

PRE-COMMISSION ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

April 5, 2022

The Pre-Commission meeting acting as a Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Lester M. Miller.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller
Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson-*On phone due to weather*
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

GUESTS:

Sheriff David Davis
Tracie Revis
Ethiel Garlington
Moises Velez Saez
Amy Tarpley
Andrea Cooke

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Frank Howard, 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
Andrianna Beavers, Asst. County Attorney
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Pre – Commission acting as Committee of the Whole from March 15, 2022

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of March 15, 2022 was approved.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miller apologized for the delay in starting as many of the staff and commission were sheltering in place. He reminded everyone to call 1-833-535-4362 to report damage.

Mayor Miller welcomed Sheriff David Davis back and stated that the Macon-Bibb County family had been praying for him. He continued that he would take the two Sheriff's item first.

9:A An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County Organizational Chart by transferring the E-911 Department to be under the control of the Bibb County Sheriff's Office; to transfer control of the Macon-Bibb County E-911 Department to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the E-911 Department will be moved to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

3. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

- A. An ordinance to authorize a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund - Fund Balance to the Sheriff's Office - Animal Welfare Budget - Salaries and Benefits Component in the total amount of \$37,500.00 in order to fund one veterinarian and one veterinary technician position for the remainder of FY22 (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion on Mayor Pro Tem Clark and seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the supplemental appropriation for Animal Welfare was approved.

4. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Macon Beer Company located at 345 Oglethorpe Street, Macon, GA 31201

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the new license for Macon Beer Company was approved.

- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Macon Beer Company located at 458 Second Street, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the new license for Macon Beer Company was approved.

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for A. K. Express located at 1091 Clinton Road, Macon, GA

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the new license for A. K. Express was approved.

Commissioner Tillman arrived at this time.

- D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Coliseum Foods, LLC d.b.a. Quick Mart located at 385 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the new license for Coliseum Foods d.b.a. Quick Mart was approved.

- E. New Alcohol Beverage License for El Paraiso Bar & Grill, LLC located at 2822 Bloomfield Drive, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the new license for Macon Beer Company was approved.

5. APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARD, COMMITTEES

- A. A Resolution to appoint Tracie Revis, Ethiel Garlington and Moises Velez Saez to serve as a members of the Bi-Centennial Committee (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the appointment of Tracie Revis, Ethiel Garlington and Moises Velez Saez were appointed to the Bi-centennial Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark gave a brief introduction of Tracie Revis who is new to the Community and is working to ensure that Ocmulgee Park becomes a National Park.

6. STREET LIGHT PETITIONS

- A. A Resolution approving a petition for the installation of three Street lights on Farwell Street, pursuant to Article X of Chapter 29 of the Code to be paid from the facilities management budget, services to government - electricity line item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

Commissioner Mallory Jones arrived at this time.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the petition for street lights on Farwell Street was approved.

- B. A Resolution approving a petition for the installation of two Street lights on Pearl Drive, pursuant to Article X of Chapter 29 of the Code to be paid from the facilities management budget, services to government - electricity line item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the petition for street lights on Pearl Street was approved.

7. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve monthly payments to Western Oilfield Supply Company d.b.a. Rain for Rent Atlanta in a total annual amount of \$255,000 to be paid from SPLOST Funds for the Walker Road Landfill Closure, for the Rental of Landfill Closure Supplies and Equipment (sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the monthly payment to Western Oilfield Supply Company was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Woolpert Inc., in the amount of \$428,724.12 for the purchase of Ortho base Mapping Services and Hardware for the I. T. Department to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund - IT Department Computers & Hardware Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with Woolpert was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with DISYS Solutions, Inc, in the amount of \$698,539.29 for the purchase of CISCO Core Switch Replacements for the I.T. Department to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund - IT Department Computers & Hardware Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with DISYS Solutions was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with ARS/JR, Inc., d.b.a. AllSouth Roofing Solutions in the amount of \$105,000.00 for roof and seal repair and replacement services at the Grand Opera House to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund - Facilities Management Buildings & Building Improvements Line Item (sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the agreement with ARS/JR for roofing on the Grand Opera House was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Bennett Sheet Metal Works, Inc in the amount of \$345,258 to be paid from the Airport Fund for the Middle Georgia Regional Airport for the provision of Hangar Roof Retrofit Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with Bennett Sheet Metal Works for a roof on the Hangar was approved.

- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with H2 Aeroservices, LLC for the lease of two former Air National Guard Buildings at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously the agreement with H2 Aeroservices to lease two former Air National Guard Buildings was approved.

- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Peed Bros., Inc in the amount of \$472,780.90 to be paid from the grants fund, Airport Perimeter Fencing, property construction contracts line item, for the construction and installation of a Perimeter Fence at the Macon Downtown Airport (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with Peed Brothers was approved.

8. GRANTS ACCEPTANCE

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the United States Tennis Association Southern Parks and Recreation Grant in the amount of \$2,000, with no local match, to be used by the Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation Department at the Randy Stephens Tennis Center (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the grant from the United Tennis Association was accepted.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Acceptance of a grant from the People's Advocacy Group in the amount of \$25,000 with no local match, to be used by Macon-Bibb County for the purpose of funding travel to and participation in the 2022 GARE Annual Membership Conference (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins)

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the grant for the travel expenses for the 2022 GARE Annual Conference was accepted.

9. DEDICATION OF TENNIS COURTS

- A. An Ordinance to dedicate the Tennis Courts at Mattie Hubbard Jones Park in memory of Ms. Naomi Johnson's contributions to the Pleasant Hill Community; appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the general fund - fund balance to the Facilities Management Department for the purchase of material and memorial signage (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr. and Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark)

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the dedication of the Tennis Courts at Mattie Hubbard Jones in memory of Ms. Naomi Johnson was approved.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

- B. An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County Budget and Strategic Planning Office's Organization Chart for purposes of adding a new MVP Coordinator Position; to provide funding from previously appropriated funds to pay for costs associated with said position (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the new MVP Coordinator Position was approved.

11. SPLOST

- A. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to \$4,000,000.00 from the 2018 SPLOST Proceeds, 2022 Courthouse Addition - Courthouse Line Item, for the payment of costs related to the construction of additional courtroom space at the Macon Mall (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the \$4,000,000 for the courtrooms at the Courthouse were approved.

- B. A Resolution to approve the thirty-fourth amendment to the 2018 SPLOST Project Timeline and Budget as presented by the SPLOST Project Manager (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the 34th amendment to the SPLOST Timeline was approved.

12. CHANGE TO THE CODE

- A. An Ordinance to amend Chapters 11, 21, and 23 of the Code to reflect the Macon Water Authority's Status as local issuing authority and ensure compliance with Georgia Environmental Protection Division Standards (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Code was amended to ensure compliance with Georgia Environmental Protection Division Standards.

13. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Clark and seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for reason stated above.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark and seconded by Commissioner Wilder the Executive Session was adjourned with no action.

14. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

- A. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Preliminary Development Agreement With The Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority And Gateway/75, LLC, To Provide For The Initial Planning And Development Of A Mixed Used Retail And Multi-Family Residential Development With A Parking Deck (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark and seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Agreement with the Urban Development Authority and Gateway 75 for the initial planning and development of a mixed use retail and multi-family residential development with a parking deck was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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