

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

## MINUTES

November 24, 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

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

### VISITORS PRESENT:

Laura Mathis, Middle Ga. Regional Commission  
Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission

---

#### 1. Announcements

- *Mayor Reichert announced that he had received a resignation from Brett Lavender who has accepted another position in Hilton Head, South Carolina and will be leaving on December 10, 2020. Mayor Reichert stated that he had appointed Corey Bloodworth as Interim Director at the suggestion of Brett Lavender.*
- *Mayor Reichert announced also, that although he had not received a letter but he had been informed that Chief Marvin Riggins announced he would be retiring at the end of 2020. He continued that Chief Riggins had received many accolades during his tenure and had served as an outstanding Chief during his 12 year tenure.*

#### 2. Approval of minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting

*On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved.*

#### 3. Update on COVID-19

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

4. 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.*

5. Bibb County Board of Elections

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

6. 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.*

7. 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 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.*

8. 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.*

9. 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