

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

May 22, 2018

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Joe Allen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Moffett County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Senior County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Brett Lavender, Director, Information Technology
David Fortson, Director, Engineering

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Bert Bivins

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

VISITORS:

Rufus Holmes, Bibb County Retirement Association
Bud Fletcher, Chairman, Macon-Bibb County Pension Committee
Valerie Wynn
Darren Latch
Laura Mathis, Director, Middle Georgia Regional Commission
Stephen Adams, Interim Director, Industrial Authority
Robbie Fountain, Chairman, Industrial Authority
Kevin Brown, Attorney for the Industrial Authority
Guy Eberhardt

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1. Approval of minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

2. Executive Session

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss and authorize negotiations to purchase, disposal or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

3. Intergovernmental Agreement

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve and authorize an intergovernmental agreement with Houston County, Peach County, The Bibb County School District and the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority relating to distribution payments for Project Soap was approved.

4. Emergency Repair

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to take steps to address the sinkhole and related drainage problems in and around a County stormwater drainage pipe located at the Econo Lodge Hotel, 4709 Chambers Road, for an estimated cost of \$91,480 payable from 2017 SPLOST Bond Proceeds; and entering into any necessary agreements or accepting any necessary easements from affected landowners was approved.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for a presentation from Miller Edwards with Mauldin and Jenkins.

Mr. Miller Edwards, Mauldin and Jenkins, joined the meeting

6. Presentation from Mauldin and Jenkins.

Mr. Miller Edwards, Mauldin and Jenkins, presented the reasons why a Forensic Audit would not find what the Commission is seeking. He continued that Macon-Bibb County needed an advisor to assure that the decisions they are making regarding spending money on projects was a wise decision. A Forensic Audit would not do that. He also stated that a Forensic Audit would not find where the money went and how it was spent because the audit that was presented every year shows the Commission that information. He stated that an agreed upon procedures list would find where money would be moved or spent and that who approved those movements would help keep the Commission informed. He stated that the forming of the budget should be placed in the Finance Office and that amendments to the Budget should be presented at the end of each month not at the end of the fiscal year which has been done in the past. He continued that Macon-Bibb County's biggest problem, when it came to the budget, was that for four years the revenue has been over estimated and that had resulted in funds being pulled from the Fund Balance.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Resolution to direct procurement to prepare a Request for Proposals related to soliciting the services of an out Forensic Auditing Firm to perform a Forensic Audit on Macon-Bibb County Finances was tabled.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the County is instructed to draw up a Resolution whereby Macon-Bibb County will retain the services of Mauldin and Jenkins to help draw up a list, submitted by the Commission, for the "agreed upon procedures" as it relates to financial procedures.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross
Clerk of the Commission