

PRE-COMMISSION ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

June 21, 2022

The Pre-Commission meeting acting as a 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
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Sara Davis, Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Dr. Henry Ficklin
Chris Floore, Public Affairs

Olivia Walter, Communications
Edna Ruiz, Communications
Andrianna Beavers, Asst. County Attorney

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Pre – Commission acting as Committee of the Whole from June 7, 2022

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of June 7, 2022 was approved.

2. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for the reasons listed above.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 16 by organizing the current provisions in a new article to be known as Article I - General Offenses, and to enact new provisions under a new article to be known as Article II - Business Offenses; to amend Sections 16-23 and 7-294 (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller, Commissioner Valerie Wynn, Commissioner Raymond Wilder,

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark, Commissioner Paul Bronson, Commissioner Mallory Jones, Commissioner Bill Howell)

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to amend Chapter 16 of the Code was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Newtown Macon, Inc., for the installation and maintenance of bicycle lanes to run along Walnut Street as an extension of the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute a MOU with NewTown Macon for bicycle lanes was approved.

- C. An Ordinance to adopt a budget and appropriate sums for the operation of the Macon-Bibb County Government for fiscal year 2023; to provide for repeal of conflicting ordinances (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark

Commissioner Watkins moved to amend the budget to add \$600,000 in funding to the Economic and Community Development Department budget, operating expenses component for FY23, for the purpose of creating no less than ten unique community development and land use plans for neighborhoods across the County. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lucas moved to table the amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Clark seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved by a vote eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote.

Commissioner Watkins moved to add \$175,000 in funding to the Facilities Management Department budget, operating expenses component, for FY23, for the purpose of funding a program to deploy street lighting in certain neighborhoods. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lucas moved to table the amendment. Commissioner Wynn seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved by a vote eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote.

Commissioner Watkins moved to add \$500,000 in funding to the Recreation Department budget, operating expenses component, for FY23 for the purpose of funding a geographic based voucher program to fund access to Youth Enrichment Programs. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lucas moved to table the amendment. Commissioner Wynn seconded the motion. The motion to table was approved by a vote eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote.

Commissioner Lucas called the question, Mayor Pro Tem Clark seconded the motion. The motion to call for the question was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman

casting the dissenting votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote, the Ordinance to adopt a budget for fiscal year FY2023 was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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