditorium, in the amount of \$40,000 with no local match (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the grant for the Historic Train Building Auditorium was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Inc. Downtown Challenge 2.0 Grant awarded to Macon-Bibb County for the creation of an "MLK Small Business District" in the amount of \$30,000 with no local match, (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Paul Bronson)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the grant for the MLK Small Business District was approved.

10. COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

- A. An Ordinance to amend Article II of Chapter 24 of the Code now reserved for the purpose of adopting the Macon-Bibb County Complete Streets Policy (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

On motion of commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Complete Streets Policy was adopted.

11. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER ALLIANCE

- A. Presentation from the Family Justice Center Alliance

Information Only

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against Macon-Bibb County or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1); Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E); and Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2);

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session.

13. APPOINTMENT OF IT DIRECTOR

- A. A Resolution to appoint Reginald A. Brown as Chief Information Officer (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miler, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the appointment of Reginald A. Brown as the Chief Information Officer was approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Macon-Bibb County Commission