

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

February 9, 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
David Davis, Sheriff of Bibb County
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
Chauncey Wilmore, Director of Procurement
Tonya Slaughter, Municipal Court

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo, WMAZ 13 TV

VISITORS

Governor Roy Barnes, Barnes Law Group
Rufus Holmes, Bibb County Retiree Association
Mike Smallwood, Bibb County Retiree
Brett Lavender, Candidate for Chief Information Officer
David Worley, Harris Penn Lowry
Clay Murphey, SPLOST Manager

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Mayor Reichert stated if there were no objections, he was rearranging the order of the agenda items to accommodate the auditors and the Director and Chairman of the Macon Water Authority.

1. Approval of Minutes

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting were approved.

2. Appointments of the Municipal Court Clerk and Chief Information Officer

Discussion

Mayor Reichert introduced LaTonya Slaughter and Brett Lavender. Ms. Slaughter is the Mayor's nomination for Clerk of Municipal Court. Ms. Slaughter has served in Municipal Court for over 20 years. Mayor Reichert stated that Mr. Lavender is his nominee for Chief Information Officer. Mr. Lavender is the Director of Information Technology for the Clayton County Board of

Commissioners and has served in that role for the past 8 years and has also served in the Information Technology Department at Clayton County since 1985. .

3. Executive Session

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the meeting was closed at 9:20 a.m. for consultation with legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the meeting was re-opened at 9:53 a.m.

4. Adding Item to the Agenda

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the following item was added to the agenda:

- *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to retain the services of outside legal counsel to conduct an inquiry and possible litigation in connection with the recovery of certain underpaid, uncollected and/or unremitted 9-1-1- and/or E-9-1-1 fees due to Macon-Bibb County*

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to retain the services of outside legal counsel to conduct an inquiry and possible litigation in connection with the recovery of certain underpaid, uncollected and/or unremitted 9-1-1- and/or E-9-1-1 fees due to Macon-Bibb County was approved.

5. Initiate the Process for 2018 SPLOST

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the Resolution to initiate the process for the 2018 SPLOST

was amended to strike “the Mayor” and replace with “the Commission” in the paragraph NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the Resolution to initiate the process for the 2018 SPLOST was amended to strike “at the earliest appropriate time, but no later than” and replace with “on November 8, 2016”.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman, and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the Resolution to initiate the process for the 2018 SPLOST which will include: preparation of a Project list, scheduling and holding community sessions regarding possible projects, finalization of the project list and sending notice to the Board of Elections to conduct the necessary public referendum on November 8, 2016 was approved.

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