

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

January 11, 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.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jennifer Noles

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Pre-Commission meeting acting as Committee of the Whole from December 14, 2021

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of December 14, 2021 was approved.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. ELECTION

- A. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, Commissioner Seth Clark was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

- B. Election of Third Member for Committee on Committee

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Mayor Miller and carried unanimously, Commissioner Paul Bronson was named the third member of the Committee on Committee.

- C. Committee Schedule

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Mayor Miller and carried unanimously, the Committee of the Whole structure will continue.

Mayor Miller stated that he would like to change the schedule of meetings. He stated that the Charter requires two meetings a month, one on the first Tuesday and the second meeting on the

third Tuesday of the month. Mayor Miller stated the meeting schedule would consist of a Pre-Commission meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday followed by a 6:00 p.m. Commission meeting. On the second Tuesday of the month, Committee of the Whole will meet at 9:00 a.m. The third Tuesday will be a 6:00 p.m. Commission meeting.

4. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

- A. A Resolution To Appoint Shane Edwards As Fire Chief Of Macon-Bibb County (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioners Valerie Wynn, Paul Bronson)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, Shand Edwards was appointed as Fire Chief of Macon-Bibb County.

5. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Dua Fish Tank Macon, LLC located at 781 Spring Street, Macon, GA 31201

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the license for Dua Fish Tank was approved.

- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Holley Supermarket LLC located at 3309 Holley Road, Lizella GA 31052

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

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for J & G 3004 LLC d.b.a. Food Mart located at 3004 Debra Ann Drive, Macon, GA

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

- D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Grant's Lounge located at 576 Poplar Street, Macon, GA 31201

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the license for Grant's Lounge was approved.

- E. New Alcohol Beverage License for Marathon 610 located at 610 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA 31211

Legal Recommend rejection of application and full refund. Applicant submitted a non-binding "letter of Intent but failed to submit sufficient documentation to show a right of possession of the premises' for the business location. The Tax Commissioner's Office emailed the agent to request for such documentation on November 4, 2021 at the email address listed in the application but the agent did not respond.

Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney, stated that since this item was placed on the agenda, he had received the lease and sub lease. He therefore is changing his recommendation to approve the application.

6. APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARD, COMMITTEES

- A. A Resolution reappointing Joyce Humphrey to serve as a member on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, the reappointment of Joyce Humphrey to serve as a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board was approved.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Allocation Award for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$72,962.00 with local match requirements having been waived for this grant cycle to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the CESF Grant for the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Judicial Council of Georgia Rescue Plan Act Funding Grant in the amount of \$977,026.00 with no local match, awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the acceptance of the Judicial Council of Georgia Rescue Plan Act Funding Grant for the Macon Judicial Circuit was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Award from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$2,318,898.00 with \$993,814.00 local match to be used to upgrade the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank Facility (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Grant from the Department of Housing to upgrade the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Airport Rescue Grant Program award from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$32,000 with no local match, to be used for grounds repair and maintenance and building repairs and maintenance at the Macon Downtown Airport (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Airport Rescue Grant for grounds repair and maintenance was approved.

- E. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (EOC) granting to the EOC an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$57,666.00 for the provision of Rapid Rehousing Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the EOC grant for Rapid Rehousing Services was approved.

- F. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc (EOC) granting to the EOC an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the

amount of \$57,666.00 for the provision of Homelessness Prevention Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the EOC grant for Homelessness Prevention Services was approved.

- G. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Family Advancement Ministries, Inc. granting an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$36,400.00 to Family Advancement Ministries, Inc. for the provision of Homelessness Prevention Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the ESG grant to Family Advancement Ministries for Homelessness Prevention Services was approved.

- H. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Salvation Army, Inc. granting to the Salvation Army an Emergency Solutions grant - Coronavirus ("ESG-CV") in the amount of \$101,000.00 for the provision of Emergency Shelter Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the EG Grant for Emergency Shelter Services was approved.

- I. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of Georgia DOT Grant for costs associated with the Perimeter Fencing Project at the Macon Downtown Airport in the total amount of \$508,773.00 with no local match (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the GDOT Grant for Perimeter Fencing at the Downtown Airport was approved.

8. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, Inc to perform lighting installation services at the Carolyn Crayton park Fields, in the amount of \$149,665.00 to be paid from the 2018 SPLOST Fund, Recreation, Central City Park, Property Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the agreement with Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting for lights at Carolyn Crayton Park fields was approved.

9. REHABILITATED HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

- A. A Resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce or support legislation to extend the State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property currently expiring at the end of 2022 (sponsored by mayor Lester M. Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark, Commissioner Valerie Wynn and Commissioner Mallory Jones)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the resolution requesting that the legislative delegation introduce or support legislation to extend the Rehabilitated Historic Property Income Tax Credit Program was approved.

10. COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

- A. A Resolution designating 0.046 acres of Oak Haven Park as part of the County Road System (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark and seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the designation of 0.046 acres of Oak Haven Park as part of the County Road System was approved.

11. CHANGE TO THE CODE

- A. An Ordinance to amend Article II of Chapter 24 of the Code for the purposes of adding "Irene's Law" as a citable name for the Complete Streets Policy (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to amend the Complete Streets Policy to "Irene's Law" was approved.

12. QUALIFYING FEES FOR CIVIL COURT JUDGE, MACON WATER AUTHORITY & BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. A Resolution establishing and fixing the qualifying fees for each elected county office to be filled in the upcoming 2022 Macon-Bibb County Nonpartisan General Elections; requesting the publicization of said qualifying fees by the Macon-Bibb County Board of election in the legal organ of record (sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the qualifying fees for the Civil Court Judge, Macon Water Authority and Board of Education were approved.

13. 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.

Respectfully submitted:

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