

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

January 12, 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
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon, Assistant County Attorney
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Reggie Moore, Director of Recreation
Kevin Bradley, Director of Public Works
David Fortson, Director of Engineering
Sherita Jones, Grant Administrator
Christy Iuliucci, Director of Finance
Kim Roberts, Asst. Director of Finance
Kevin Barkley, Director of Public Works
Chauncey Wilmore, Procurement
David Fortson, Director of Engineering
James Bumpus, Director of Small Business
Narender Bhardwaj, Finance Department
Stephanie Miller, Assistant Superior Court Clerk
Charlene Maynard, Board of Elections

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo, WMAZ 13 TV

VISITORS

Miller Edwards, Mauldin and Jenkins
Mitch Greer, Mauldin and Jenkins
Hope Pendergrass, Mauldin and Jenkins
Ronnie Miley, Board of Elections
Mike Kaplan, Board of Elections
Virgil Adams, Adams, Jordan and Herrington
Tony Rojas, Exec. Director Macon Water Authority
Sam Hart, Chairman, Macon Water Authority
David Lucas, Stern Agree
Cassandra Powell, Board of Elections

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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. Audit Report for 2015

Discussion

Miller Edwards, Mauldin and Jenkins, gave an overview of the 2015 Audit. He reported that the government was working well together. The General Fund is healthy and the cash fund is greater. Overall he believes that the government is in good shape.

2. Study with MMWA to assess Storm Water Infrastructure

Discussion

Tony Rojas, Executive Director of the Macon Water Authority, address the storm water problems. He stated that there is an aging infrastructure. He stated that study would develop a five year strategic plan. Mr. Rojas stated once the study is completed he would bring the results of the study to the Commissioners.

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 a study to be conducted in conjunction with the Macon Water Authority to assess the current storm water management infrastructure and provide analysis for future improvements and funding mechanisms was approved.

3. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore for 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 authorizing a study to be conducted in conjunction with the Macon Water Authority to assess the current storm water management infrastructure and provide analysis for future improvements and funding mechanisms was approved.

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:

- ***Execute an agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services to construct three group homes from the Home Investment Partnership Program Funds.***

Discussion

Reggie McClendon stated that the previous resolution had taken the funds out of the Community Development Block Grant Funds when the funds should have been taken from the Home Investment Partnership Program Funds.

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 previous resolution which stated "A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc to construct three group homes for \$909,800 in Community Development Block Grant Funds" was rescinded and was replaced with the Resolution which states "A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc to construct three group homes for \$909,800 in Home Investment Partnership Program Funds."

5. 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 went into Executive Session for 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 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 reopened.

6. Cliffview Greenspace Property

Discussion

Mayor Reichert stated that the Cliffview Greenspace Property was purchase with a green space grant. There are several things you can do with the property, one is leave it as green space. David Fortson, Director of Engineering, reviewed the map which showed there is a small path into the property but most of the time the path is wet and more swamp like. Mayor Reichert suggested a field trip out to look at the property to decide on the best use for the property.

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