

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

November 13, 2018

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Moffett County Manager
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Senior County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Christy Iuliucci, Finance
Kevin Barkley, Director, Solid Waste

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

NEWS MEDIA:

Edna Ruiz, 41NBC
Eric Mock, WGXA
Abby Kousouris, 13WMAZ
Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph

VISITORS:

Judge Jeffery Monroe, State Court
Rebecca Grist, Solicitor General
Nikki Randall, Navicent Health
David Sims, Middle Georgia State University
Albert Abrams, Middle Georgia State University
Jim David, Ocmulgee National
Randy Howard, Attorney, Board of Education

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1. Approval of minutes from the October 23, 2018 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting were approved.

2. Parking Agreement

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Industrial Authority, the Bibb County School District and the Urban Development Authority related to the implementation of a long-term management plan for the 440 Mulberry Street Parking Garage

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried six to one with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Lucas, Schlesinger, Tillman and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution was tabled.

3. Ocmulgee National Monument Boundaries

- A. Resolution to express support for the expansion of the Ocmulgee National Monument Boundaries and Declaration of Intent to demolish all dilapidated or blighted properties within the contemplated boundary expansion area, at the expense of Macon-Bibb County, as a precondition to conveying said properties to the National Park Service

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried six to one with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Wynn, Schlesinger, Tillman and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Lucas casting the dissenting vote the above resolution was approved.

4. Roads and Sidewalk Improvements at Middle Georgia State University

- A. A Resolution to provide for Phase 1 of the Middle Georgia State University Road and Sidewalk Improvements using SPLOST Bond Proceeds / Revenues at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000 to facilitate the construction of a new Enrollment Services Center at the University; to authorize and direct the County Staff and the SPLOST Project Coordinator to develop a funding plan for the Phase 1 improvements, subject to final approval by the Commission

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Allen seconded by Commissioner Lucas and passed five to two with Commissioners Allen, Schlesinger, Tillman, Watkins and Lucas casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn and Bivins casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution was amended to add a support for Phase II of the project.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen seconded by Commissioner Lucas and passed five to two with Commissioners Allen, Schlesinger, Tillman, Watkins and Lucas casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn and Lucas casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution was approved as amended.

5. Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to request and enter into an agreement with Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC to conduct an impact study regarding establishing a new 501(A) and 457(B) Macon-Bibb County Employee Pension Plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the above resolution was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to approve a Supplemental Appropriation for the transfer of up to \$10,000 from Fund Balance in the FY19 Budget to Professional Services Contract Consultant for the purpose of obtaining an actuarial impact study from Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC to determine the impact of establishing a new Macon-Bibb County Employee Pension Plan for newly hired employees

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the above ordinance was approved.

6. Holiday Schedule of Meetings

- A. A Resolution to approve the postponement of the Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Committee Meetings until Wednesday, December 26, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m.; and to approve the postponement of the Tuesday, January 1, 2019, Regular Commission Meeting until Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the Pre-Commission meeting to be held immediately preceding said Regular Commission meeting at 5:00 p.m.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried six to one with Commissioners Schlesinger, Tillman, Watkins, Lucas, Wynn and Bivins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution was amended to cancel the Committee meeting scheduled for December 25, 2018.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried six to one with Commissioners Schlesinger, Tillman, Watkins, Lucas, Wynn and Bivins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution was approved as amended..

- B. An Ordinance authorizing a one time suspension of the Holiday Pay Schedule as designated in Section 5.04 of the Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the 2018 Christmas Eve and Christmas Holidays by amending the dates of recognition for such holidays to include Wednesday, December 26, 2018

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, the above Resolution failed to pass with a vote of five to two with Commissioners Schlesinger, Watkins, Lucas, Wynn and Bivins casting the dissenting votes and Commissioners Allen and Tillman casting the affirmative votes..

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