

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

March 24, 2020

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

Pursuant to instructions from the President of the United States, the Honorable Donald J. Trump, the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian Kemp and the Mayor of Macon-Bibb County, the Honorable Robert A. B. Reichert, the Macon-Bibb County Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 will be available to the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners by conference call only for the 9:00 a.m. committee of the whole meeting.

The commission chambers will be closed to the public and press, as we follow the recommendation from the white house to limit public gatherings for the next 15 days, in order to slow the spread of covid-19. Therefore, the public and press may only access the meeting simultaneously online at www.maconbibb.us or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

The following individuals were on the tele-conference.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission

Mayor Reichert led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger.

Mayor Reichert gave an update on the COVID-19 virus. He thanked the Commission for their thoughts, prayers and suggestions during this time. He addressed the Administrative Directive issued the day before and stated that it would expire on April 6, 2020. Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney, summarized the two Executive Orders Governor Brian Kemp issued yesterday.

Mayor Reichert stated that the Middle Georgia Airport had been contacted regarding 20 Regional Jets that and 30 Regional Jets from United Express will be parked at the airport. Macon-Bibb County will be compensated for allowing these Jets to park at the airport.

Commissioner Watkins asked for a brief update from the Navicent and Coliseum Park Hospital. Mayor stated that he knew there were several people at Navicent being treated. He does not have an accurate number at this time. He will get an update and send on to the Commission.

1. Approval of minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. New Business

- A. A Resolution approving and authorizing the closure of a portion of Dannenberg Avenue for the purpose of accommodating new development in the area (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert).

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried eight to one with Commissioners Allen, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman, Watkins and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote.

- B. A Resolution approving and authorizing the closure of a portion of Chestnut Street Lane for the purpose of accommodating new development in the area (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried eight to one with Commissioners Allen, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman, Watkins and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote.

- C. A Resolution Approving and authorizing the closure of a portion of Chestnut Street for the purpose of accommodating new development in the area (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried eight to one with Commissioners Allen, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman, Watkins and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sales agreement with North America Fire Equipment Company, Inc. ("NAFECO"), in the amount of one hundred eighteen thousand seven hundred eighty-three dollars and 35/100 cents (\$118,783.35), for the purchase of V-Force Turn Out Gear; to be paid from 2018 SPLOST funds for Public Safety, Fire Department Upgrade Line item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute a purchase and sale agreement to purchase turn out gear for the Fire Department was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sales agreement with All Star Arenas, LLC, for the purchase of a Zamboni 546 Ice Resurfacer in the amount of one hundred fifty-two thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars and 05/100 (\$152,267.05): to be paid from 2018 SPLOST Funds for Culture and Recreation, Coliseum Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute a purchase and sale agreement to purchase a Zamboni 546 Resurfacer was approved.

- F. A Resolution to approve the terms of a Professional Services Agreement with Agape Tennis Academy, LLC for exclusive Tennis and Pickleball Professional Services at all Macon-Bibb County Tennis Centers and a Lease Agreement for the Pro Shops located at all Macon-Bibb County Tennis Centers in exchange for fees paid to the County as described herein (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

Commissioner Wynn moved to approve; Commissioner Jones seconded.

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

- G. An Ordinance adopting Emergency Public Health measures relating to the conduct of Funerals for the duration of the State of Georgia Public Health Emergency (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman)

Mayor Reichert stated that he had already issued an administrative directive regarding funerals and also had issued an administrative directive to stop gatherings of more than 10 people. Mayor Pro Tem Tillman, sponsor of the Ordinance, pulled the ordinance for consideration.

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