

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

April 25, 2017

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Jansen Head, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Christy Iuliccia, Director, Finance
Ben Hubbard, Director, Human Resources
Shane Edwards, Assistant Fire Chief
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Virgil Watkins

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

VISITORS:

Clay Murphey, SPLOST Project Manager
Gram Slaton, Executive Director, Grand Opera House
Crystal Rutherford, Sheriff's Office
Cass Hatcher, SPLOST Project Manager
Josh Rogers, Exec. Director, NewTown Macon
Ninfa M. Saunders, CEO, Navicent Health
Rhonda Perry, Executive Vice President, CEO, Navicent
Wimberly Treadwell, W. T. Designs
Jim Daws, Sierra Development
Blake Sharpton, Butler Snow Law Firm
Tim Slocum, Vice President, Support Services, Navicent

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert.

1. Approval of minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Navicent Health Campus Renovations

Discussion

Mayor Reichert introduced Ninfa Saunders who stated that Navicent is working to improve the flow around the campus. They are proposing a Roundabout at Pine and Spring Street. This would include closing a portion of Spring Street and a portion of Columbus Street to make green space. The proposed schedule is late 2018 to early 2019. Dr. Saunders introduced Tim Slocum who explained that the improvements to the campus include a potential roundabout at New Street, D.T.

Walton Way and Forsyth Street. Mr. Slocum stated the plan would be presented to Intown next month. Commission Schlesinger stated that the neighborhood was not in favor of closing Spring Street. He stated Navicent must be willing to compromise on their plans to be good neighbors to the residents of the neighborhood. Commissioner Lucas stated she is concerned how the roundabout would affect Stewart Chapel and the employee parking. Mayor Reichert stated that when Navicent is ready to present the plan, the item would be heard in Committee of the Whole.

ACTION

No Action, Information Only

3. Willie C. Annex Building Update

Discussion

Blake Sharpton, Butler Snow Law Firm, discussed the developments at the Willie C. Hill Annex. He stated work is underway to move all the current offices out. The property should be turned over to the developer by December 31, 2017. They are currently applying for Historic Tax Credits. Mayor Reichert stated that all the detectives have moved into the Sheriff's Annex and Human Resources will be moving to the first floor of the Government Center. Mr. Sharpton stated that construction should start in early 2018 and will take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete.

ACTION

No Action, Information Only

4. Refunding Revenue Bonds

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of Macon-Bibb County (the "County"), requesting that the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority (the "Authority") issue its refunding revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$22,000,000, in -one or more series (the "series 2017 bonds"), for the purpose of achieving debt service savings on certain series of outstanding revenue bonds of the authority issued for the benefit of the city of Macon and Bibb County, to reduce the payments otherwise due from the County under intergovernmental contracts which secure the payment of said revenue bonds; to authorize the negotiation of one or more new intergovernmental contracts to be entered into between the county and the authority to provide security for the series 2017 bonds; to authorize the preparation of a preliminary official statement and an official statement relating to sale of the series 2017 bonds; to designate various firms and professionals to work and assist the county with the issuance of the series 2017 bonds; and for other purposes was approved.

5. Motion to add item to the agenda

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda.

- *Request by NewTown Macon to waive the right to object to varying from financing percentage*

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Resolution approving a request by NewTown Macon, Inc of which Urban Development concepts, LLC is a subsidiary, to waive the right to object to varying from the financing percentage limits of the Urban Development Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds Series 2016 A, B, and C for a loan in the amount of \$800,000 to City Ventures, LLC was approved.

6. Executive Session

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for 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);

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross
Clerk of the Commission