

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

November 8, 2022

The 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 Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

GUESTS

David Thompson
Judge Bill Adams
Jake Ferro
Craig Ross, Macon Transit Authority
Lee Brown, Macon Transit Authority
David Thompson, Piedmont Construction
Emery Leonard, TVS Principal
Dr. Heather Bowman-Cutway

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole from October 11, 2022

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the minutes of October 11, 2022 were approved.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be some intermit travel stopping at the intersection of Martin Luther King and Houston Avenue for the filming of the movie Possum Trot.

3. UPDATE ON AMPITHEATER

David Thompson, Piedmont Construction, gave an update on the Macon-Bibb County Amphitheater. Piedmont is the construction manager for the site. He reviewed time lapsed photos of the construction site.

Mr. Emery Leonard with TVS Design reviewed the presentation of the new amphitheater.

David Aello, Manager of the Centreplex and Auditorium, spoke on the national progression to move to a facility that will hold more people. He discussed how concessions stands would work at the new facility. They are looking at one point of sale for every 100 people.

4. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Macon Crab House located at 4690 Presidential Parkway, Macon, GA

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Macon Crab House was approved.

- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Bloomfield Package located at 2485 Rocky Creek Road, Macon, GA

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Bloomfield Package was approved.

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for Melody Magic Mart located at 2487 Rocky Creek Road, Macon, GA

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried by a vote of seven to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Wilder, Howell, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Mayor Pro Tem Clark casting the dissenting vote the license for Melody Magic Mart was approved.

5. APPROPRIATIONS

- A. An Ordinance Of To Authorize The Appropriation Of Up To \$2,151,240.00 In American Rescue Plan Act Funds For The Purpose Of Funding Various Projects Authorized By The American Rescue Plan Act And The Final Rule Concerning The Expenditure Of Local Government Assistance Funds Under The American Rescue Plan Act (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the ordinance for the appropriation of up to \$2,151,240 of ARP funding was approved.

- B. An Ordinance To Approve A Supplemental Appropriation From General Fund – Fund Balance And To Approve Various Appropriations From Other Funds As Detailed Herein For The Purpose Of Funding The Macon-Bibb County Capital Improvements Program For Fiscal Year 2023, In A Total Amount Of \$36,274,738.00 (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried by a vote of seven to two with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder and Howell casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Tillman and Watkins casting the dissenting vote the call for the question was approved.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote, the Ordinance to approve the Capital Improvement Program was approved.

6. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With Passero Associates, LLC For The Provision Of Professional On-Call Planning And Environmental Assessment Services At Middle Georgia Regional Airport And Macon Downtown Airport

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Passero Associates at the Middle Georgia and Downtown Airports was approved.

- B. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLP For The Provision Of Airport Consulting Services At Macon Downtown Airport (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for Airport Consulting Services was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a Right Of Way Spraying Contract with Naturchem, Inc. in the amount of \$145,000 to be paid from the Parks & Beautification Budget, Contract Labor - Contractual Services Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting votes the Contract with Naturchem was approved.

- D. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement With Peachtree Recovery Services, Inc., for Property Damage Recovery Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Peachtree Recovery was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Services Agreement with Georgia Power Company for the design and installation of energy efficient improvements to the Macon City Auditorium (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the agreement with Georgia Power Company was approved.

7. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR AGREEMENTS FOR GRANTS

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously items A – G was voted on as a group..

- A. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With HomeFirst Housing Resource Services, Inc. Granting A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) In The Amount Of \$76,044.00 For HomeFirst Housing Resource Services To Provide Home Ownership Counseling, Foreclosure Counseling, And Homebuyer Education (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- B. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With The Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (EOC) Granting A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) In The Amount Of \$5,000.00 To Provide Transportation Services For The Homeless Community (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- C. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Big Brothers Big Sisters Of The Heart Of Ga, Inc. Granting A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) In The Amount Of \$20,825.00 To Provide Mentoring Services To At-Risk Youth (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

- D. A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc. Granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Amount Of \$23,664.00 to Provide Counseling and Therapeutic Programs For Low Income Families Dealing With Complex Issues (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- E. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. (EOC) Granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Amount Of \$13,000.00 to Provide Dental Services to Homeless Clients (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- F. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement With Family Advancement Ministries, Inc. Granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Amount of \$12,658.00 to Family Advancement Ministries, Inc. to Assist Low-Moderate Income Families With Young Children by Distributing Children's Car Seats (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- G. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc. Granting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Amount Of \$35,561.00 to Provide Shelter Services to Individuals and Families Involved in Domestic Violence Situations Within a 12 -Month Period (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, items A through G was approved.

8. DONATING GARDEN AND TREE AT AMERSON RIVER PARK

- A. A Resolution authorizing the planting of a native plant and pollinator garden in Amerson River Park, as donated by Fringed Campion Chapter of the Georgia Native Plant Society (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the planting of native plant and pollinator garden at Amerson River Park was approved.

- B. A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance And Installation Of A Plaque And The Planting And Dedication Of A Tree In Amerson River Park In Memory Of Queen Elizabeth II, As Donated By The Winship Chapter Of The Daughters Of The British Empire (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the installation of a plaque and planting and dedication of a tree in Amerson River Park in memory of Queen Elizabeth II was approved.

9. STREET LIGHT REQUESTS

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the following items were voted on in a group.

- A. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission Denying a Request for the Installation of Five (5) Additional Street Lights to be Installed Along Calloway Drive, 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)

- B. A Resolution Approving A Request For The Installation Of An Additional Street Light At 1180 Bartlett Street, 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 (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- C. A Resolution Approving A Request For The Installation Of An Additional Street Light At 3357 Warpath Road, Pursuant To Article X Of Chapter 29 Of The Macon-Bibb County Code Of Ordinances, With Operating Costs To Be Paid From The Facilities Management Budget, Services To Government – Electricity Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the above street lights were approved.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 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 Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for the items listed above.

Respectfully submitted:

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