

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

## MINUTES

February 9, 2021

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

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller  
Commissioner Valerie Wynn  
Commissioner Paul Bronson  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Commissioner Mallory Jones  
Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark  
Commissioner Raymond Wilder  
Commissioner Bill Howell  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney  
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney  
Michelle Harris, Assistant County Attorney  
Chris Floore, Public Affairs  
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission  
Rachel Gambill, Public Affairs  
Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning  
Rev. Dr. Henry Ficklin  
Charise Stephens, Director, Small Business  
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Al Tillman

### VISITORS PRESENT:

Clay Muphey, SPLOST Project Manager

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#### 1. Approval of minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting

*On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved.*

#### 2. New Alcohol Beverage Licenses

##### A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Discount Zone located at 2031 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA 31211

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, the vote was five to three to deny with Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Commissioners Wynn, Lucas, Bronson and Watkins casting the dissenting vote and Commissioners Jones, Howell and Wilder casting the affirmative votes the license was denied.*

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the action was up for reconsideration.*

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson the license for Discount Zone was tabled for more information regarding distance and the over population of liquor licenses on Shurling Drive.*

##### B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Chevron Food Mart located at 1106 Rocky Creek Rd, Macon, GA 31210

*On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried six to two with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Wilder, and Howell casting the affirmative votes and Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting votes, the was approved.*

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for Shell Food Mart at 6369 Thomaston Road, Suite 100, Macon, GA 31220

*On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously the license for Shell Food Mart was approved.*

- D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Botella Distribution Company located at 4480 Forty One Circle, Suite B, Macon, GA 31206

*On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously the license for Botella Distribution Company was approved.*

- E. New Alcohol Beverage License for VMR Food Mart located at 6140 Thomaston Road, Macon, GA 31220

*On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously the license for VMR Food Mart was approved.*

### 3. Appointments to Authorities, Boards and Commissions

- A. A Resolution appointing Lisa Watson to serve on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, Lisa Watson was appointed to the MLK Board.*

- B. A Resolution submitting Dr. Theresa Robinson, Milton Appling and Bill Tift as a slate of nominees to succeed Shantel King-Whitby on the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Lester)

*On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Lucas casting the dissenting votes the slate to succeed Shantell King Whitby to the Hospital Authority was approved.*

- C. A Resolution submitting David Danzie, Andy Galloway and Ellis Evans as a slate of nominees to succeed David Danzie on the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the slate of nominees to succeed David Danzie to the Hospital Authority Board was approved.*

### 4. Black History Month

- A. A Resolution to recognize the month of February 2021 as Black History Month (Sponsored by Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Resolution to recognize the month of February 2021 as Black History Month was approved.*

5. Items for Financial Consideration

- A. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for a 2021 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$1,928,431.65 authorizing the acceptance of said funds and appropriating funds for the required local match plus additional funding, of up to \$826,821.00 all to be paid from 2018 SPLOST Revenues, CY2021 Roads and Bridges LMIG Line Item, should said application be approved; identifying the list of Road Projects to be funded thereby (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and Carried unanimously the Ordinance authorizing the application for the LMIG grant was approved.*

- B. A Resolution to approve the Twenty-Ninth Amendment to the 2018 SPLOST Project Timeline and Budget as presented by the SPLOST Project Manager (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve the 29<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the 2018 SPLOST Project Timeline was approved.*

- C. Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to \$5,656,359 from the 2018 SPLOST Proceeds Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item for the payment of costs related to the closure of the landfill (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried seven to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, and Howell casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote, the Appropriation for the Closure Line Item for the landfill was approved.*

- D. An Ordinance to authorize a supplemental budget appropriation from fund balance to the Coroner's Office Budget – Contractual Service Line Item in the amount of \$100,000 to provide funding for expenses related to the pickup and storage of Human Remains (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the budget appropriation of the Coroner's Office was approved.*

- E. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Grant from the Office of Justice Programs under "The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: Mitigating Threats of Targeted Violence" in the amount of \$750,000 to be used by the Macon Circuit District Attorney's Office, with no local match requirement (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously the Grant from the Office of Justice Programs for the District Attorney's Office was approved.*

- F. An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to amend Article V of Chapter 6 of the Inaugural Code of Macon-Bibb County relating to the Blight Elimination Revolving Loan Fund, to appropriate money received from the subsequent tax sale program to the fund. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of commissioner Lucas seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was amended to remove the word Loan.*

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously the Ordinance was approved as amended.*

6. Establish Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program in School Zones

- A. A. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the Code; to establish an automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program in Macon-Bibb County School Zones; to provide for the enforcement of such a program (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Paul Bronson)

*On motion of Commissioner Brownson, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to establish automated traffic Enforcement Safety Device Programs in the School Zones was approved.*

- B. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Professional Services Agreement With Optotrafic, LLC For The Provision Of Automated School Zone Speed Cameras (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Optotrafic was approved.*

*Commissioner Mallory Jones left the meeting at this time.*

7. Contracts for Implementation or Renewal

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Service Agreement with WMA Planning/Designers, Inc. d.b.a. WM2A Architects in the amount of \$25,000 for completion of design services for the Judicial Parking Lot Project, to be paid from 2018 SPLOST Funds - Judicial Parking Deck Property Line item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

*On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the agreement with WMA Planning for the Judicial parking Lot Project was approved.*

8. Informational Items

- A. A Resolution to officially name the structure located at 700 Poplar Street as the "Macon-Bibb City Hall" (Sponsored by Commissioner Al Tillman)
- B. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Articles II and V of the Code for the purpose of establishing Macon-Bibb County as the exclusive collector of commercial solid waste and providing for franchise fees for such collection activities (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

9. Executive Session

*The meeting did not go into Executive Session.*

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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Janice S. Ross, CMC  
Clerk of the Commission