

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

January 26, 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
Wanzina Jackson, Director, ECD
Charise Stephens, Director, Small Business
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Al Tillman

VISITORS PRESENT:

Wanzina Jackson, Director, ECD
Sheriff David Davis
Henderson Carswell, Sheriff's Office
David Aeillo, Spectra
Bryan Martin, Spectra
Carl Hofstadter, Hofstadter and Associates

1. Adding Items to the agenda:

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the agenda:

- *Three appointment to the Rosa Parks Square Board*
- *A GDOT Grant for the Ocmulgee Trail*

2. Approval of minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved.

3. Appointments to Authorities, Boards and Commissions

- A. A Resolution reappointing Reverend Evans Brown 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 Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Reverend Evans Brown was reappointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

- B. A Resolution reappointing Reverend Henry Ficklin 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 Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Reverend Henry Ficklin was reappointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

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

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Elaine Lucas was reappointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

- D. A Resolution reappointing Reverend Dominique Johnson 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 Wilder, Reverend Dominique Johnson was reappointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

- E. A Resolution appointing Reverend Dominique Nichols 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 Wilder, Reverend Dominique Nichols was appointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

- F. A Resolution appointing Harold Young to serve on the Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Jones, Harold Young was appointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

- G. Resolution reappointing C. Warren Selby, Jr. to Post 1 of the Construction Board of Appeals (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones, Reverend Dominique Johnson was reappointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

- H. A Resolution appointing Kelsey Holland to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, Kelsey Holland was appointed to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Board was approved.

- I. A Resolution appointing Erin Patrice Keller to the Board of Directors of the River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, Erin Patrice Keller was appointed to the River Edge Board was approved.

- J. J. A Resolution appointing Susannah Cox Maddux to serve on the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark and Commissioner Al Tillman)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, Susannah Cox Maddux was appointed to the Friends of Rosa Park Square Board was approved.

- K. A Resolution appointing Lanita Pless King to serve on the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark and Commissioner Al Tillman)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Howell, Lanita Pless King was appointed to the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board was approved.

- L. A Resolution appointing Andrea Cooke to serve on the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark and Commissioner Al Tillman)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, Andrea Cooke was appointed to the Friends of Rosa Parks Square Board was approved.

- M. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission reappointing Robert W. Brown to alternate post 1 of the Construction Board of Appeals. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, Robert W Brown was reappointed to the Construction Board of Appeals was approved.

- N. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission submitting Ron Shipman, Steve Kruger and Eric Manson as a slate of nominees to succeed Ray Pippin on the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority Board. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, Ron Shipman, Steve Kruger and Eric Manson were approved as the slate of nominees to succeed Ray Phippen on the Hospital Authority.

- O. A Resolution reappointing June Jordan O'Neal to serve on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, June Jordan O'Neal was reappointed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

Commissioner Tillman joined the meeting at this time.

- P. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission Reappointing Charles Jones to the Board of Directors of the River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board. (Sponsored by Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, Charles Jones to the Board of Directors of the River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board was approved.

4. Macon-Bibb County New Alcohol Beverage License

- A. New License for Rodeo Bar and Grill located at 4053 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206 (tabled at December 15, 2020 meeting)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and carried eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Wilder, Howell, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Clark casting the dissenting vote, the license for Rodeo Bar and Grill was approved.

5. Items for Financial Consideration

- A. An Ordinance to authorize a Supplemental Budget Appropriation from Fund Balance to the Tax Commissioner's budget - Computer Software Line Item in the amount of \$10,000 to provide funding for Software Expenses relating to the assumption of business Licensing Duties (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the Supplemental to the Tax Commissioner for Software in the amount of \$`10,000 was approved.

- B. A Resolution to request Legislative or Administrative Action relating to the capture of insurance proceeds in order to prevent the abandoning of blighted or destroyed structures. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Al Tillman)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, the request to the legislative delegation to capture insurance proceeds from blighted or destroyed structures from the insurance companies was approved. Commissioner Bronson asked to be added as a sponsor.

- C. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Auto Club Group Foundation ("AAA") in the amount of \$2,500 to be used by the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department, with no local match requirement. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the Resolution to accept the grant from AAA in the amount of \$2,500 to be used by the Fire Department was approved.

- D. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Macon Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. whereby Macon-Bibb County will provide neighborhood stabilization Program-1 Grant Funds ("NSP1") in the amount of \$119,116.00 for construction of one single-family homeownership unit at 4212 Roy Avenue in the Lynmore Estates neighborhood. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miler, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the Resolution to execute an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to provide funds for construction of one single family home on Roy Avenue was approved.

- E. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Neighborhood Works, Inc. whereby Macon-Bibb County will provide funding under the Home Investment Partnership Program in the amount of \$157,000.00 for the construction of a multi-family duplex unit at 1195 Ernest Street and for the rehabilitation of a single-family home at 1320 Duncan Avenue. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the Agreement with Neighborhood Works to provide funding for construction of a multi-family duplex on Ernest Street and Duncan Avenue was approved.

- F. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with WKB Properties, LLC for 106 Anderson Avenue, Fort Valley, Georgia, in the amount of \$900 per month, plus utilities and insurance, payable out of the Circuit Public Defender's Office budget, for use by the Circuit Public Defender's Office. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the lease agreement with WKB for office space for the Circuit Public Defender in Ft. Valley was approved.

6. Street Light Request

- A. A Resolution approving a request for the installation of one street light along San Juan Avenue pursuant to Article X of Chapter 29 of the Code to be paid from the Facilities Management Budget, Services to Government - Electricity Line Item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the Resolution to install one street light along San Juan Avenue was approved.

- B. A Resolution approving a request for the installation of three street lights along Sunset Drive, Pursuant to Article X of Chapter 29 of the Code to be paid from the Facilities Management Budget, Services to Government - Electricity Line Item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the installation of three street lights on Sunset Drive was approved.

7. Contracts for Implementation or Renewal

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a renewal agreement with Global Spectrum, L.P. by extending the term of the agreement in exchange for making Capital Improvements in the amount of \$250,000 to the Macon Centreplex (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Al Tillman)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the renewal agreement with Global Spectrum in exchange for making Capital Improvements in the amount of \$250,000 was approved.

- B. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. in the amount of nine thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars and 00/100 cents (\$9,875.00) for storage tank removal, sample testing, and closure reporting services at the construction site located at 1853 Jeffersonville Road, to be paid from 2018 SPLOST Funds, Roadwork - Other Property - Jeffersonville Road line item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the Agreement with GEC for storage tank removal, sample testing and closure at the construction site located on Jeffersonville Road to be paid from SPLOST funds was approved.

- C. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute a general construction contract with McWright, LLC in the amount of \$245,440.00 for renovation and development of the Sheriff's Office Outreach and Restorative Justice Center, to be paid from 2018 SPLOST Funds - Public Safety - Sheriff's Building - Property Line Item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

Commissioner Watkins moved to table.

Sheriff Davis addressed concerns regarding a facebook post on jail conditions.

Commissioner Watkins withdrew his motion to table.

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the contract with McWright for renovations of the Sheriff's Office Outreach and Restorative Justice Center in the amount of \$245,440 to be paid from SPLOST Funds was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with Georgia Department of Transportation for Engineering Design Services for the Macon Downtown Airport Runway 10/28 Reconstruction Design Project, to be funded in the total amount of \$130,887.00 of which \$124,342.65 will be from Federal Funds and \$6,544.35 will be from State Funds with no local match required (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wilder, the contract with GDOT for Engineering Design Service for the Macon Downtown Airport Runway was approved.

- E. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Georgia Department Of Transportation Project Framework Agreement To Provide Funding For Preliminary Engineering Services Related To The Ocmulgee Heritage Trail, In The Amount Of \$400,000.00, With A \$100,000.00 Local Match To Be Paid Out of the Macon-Bibb County FY2022 Budget (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, the Resolution to accept the GDOT Agreement for funding of engineering design for the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail was approved.

8. Informational Items

Mayor Miller stated that he would be bring forth an Ordinance to establish an automated traffic enforcement safety devise program in the school zones.

He also asked for input from the Commission regarding the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant. He asked the Commission to send the information to Dr. Moffett.

9. Presentation by Hofstadter

- A. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a task release agreement with Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. to provide project management and compliance services at the Walker Road landfill in the annual amount of \$197,340.00, payable out of 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a task release agreement with Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. to provide project management and compliance services at the Walker Road landfill in the annual amount of \$197,340.00, payable out of 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item

- B. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a task release agreement with Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering design and construction observation services at the Walker road Landfill for a fee equal to eight percent of the price of the closure contract, to be determined, payable out of 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a task release agreement with Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering design and construction observation services at the Walker road Landfill for a fee equal to eight percent of the price of the closure contract, to be determined, payable out of 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item was approved.

- C. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute a task release agreement with Hofstadter and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering design and construction observation services for five solid waste convenience centers in the total amount of \$120,000.00, payable out of 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Walker Road Landfill - Closure Line Item. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion on Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute a task release agreement with Hofstadter and Associate to provide engineering design and construction observation services for five solid waste convenience centers in the total amount of \$120,000 was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark asked that there be some consideration on recycling of glass. He continued that there was a real need for a recycling center glass.

10. Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of 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);

The meeting was opened with no official action taken.

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