

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

June 9, 2020

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor read the following statement:

Pursuant to instructions from the President of the United States, the Honorable Donald J. Trump, the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian Kemp and the Mayor of Macon-Bibb County, the Honorable Robert A. B. Reichert, the Macon-Bibb County Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 will be available to the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners by video call only for the 9:00 a.m. committee of the whole meeting.

The commission chambers will be closed to the public and press, as we follow the recommendation from the white house to limit public gatherings in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, the public and press may only access the meeting simultaneously online at www.maconbibb.us or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

The following individuals were on the video-conference.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Michelle Harris, Assistant County Attorney
Joel Callins, Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Rachel Gambill, Public Affairs
Sara Henton, Information Technology

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

VISITORS PRESENT:

1. Approval of minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Hawthorne Commons

- A. A. Presentation regarding Virgil Powers School (aka Hawthorne Commons)

Presentation is on file in the Clerk's Office

- B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an Amendment to Novation on the transfer of Virgil Powers School Property to the Urban Development Authority to expressly allow for

renovating the interior of the Fulton Baptist Church Building (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried seven to two with Commissioners Allen, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Watkins and Bivins casting the dissenting votes, the Amendment to the Novation agreement was approved.

- C. A Resolution to authorize a loan in the amount of \$149,073.60 in Revolving Loan Funds to assist Hawthorne Commons Limited Partnership in developing the proposed Multi-Family Housing for Older Persons Tax Credit Development in the former Virgil Powers School and Fulton Baptist Church Buildings on Hawthorne Street, between Second Street and Third Street, in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, to be known as "Hawthorne Commons," to be secured by a Deed to Secure Debt conveying said property (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried eight to one with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution for Revolving Loan Funds was approved.

- D. A Resolution to provide \$426,000.00 to Hawthorne Commons Limited Partnership, to be paid out of Economic and Community Development - Home Grant Funds, upon receipt of an allocation of Housing Tax Credits from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Hawthorne Commons Development Project (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried eight to one with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution to pay \$426,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund was approved.

2. Security Upgrade & Space Utilization Study - Government Center

- A. An Ordinance to approve and authorize the Appropriation of up to \$79,000 from 2018 SPLOST Revenues - CY2020 Public Safety Other Line Item, to provide funding for Security Upgrade Designs and a Space Utilization Study for the Government Center (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)
- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a Professional Services Agreement with BTBB, Inc. for a Space Utilization Study and Analysis for the Macon-Bibb Government Center First Floor Detective Bureau Space, in the amount of \$9,000 plus expenses, not to exceed a total compensation amount of \$11,000.00, to be paid from 2018 SPLOST proceeds, Public Safety, "Other" Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a Professional Services Agreement with BTBB, Inc., for Architectural Services to improve security at the Macon-Bibb County Government Center, First Floor Detective Bureau Space, for a guarantee maximum price of \$68,000, to be paid from 2018 SPLOST proceeds, Public Safety, "Other" Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas the above two resolutions and the ordinance was tabled.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission