

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

February 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 Paul Bronson
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

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
Wanzina Jackson, Director, Economic & Community Dev.
Karen Penneycuff, Risk Management

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole from January 11, 2022

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of January 11, 2022 was approved.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Heart of GA Inc. Granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$21,888.00 to provide for mentoring services to youth (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for Big Brothers and Big Sisters was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc. granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$41,174.00 to provide individuals and families involved in domestic violence situations with groceries, household and medical supplies, and comprehensive services

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with HomeFirst Housing Resource Services, Inc granting a community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$80,339 for HomeFirst Housing Resource Services to provide home ownership counseling, foreclosure counseling and homebuyer education (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for HomeFirst was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Mentors Project of Bibb County, Inc. granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$12,000 to fund the Mentors Project of Bibb County Program (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for the Mentors Project was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Family Advancement Ministries, Inc. granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$10,061 to Family Advancement Ministries, Inc. for the provision of Child Car Seats and Proper Car Seat Installation training to low income families (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for Family Advancement Ministries was approved.

- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Rebuilding Macon, Inc granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$133,000 for Rebuilding Macon's Minor Home Repair Project (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for Rebuilding Macon was approved.

- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc. granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$28,442.00 to Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc for counseling and therapeutic programs for low income families (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for the Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia was approved.

- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Rebuilding Macon, Inc, granting a Community Development Block Grant (DCBG) in the amount of \$52,000 to Rebuilding Macon, Inc for the provision of Volunteer Youth Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for Volunteer Youth Services was approved.

- I. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (E)C) granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$15,000 for the provision of dental services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the CDBG grant for the dental services was approved.

4. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a management with the Summit Group for the management of the County-Owned Property located at 688 Walnut Steet with compensation to managing agent equal to 4% of gross receipts collected per month (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with the Summit Group for management of 688 Walnut Street was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Deere and Company through its dealer Greenville Turf and Tractor, in the amount of \$122,195.29 for the purchase of two mowers to be used at Bowden Golf Course, to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund, Bowden Golf Course, Machinery & Equipment line item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the agreement with Deere and Company for two mowers for Bowden Golf Course was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreement with Underwriters Safety and Claims, Inc to perform Workers' Compensation Claims Administration Services over the course of 3 years in the amounts of \$46,000 in year 1, \$47,400 in Year 2, and \$48,800 in year 3, to be paid from the Workers Compensation Fund, Workers Comp, Administrative Fees, TPA/ASO Fee Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Underwriters Safety and Claims was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interstate Interchange Landscaping Installation Agreement with Paulk Landscaping & Nursery Inc. to perform Landscape Installation Services at the I-75 Pio Nono, Eisenhower, and Bass Road Interstate Interchanges, in the amount of \$316,000.00 to be paid from the General Fund, Parks & Beautification, Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the agreement with Paulk Landscaping for perform landscape installation was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interstate Interchange Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Paulk Landscaping & Nursery, Inc to perform landscape maintenance services at the I-75 Pio Nono, Eisenhower, and Bass Road Interstate Interchanges in an annual amount of \$123,000.00 to be paid from the General Fund, Parks & Beautification Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the landscape maintenance agreement with Paul Landscaping was approved.

- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Crime Prevention Services Agreement with Motivating Youth Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$135,000 to be paid from the Macon-Bibb County American Rescue Plan Grant Fund, ARP, Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item for the provision of Community Violence Interruption Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously the agreement with Motivating Youth Foundation in the amount of \$135,000 for Community Violence Interruption Services was approved.

- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Crime Prevention Services Agreement with Community Empowerment Center Incorporated in the amount of \$406,410 to be paid from the Macon-Bibb County American Rescue Plan Grant Fund, ARP, Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item for the provision of Community Violence Interruption Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the agreement with Community Empowerment Center Incorporated for Community Violence Interruption Services was approved.

- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Crime Prevention Services Agreement with Lois's Kids, Inc. in the amount of \$126,000 to be paid from the Macon-Bibb County American Rescue Plan Grant Fund, ARP, Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item for the provision of Community Violence Interruption Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with Lois's Kids in the amount of \$126,000 for Community Violence Interruption Services was approved.

- I. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Crime Prevention Services Agreement with Royal Science in the amount of \$180,000 to be paid from the Macon-Bibb County American Rescue Plan Grant Fund, ARP, Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item for the provision of Community Violence Interruption Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with Royal Services in the amount of \$180,000 to provide for Community Violence Interruption Services was approved.

- J. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a crime intervention, case management and crime prevention service agreement with One World Link, Inc. in the amount of \$811,800.00 to be paid from the Macon-Bibb County American Rescue Plan Grant Fund, ARP, Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item for the provision of Community Interruption Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with One World Link for Community Interruption Services was approved.

5. APPROPRIATION

- A. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to \$150,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the purpose of funding a Project Coordinator for the Macon Violence Prevention Program (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the appropriation of \$150,000 for the purpose of funding a Project Coordinator for the Macon Violence Prevention Program was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to amend the FY2022 Budget by making supplemental appropriations in the total amount of \$4,997,907.00 from General Fund Balance and by making various budget transfers (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the appropriation for various budget transfers was approved.

6. CHANGE TO THE CODE AND/OR POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

- A. An Ordinance to amend certain sections of Chapter 18 of the Code to eliminate the requirement for Fire Civil Service Board Review of New Fire Applicants (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the ordinance to amend Chapter 18 of the Code to eliminate the requirement for Fire Civil Service Board Review of new fire applicants was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County 401(A) Defined Contribution Plan and the Macon-Bibb County 457 (B) Deferred Compensation Plan; to amend Chapter 2 of the code of Ordinances to provide for the formation of a Defined Contribution and Deferred Compensation Plan Administrative Board to administer the same (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On the motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, amendment to the Code regarding the 401A Contribution Plan for employees was approved.

- C. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of the Code to provide for a Definition of Court and Correct Conflicting Provision within the Code (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the amendment to Chapter 7 of the Code was approved.

- D. An Ordinance Amend Chapter 26 of the Code to provide for definition of Court and Correct Conflicting Provision within the Code (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the amendment to Chapter 26 of the Code was approved.

- E. An Ordinance to amend Section 8.07 of the Policies and Procedures Manual so as to allow for the use of sick leave for Mental Health Care purposes (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the amendment to Section 8.07 of the Policy and Procedures Manual to allow for the use of sick leave for Mental Health Care purposes was approved.

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); 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);

Mayor Miller stated that there was no need for an Executive Session.

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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