COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

April 13, 2021

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Mayor Lester M. Miller
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark
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
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Rachel Gambill, Public Affairs
Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning
Rev. Dr. Henry Ficklin
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney

VISITORS PRESENT:
Judge Jeff Hanson

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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miller stated that Commissioner Tillman asked that the Resolution to rename the structure located at 700 Poplar Street be named Macon-Bibb City Hall.

On motion of Commissioner Clark, seconded b Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously by Commissioner Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Watkins the item was added to the agenda.

Mayor Miller stated that it would be considered at the end of the agenda which would give Commissioner Tillman time to arrive.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2021 MEETING

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

3. ITEMS FOR FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

A. An Ordinance to authorize a budget transfer within the Tax Commissioner's Budget, from the Repairs & Maintenance - Software Licenses and Maintenance Line Item to the Small Equipment & Improvements Line Item in the amount of $13,000 to provide for the purchase of camera systems and monitors (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was approved and will be added to the consent agenda for final approval.

Mayor Miller stated that because this item was above $10,000 the County Code required it to come to the Commission for approval. He stated that he would be asking to increase the amount allowed for transfer without Commission approval. The $10,000 was set a long time ago and with inflation the amount should be raised. The fact that it is a transfer within their own budget, the transfer should be able to happen without coming to the Commission.

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Task Release Agreement #4 with Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. to assist with landfill operations and provide other services relating to the preparation and closure of the Walker Road Landfill for a fee not to exceed $2,067,310 payable out of 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution for Agreement #4 was approved.

Commissioner Tillman arrived.

C. An Ordinance to approve a Budget Transfer and reappropriation of $80,544 from the 2015 Blight Bond Fund - Administration Line Item to the 2015 Blight Bond Fund - District 5 Contingency Line Item for the completion of improvements at Mattie Hubbard Jones Park and Culver Street (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was approved.

4. COUNTY ROADS

A. A Resolution to authorize the acceptance and registration of three unregistered, paved roads in the Goodall Woods Subdivision Phase II, for public use as part of the County Road System (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Resolution to accept three roads was approved.

B. An Ordinance to dedicate a portion of Sardis Church Road Extension in memory of Cary V. Becham's contribution to his Country and Community; appropriating $500 from Fund Balance to the Facilities Management Department for the purchase of Materials (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Bill Howell)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to dedicate a portion of Sardis Church Road in memory of Cary v. Becham's was approved.

5. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

A. A Resolution to authorize and approve the purchase of one 100 foot Arial Platform Class A Pumper with 500 Horsepower Cummings Diesel Engine and 2 Class A Custom Cab Pumpers for the Fire Department in the amount of $250,000 from the Station, Inc., d.b.a. Company Two, to be paid by the Capital Improvements Fund

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution to purchase Pumpers for the Fire Department was approved.

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Flint Equipment Company in the amount of $83,450.00 for the purchase of John Deere Utility tractor with funds to be paid from the Middle Georgia regional Airport Machinery and Equipment Fund (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Flint Equipment for a John Deere tractor was approved.

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Wade Ford, Inc in the amount of $62,313 for the purchase of three Ford Escape s FWD with funds to be paid from the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Fund (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Wade Ford for three Ford Escapes for the Fire Department was approved.

6. STATE COURT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

A. An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County State Court's Organizational Chart (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to amend the State Court's Organizational Chart was approved with the corrected organizational chart.

7. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Walden Food Mart located at 7395 Industrial Highway, Macon, GA 31216

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the New License for Walden Food was approved.

B. Final Port Imports LLC located at 4480 Forty One Circle, Suite A, Macon, GA 31206

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the New License for Final Port Imports was approved.

C. New Alcohol Beverage License for Zaks Food Mart located at 1257 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31201

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the New License for Zaks Food Mart was approved.

D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Everest Service located at 2746 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31204

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the New License for Everest Service was approved.

8. A Resolution to officially name the structure located at 700 Poplar Street as the "Macon-Bibb City Hall"

   On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Resolution was amended to "Macon City Hall".

   On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved as amended.

9. 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);

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission