

PRE-COMMISSION ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

December 6, 2022

The Pre-Commission meeting acting as a Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Lester M. Miller.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller
Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Mallory Jones

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Adrianna Beavers, Assistant County Attorney
Frank Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Julie Moore, Assistant County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Alex Morrison, Director of Planning & Public Spaces
Dr. Henry Ficklin, Exec. Dir. Community Affairs
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Olivia Walter, Communications
Edna Ruiz, Communications

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson

GUESTS:

Dr. Wade Scott
Dr. Jimmie Smith
Mr. Chris Howard
Mr. Ron Shipman

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

2. ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA

- Ordinance to appropriate an additional \$500,000 for Violence Interrupters

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to add the Ordinance to appropriate \$500,000 for additional Violence Interrupters. The motion failed to receive five votes with a vote of three to three with Commissioners Clark, Wilder, Howell casting the dissenting votes and Commissioners Lucas, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes.

3. APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A. A Resolution Reappointing Monica A. Swayne To The Board Of Directors Of The River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the reappointment of Monica A. Swayne to the River Edge Board was approved.

B. A Resolution appointing Dr. Wade Scott to the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Seth Clark and Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, Dr. Wade Scot was appointed to the Board of Health.

- C. A Resolution appointing Christopher Howard to the Macon-Bibb County Library Board of Trustees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the appointment of Christopher Howard to the Library Board of Trustees was approved.

- D. A Resolution Appointing Ronald Shipman To The Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the appointment of Ron Shipman to the Industrial Authority was approved.

4. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSES

- A. Ovations Food Services LP dba Macon Centreplex Coliseum & Convention Center Business located at 200 Coliseum Drive Macon GA 31217

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the license for Ovations Food Services was approved.

Commissioner Mallory Jones arrived at this time.

- B. Ovations Food Services LP dba Macon City Auditorium located at 415 First Street Macon GA 31201

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the license for the City Auditorium was tabled.

- C. Silly Rabbit Enterprises Inc d.b.a. Cheers Northside located at 3852 Northside Drive

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the license for Cheers Northside was approved

- D. SAM 786 LLC dba Family Food Mart located at 605 Pio Nono Avenue Macon, GA 31204

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously the license for Family Food Mart was approved.

- E. Zeb Q LLC DBA Sonny's BBQ Corporation Name located at 5811 Zebulon Road

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Mayor Miller and carried unanimously, the license for Sonny's was approved.

- F. Dab's Cafe Business Address: 1000 Terminal Drive Suite 200 Macon, GA 31216

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the license for Dab's Café was approved.

- G. Maa 2595 Inc dba Rocky Creek Supermarket located at 2595 Rocky Creek Road Macon, GA 31206

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the license for Rocky Creek Supermarket was approved.

H. ABC Wine and Spirits located at 1194 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the license for ABC Wine and Spirits was approved.

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution The Mayor To Execute A Reimbursable Agreement With The Federal Aviation Administration, In The Amount Of \$66,107.89, For The FAA To Perform A Siting Study For The Relocation Of The Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) And Backup Emergency Communications (BUEC) System At The Middle Georgia Regional Airport, To Be Paid From The Airport Budget; (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and passed by a vote of six to one with Commissioners Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote the Agreement with FAA was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sale agreement with Stageright for the purchase of performance stage equipment in the amount of \$141,600 to be paid from the 2018 SPLOST fund, Culture and Recreation, Coliseum, Property Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the agreement with Stageright for stage equipment was approved.

- C. A Resolution To Authorize The Mayor To Execute A Change Order To The Engineering Services Agreement Between Macon-Bibb County And Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC In The Amount Of \$497,474.00 For Additional Services Related To The Bass Road Widening Project, To Be Paid From 2018 SPLOST Funds, Road Work, Bass – Property Line Item

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously the agreement with Atlas Consultants for Bass Road Widening was approved.

- D. A Resolution Ratifying The Signing Of An Extension Of The Professional Services Agreement With AgTag USA, LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,000.00, For The Decommission Of The Legacy Mainframe System In The Information Technology Department, To Be Paid From The Information Technology Budget - It-Legacy System, Professional Services, Consulting Fees Line Item

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Agreement with AgTag was approved.

