

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

April 11, 2017

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dale Walker, County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Jansen Head, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Chauncey Wilmore, Procurement
Reggie Moore, Director of Recreation
Erica Woodford, Superior Court Clerk
Ben Hubbard, Director, Human Resources
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

VISITORS:

Miller Heath, Central City Commons
June Parker, Executive Director, Macon Housing Authority
Clay Murphey, SPLOST Project Manager
Gram Slaton, Executive Director, Grand Opera House
Bob Brown, BTBB Architects
Tim Thornton, Central City Commons

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1. Central City Commons Development

Discussion

Mr. Heath explained that the project had hit a snag during the engineering phase. There is only a seven inch pipe that carries storm water drainage from above the project through the property. There is also some problems with the amount of utilities located underground. He stated that he is working with Georgia Power and Atlanta Gas Light regarding these issues. He stated that the Urban Development Authority had been able to work out a schedule to provide financial assistance so therefore no SPLOST monies will be allocated for the project at this time. Mr. Heath stated that he was there to ask for assistance with the stormwater drainage problem. It was agreed that a worksession would be scheduled to gather more information. Mr. Heath announced that Macon Arts is working with them to display art work in the walkway from the parking deck to the auditorium. Mayor Reichert stated that this was a good opportunity to include the recent drawings of Rosa Parks Square that HGOR had recently designed. It may be a good time to tie these two project together.

2. 2018 SPLOST Bond Appropriation Process

Discussion

After discussion, it was agreed that another worksession was needed to discuss the Project List and Timeline. The Clerk will poll the Commission to establish the time for the worksession.

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