

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

February 23, 2016

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dale Walker, County Manager
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Reggie Moore, Director of Recreation
Ben Hubbard, Director of Human Resources

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

VISITORS

Judge Bill Adams, State Court
Rufus Holmes, Bibb County Retiree Association
Clay Murphey, SPLOST Manager

NEWS MEDIA

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo, WMAZ 13 TV

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1. 2018 SPLOST

Discussion

Mayor Reichert distributed a tentative timeline to the Election to pass the SPLOST. He asked that the dates be struck through so the Commission could choose new dates for the meetings. The Commission was in agreement that an outside facilitator should be employed to help lead the discussion on projects. Commissioners also agreed that there should be four to five meetings held in the community with the last meeting taking place at the Government Center. Commissioner Bechtel suggested one meeting be held at the John Drew Tennis Center which would encompass three different districts. Mayor Reichert suggested that the projects line up closely with the strategic plans for Macon-Bibb County which was designed by the Commission.

2. Department of Justice Report

Discussion

Mayor Reichert discussed a recent meeting at the Sheriff's Office to hear from the Department of Justice on the OJP Diagnostic Center Technical Assistance on behalf of the Bibb County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Reichert stated that he was referring this report to Public Safety Committee. Commissioner Bivins stated that he would like to be on the Committee to work on the solutions for issues referred to in the report.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CCC
Clerk of the Commission