

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

March 26, 2019

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Moffett County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Kim Roberts, Finance
Erick D'Leon, MBC Airports
Dave Fortson, Director, Engineering Department
Clay Murphey, SPLOST Manager

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Mallory Jones

GUESTS PRESENT

Lester Miller, President, Bibb Board of Education
Wade McCord, Tax Commissioner
Bob Faulkner, Judge, Municipal Court
Charles Richardson, Urban Development Authority
Greg Taylor, Nationwide
Michelle Duran, Regional Manager, Amstar

NEW MEDIA:

Eric Mock, WGXA
Abby Kousouris, 13WMAZ

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order and asked Chris Floore to report on the Knope contest. He then called on Michael McNeill who reported on the filming for the Brooklyn Series that will take place in downtown Macon April 15th – 17, 2019.

1. Approval of minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Southern Star, LLC d.b.a. Amstar16 Macon located at 5993 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31210

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried five to two with Commissioners Shepherd, Watkins, Tillman, Schlesinger and Allen casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Wynn and Lucas casting the dissenting votes, the New Alcohol Beverage License for AmStar was approved.

3. Board of Elections

Mayor Reichert informed the Committee he had received a letter from the Board of Elections regarding the recent vote for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elections. Reverend, Dr. Henry Ficklin was elected as the Chairman and Mr. Mike Kaplan was elected as Vice-Chairman.

4. Lease Agreement with the Industrial Authority

- A. A Resolution authorizing Macon-Bibb County to enter into an Intergovernmental Ground Lease Agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority relating to the former Yulista Hanger and Boeing Building at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport so that the Authority will be authorized and enabled to take such actions necessary to find and secure a new industrial tenant.,

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commission Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the Industrial Authority was approved.

Commissioner Jones joined the meeting by phone.

5. Bond For Blight

- A. A Resolution to authorize further necessary investigation and action to secure \$35,000 in bonds for the purpose of vacant lot maintenance, blighted housing demolition and other infrastructure beautification in Macon-Bibb County

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried five to three with Commissioners Allen, Shepherd, Wynn, Schlesinger and Jones casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Tillman, Lucas and Watkins casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution was tabled.

Commissioner Jones left the meeting by phone.

6. Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Human Resources Director to select that option approved by the Commission for purpose of changing the guaranteed minimum interest rate of the Fixed Annuity Contract available under the Bibb County OBRA457(B) Deferred Compensation Retirement Program

ACTION

On motion of Commission Wynn seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution to choose Option B of the minimum interest rate of the Fixed Annuity Contract was approved.

7. Request for State Court to Take Over Municipal Court

- A. A Resolution to request that the local Legislative Delegation introduce during the 2017 Session of the Georgia General Assembly local legislation to provide the State Court to take on the Municipal Court caseload in accordance with the proposal attached.

ACTION

On motion of Commission Allen, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the item was removed from the table.

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Allen to go into Executive Session, the motion failed by a vote of four to three with Commissioner Tillman, Allen and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Wynn, Lucas, Shepherd and Schlesinger casting the dissenting votes.

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried five to two with Commissioners Lucas, Shepherd, Wynn, Watkins and Schlesinger casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Tillman and Allen casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution was tabled.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission