

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

December 12, 2017

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Al Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judd Drake, Interim County Manager
Crystal Jones, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Christy Iulliucci, Director, Finance
Sam Kitchens, Director, Parks & Beautification
Ben Hubbard, Director, Human Resources
Andrea Crutchfield, Chief Tax Appraiser
Kevin Barkley, Director, Solid Waste
Robert Walker, Director, Recreation
Dave Fortson, Director, Engineering
Sherita Jones, Grants Manager
Tonya Slaughter, Clerk of Municipal Court
Kim Roberts, Assistant Director, Finance
Karol Kelley, Director, Extension Office

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph Mary
Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

VISITORS:

Clay Murphey, SPLOST Projects Manager
Adah Roberts, SPLOST Advisory Committee
Wade McCord, Tax Commissioner
Judge Jeffery Monroe, State Court
Judge Jeff Hanson, State Court
Erica Woodford, Clerk of Superior Court
Rebecca Grist, Solicitor General
Stephanie Miller, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court
Lester Miller, Board of Education
Bob Easter, Board of Education
Judge Robert Faulkner, Municipal Court
Curtis Jones, Superintendent, Board of Education
Laura Mathis, Exec. Dir., Middle Ga. Regional Commission
Kaleigh Sullivan, Middle Ga. Regional Commission
Debra Rollins, Rebuilding Macon
Hal Greer, Raymond James
Charles Palmer, Trout and Palmer

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1. Approval of minutes from the October 24, 2017 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Eagle Scout Projects

- A. A Resolution endorsing the Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jesse Busbee and authorizing the installation of a U.S. Flag Retirement box at the Peace Officers; Memorial Park on Mulberry Street

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution endorsing the Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jesse Busbee and authorizing the installation of a U.S. Flag Retirement box at the Peace Officers; Memorial Park on Mulberry Street was approved.

- B. A Resolution endorsing Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Chandler Pipkins and authorizing the installation of a playground climbing structure in Oak Haven Park

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, Resolution endorsing Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Chandler Pipkins and authorizing the installation of a playground climbing structure in Oak Haven Park was approved.

- C. A Resolution endorsing the Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jon Ingram and authorizing the construction of a Pollinator Garden at a suitable location in one of Macon-Bibb County's Public Parks

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution endorsing the Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jon Ingram and authorizing the construction of a Pollinator Garden at a suitable location in one of Macon-Bibb County's Public Parks was approved.

- D. A Resolution endorsing the Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Hunter Buafu and authorizing the construction of a Native Plants Display in Camellia Gardens Park

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution endorsing the Eagle Scout Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Hunter Buafu and authorizing the construction of a Native Plants Display in Camellia Gardens Park was approved.

3. Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST)

- A. A Resolution to request the assistance of the local Legislative Delegation Membership in introducing the necessary legislation during the 2018 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide for the implementation of an OLOST in Macon-Bibb County

ACTION

ACTION:

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried seven to two with Commissioners Allen, Bechtel, Jones, Shepherd, Schlesinger, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins and Lucas casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution to request the assistance of the local Legislative Delegation Membership in introducing the necessary legislation during the 2018 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide for the implementation of an O-LOST in Macon Bibb County was approved.

4. Money Manager for OPEB Trust Funds

A. Approval of Money Manager for the Board of Trustees for the OPEB Trust Funds

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, Raymond James was approved as the Money Manager for the Board of Trustees for the OPEB Trust Fund

5. Presentation by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission

A. Service Delivery Strategy

ACTION:

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried eight to one with Commissioners Allen, Bechtel, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, Schlesinger, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution to adopt a Service Delivery Strategy pursuant to the Service Delivery Strategy Act, and to authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary forms in furtherance of said adopting was approved.

B. T-SPLOST Discussion

Laura Mathis reviewed the work of the T-SPLOST Committee.

C. Municipal Court Discussion

Laura Mathis reviewed the recent study of the Municipal Court. She distributed the report to each Commission. The report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross
Clerk of the Commission