

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

December 8, 2020

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Joe Allen
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Bert Bivins

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
Sara Henton, Information Technology
Spencer Hawkins, Director, EMA
Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning
Keith Butler, Interim Director, Vehicle Maintenance

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

VISITORS PRESENT:

Stephen Adams

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor-Elect Lester Miller
Commissioner Elect Bill Howell
Commissioner Elect Raymond Wilder

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1. Approval of minutes from the November 24, 2020 meeting

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority

Spencer Hawkins, Director of EMA, gave an update on COVID-19 in our area.

3. Tax Allocation District

Laura Mathis, Middle Georgia Regional Commission and Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, discussed the Ocmulgee Tax Allocation District. No action was taken.

4. Bibb County Board of Elections

Mike Kaplan, Chairman of the Board of Elections, discussed the need for space. No action was taken.

5. Enforcement Measures of the Solid Waste Ordinance

- A. An Ordinance to amend Article X, Chapter 22 of the Code for the purpose of establishing enforcement measures of the Solid Waste Ordinance

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Ordinance for establishing enforcement measures of the Solid Waste Ordinance was approved.

6. Rosa Parks Square

- A. An ordinance to approve a Supplemental Appropriation for the transfer of \$900,000 from the Debt Service Fund and the transfer of \$54,000 from the Capital Improvements Fund to the Land / Site Improvements Fund in the FY21 Budget to allocate funding to Rosa Parks Square.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried six to two with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Lucas, Schlesinger, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn and Jones casting the dissenting vote, the Ordinance to approve a Supplemental Appropriate for the transfer of \$900,000 from the Debt Service to Rosa Parks Square improvements was approved.

7. Motion to add to the agenda

- A. Motion to add item to the agenda:

- *On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried seven to two with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Lucas, Schlesinger, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Jones and Wynn casting the dissenting votes, the following item was added to the agenda:*

An Ordinance to dedicate a portion of Jeffersonville Road as "Senator David E. Lucas, Sr. Way" in honor of David E. Lucas, Sr's contributions to his community.

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, sponsor of the Ordinance, the paragraph designating \$5,000 for signs was removed from the Ordinance.

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to dedicate a portion of Jeffersonville Road as Senator David E. Lucas, Sr. Way was approved.

8. Point of Personal Privilege

Commissioner Lucas stated that during the discussion of the Ordinance to amend Article III of Chapter 2 of the Code for the purpose of establishing protections against discrimination in places of public accommodations, a film was shown that has been designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a film produced by a "hate" group. The clip was produced by the Alliance Defending Freedom. Commission Jones responded that the Alliance Defending Freedom is a Christian community group who aids the growing awareness that the threats to its freedom were multiplying and was formed to secure the sanctity of human life, freedom of speech and marriage and family.

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