

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

March 8, 2022

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller
Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark (by phone)
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commissioner Paul Bronson – on the phone

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

GUESTS

Denny Jones
Alex Habersham
Chris Sheridan
Gary Wheat
James Barfield
Karla Redding Andrews
Susan Cable
Beverly Olson
Wes Griffith

GUESTS

Andrea Cooke
Anna Roberts
Dr Beverly Glover
Jaime Kaplan
Jim Montgomery
Oney Hudson
Sylvia McGee
Virgil Adams

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. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Habersham thanked the Commission for all their support during the 40 years of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

3. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Hari Shiv d.b.a. Z-1 located at 6620 Columbus Road, Suite B, Lizella GA

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the license for beer and wine was approved and the license for distilled spirits was denied upon recommendation of the County Attorney due to the licenses expired on

December 31, 2021 pursuant to MBC Code Sec/ 4-504/ Applicant submitted application on February 3, 2022. Pursuant to MBC Code Sec. 4-91 (e) a liquor license shall not be issued if application is made after the expiration of licensure. Therefore legal recommends denial of the distilled spirits package to go license. However, Applicant meets criteria for wine packaged to go and malt packaged to go licenses.

- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Jaymadi2818 d.b.a. Food Mart located at 6230 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31210

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously the license for Food Mart was approved.

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

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the license was tabled to give Code Enforcement to go back and look at the camera ordinance that was passed and report back to the Commission on the video cameras that was passed regarding the placement of cameras.

- D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Mayfield 2021 d.b.a. Exxon Food Mart located at 3170 Millerfield Road, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the license for Mayfield was approved.

- E. New Alcohol Beverage License for Vista Bar and Lounge located at 3642 West Napier Avenue, Macon GA 31204

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the license was tabled to give Code Enforcement to go back and look at the camera ordinance that was passed and report back to the Commission on the video cameras that was passed regarding the placement of cameras.

4. APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARD, COMMITTEES

- A. A Resolution to appoint Willie Charles Murphy to serve as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the appointment of Willie Charles Murphy to the Transit Authority was approved.

- B. Resolution to appoint the twenty two people as identified herein, to serve as members of the Macon-Bibb County Bicentennial Committee (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the members of the Bicentennial Committee were approved.

- C. A Resolution to appoint Kyle Greene to the 457/401 Pension Committee (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the appointment of Kyle Greene to the 57/401 Pension Committee was approved.

5. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Food Distribution Service Agreements in a total amount of \$500,000 for the provision of Community Food Distribution Services on behalf of Macon-Bibb County, to be paid from ARPA Funds previously appropriated for this purpose (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously the agreement for Food Distribution Services was approved.

6. 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, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

The Commission then travelled to the new Convenience Center on 11th Street for a tour of the facility.

Respectfully submitted:

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