- E. A Resolution To Authorize The Mayor To Accept A Lease Financing Proposal From Leasing 2, Inc., And Negotiate A Lease-Purchase Agreement For The Acquisition Of Six (6) Sutphen Fire Engines And One (1) Sutphen Aerial Platform Truck For The Macon-Bibb Fire Department, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$7,847,395.08 To Be Paid From Fire Department Funds (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Sutphen for Fire Engines and Platform Trucks was approved.

- F. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To The Rental Agreement With Skip-John, LLC, For The Rental Of That Property Commonly Known As 6420 Moseley Dixon Road, And Being Operated As The Fish 'N Pig Restaurant

On motion of Commissioner Wilder, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the rental agreement with Skip-John was approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OR AGREEMENT FOR GRANTS

- A. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of The Judicial Council Of Georgia American Rescue Plan Act Funding Grant, In The Amount Of \$1,246,466.00, With No Local Match, Awarded To The Macon Judicial Circuit; (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Grant for the Macon Judicial Circuit was approved.

- B. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance Of Additional Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Awarded By The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council For Federal Fiscal Year 2022 In The Amount Of \$15,000.00, 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 Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the grant awarded to the Judicial Circuit District Attorney was approved.

7. FINANCE ORDINANCES

- A. An Ordinance To Authorize A Budget Transfer Within The Tax Commissioner's Office Budget, In The Amount Of \$75,000.00 From The Salaries And Wages – Full Time Line Item To The Contract Labor – Contractual Services Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the budget transfer for the Tax Commissioner's Office was approved.

- B. An Ordinance To Amend The Fy 2022 General Fund Budget To \$191,092,357.00 In Total Revenues And \$191,092,357.00 In Total Expenditures Resulting In A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$1,531,529.00 And Other Year End Adjustments; (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the FY2022 General Fund Budget was approved.

- C. An Ordinance To Approve A Supplemental Appropriation For The Transfer Of \$48,342,682.00 From The Fund Balances Of Multiple Funds In The Fy23 Budget To Account For Outstanding Purchase Orders (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Supplemental Appropriation for outstanding purchase orders was approved.

- D. An Ordinance To Amend The Macon-Bibb County Organizational Chart To Change The Position Of "Accounts Payable Supervisor" To "Accounts Payable Specialist" In The Finance Department (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the new organizational chart for Finance was approved.

8. CHANGES TO CODE

- A. An Ordinance To Amend Section 26-81 Of The Macon-Bibb County Code Of Ordinances To Make The County Code Consistent With State Law With Regard To The Application Of Hotel-Motel Excise Taxes To Extended-Stay Residents Of Rooms For Rent (Sponsored By Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Code was amended to change the Hotel / Motel Excise Tax was approved.

- B. An Ordinance Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission To Amend Chapter 22 Article Ii Division 2 Of The Macon-Bibb County Code Of Ordinances To Establish New Policies And Procedures Governing Solid Waste Collection And Disposal In The Central Business District (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Code was amended to establish procedures governing solid waste collections and disposal was approved.

- C. An Ordinance to amend Section 2 of the Policies and Procedures Manual Entitled "Human Resources" for the purpose of amending and restating such section as provided for herein (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Policies and Procedures Manual for Human Resources was approved.

9. ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to close and abandon a portion of Right-Of-Way adjacent to 666 Plum Street and to remove such path from the official road map of Macon-Bibb County (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the portion of Right-Of-Way adjacent to 666 Plum Street was approved to be closed and abandoned.

- B. A Resolution To Authorize The Mayor To Execute A Quitclaim Deed For The Sale Of Property To Homer Scarborough, Totaling Approximately Three Hundredths (.03) Of An Acre, Located Adjacent To 666 Plum Street, For Its Fair Market Value Of Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars And Three Cents (\$9,965.03);

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the quitclaim deed for .03 acres adjacent to 666 Plum Street was approved.

10. STREET LIGHT REQUESTS

- A. A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Approving A Request For The Installation Of Twenty (20) Street Lights To Be Installed Along Nicholas Lane, Joseph Chandler Drive, Luke Drive, Hardwick Drive, Whittington Drive, And Whittington Court, In The Chandler Downs, Pursuant To Article X Of Chapter 29 Of The Macon-Bibb County Code Of Ordinances, To Be Paid From The Facilities Management Budget, Services To Government – Electricity Line Item; (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Bill Howell)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the request for 20 street lights in Chandler Downs was approved.

11. 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);

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the meeting moved into Executive Session for the reasons listed above.

Respectfully submitted:

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