

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

February 11, 2020

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Joel Callins, Assistant County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Sheriff David Davis, Bibb County Sheriff's Office

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman

GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Howell
Robert Abbott
Raymond Wilder
Wade Green, Safebuilt

NEW MEDIA:

Tanya Modersitzki, WMGT
Tiffany Thompson, WGXA
Liz Jarvis, Center for Collaborative Journalism

1. Approval of minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. SafeBuilt

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a professional services agreement with Safebuilt Georgia, LLC to provide a full range of internal and external services for building development administration, professional plan review, and inspection services, to include labor, supervision, materials, equipment, and transportation needed to perform high quality work, with compensation to be sixty percent of county building permit fees and other hourly rates as provided herein, to be paid from Business Development Services budget, Contract Labor - Contractual Services Line item)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger the Resolution failed to pass by a vote of four to two with Commissioners Jones, Allen Bivins and Schlesinger casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Wynn and Watkins casting the dissenting votes.

On motion of Commissioner Wynn seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the item was reconsidered.

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, the Resolution passed by a vote of five to one with Commissioners Jones, Allen, Wynn, Bivins and Schlesinger casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote.

3. Georgia Local government Infrastructure Finance Authority

4. Subsequent Tax Sale Process

- A. A Resolution to declare its support for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert))

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution to declare its support for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act was approved.

5. One Time Safe Haven

- A. An Ordinance to provide a One-Time Safe Haven Period for the late payment of Business License Fees (Sponsored by Commissioner Mallory Jones)

ACTION

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

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to provide a One-Time Safe Haven Period was approved.

6. Alcohol Business License

- A. Written Opinion from Special Master regarding Pearl's 35, LLC d.b.a. Friends Food Mart located at 3350 Houston Avenue, Macon, Ga.

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Alcohol Beverage License for Pearl 35, LLC d.b.a. Friends Food Mart located at 3350 Houston Avenue was denied based on the opinion of the Special Master.

7. 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);

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger the meeting went into Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the meeting returned to regular session.

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