

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2022

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Virgil Watkins

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark
Commissioner Al Tillman

GUESTS

Sarah Schanck, Family Justice Center
Andrea Cooke, Mental Health Matters
Warren Selby, Warren Associates
June O'Neal, Mentor's Project

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Sara Davis, Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning
Dr. Henry Ficklin
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Olivia Walter, Communications
Edna Ruiz, Communications
Wanzina Jackson, Economic Community Development
Fire Chief Shane Edwards
Garin Flanders, Macon-Bibb Co. Fire Dept
Reco Stephens, Asst. Fire Chief

Debra Rollins, Rebuilding Macon
Gi Gi Rolfs
Patty Gibbs

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole from February 8, 2022

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of February 8, 2022 were approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS

The following organization presented information on their agency:

- A. Presentation by Sarah Schanck on the Family Justice Center
- B. Presentation by Andrea Cooke on Mental Health Matters
- C. Presentation by the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department on the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department Training Academy.
- D. Proclamation Presentation for National Community Development Week and introduction of agencies receiving funding.

Commissioner Wilder presented the proclamation for National Community Development Week.

3. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Napier Fine Inc. d.b.a. Fine Fare Grocery located at 3741 Napier Avenue, Macon, GA 31204

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the license for Fine Fare Grocery was approved.

- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Jefferson 22, LLC d.b.a. Stop N. Go located at 1278 Jeffersonville Road, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the license was denied based on the Applicant submitted an updated business identification form, indicating the business was a "food mart." Based on the inspection by Code Enforcement, this establishment lacked the necessary variety of fresh fruits and/or vegetables and lacked the fresh meat required to be considered a food mart and is more readily classified as a vice mart.

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for PG Food 22, LLC d.b.a. Bloomfield Store located at 4930 Bloomfield Road, Suite 200, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the license was denied based on the lack of raw meat to be considered a food mart and should be classified as a vice mart.

4. APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARD, COMMITTEES

- A. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 13, Sections 2-842 and 2-843 of the Code to alter the membership structure of the Public Art Board; to terminate the current membership of the Public Art Board; to appoint members to the new Public Art Board (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr)

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Public Arts Board membership restructure was approved.

5. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Prologic ITS LLC for the purchase and installation of equipment to properly equip 7 Sheriff vehicles, in the amount of \$171,807.44 to be paid from the SPLOST 2018 Fund, Public Safety, Sheriff Vehicles, Machinery & Equipment Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the purchase order for installation of equipment to seven Sheriff vehicles was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to Master Solar Energy Procurement Agreement with Cherry Street Capital Fund II, LLC for the construction of New Solar Rooftop Projects at (1) North Macon Park, (2) Rosa Jackson Recreation Center (3) Frank Johnson Recreation Center, and (4) Delores a. Brooks Recreation Center; to provide solar Power at no added cost to Macon-Bibb County; to allow for other governmental entities to utilize the terms of the agreement (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the amendment to the Master Solar Energy Agreement was approved.

Commissioner Watkins left the meeting at this time.

6. APPROPRIATIONS

- A. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of \$100,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the purpose of providing funding for the Macon Mental Health Matters Program (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously the appropriation for funding to the Macon Mental Health Matters Program was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to authorize a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund - Fund Balance to Capital Improvement Fund in the total amount of \$315,500 for the repair of damaged fire stations and replacement of damaged fire equipment; and to amend the Organizational Chart to add an Assistant Fire Chief (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the appropriation to repair the fire stations was approved.

7. GRANT ACCEPTANCE

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council FY2021 Violence Against Women Act (AWA) Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 with no local match required, to the office of the Solicitor General (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Grant for violence Against Women Act was approved.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF UNREGISTERED ROAD

- A. A Resolution to authorize the acceptance and registration of one unregistered, paved road in the Burchwood Plantation Subdivision, for public use as part of the County Road System (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the acceptance of Burchwood Plantation Subdivision as a public road was approved.

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);

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for the above stated reasons.

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Executive Session was adjourned.

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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