

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

November 8, 2016

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Virgil Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Davis, Sheriff of Bibb County
Judd Drake, County Attorney
Dale Walker, County Manager
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Ben Hubbard, Director of Human Resources
Steve Fulbright, Economic and Community Development
James Bumpus, Director of Small Business
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

VISITORS:

Josh Rogers, Exec. Director, NewTown Macon
Kay Gerhardt, Urban Development Authority
Jean Bragg, Owner, Travis Jean
Scott Mitchell, Travis Jean
Cass Hatcher, Blight Manager
Scott Thompson
Lester Miller, Bibb County Board of Education
Miller Heath
Jan Beeland, Macon Arts Alliance
Tom Richardson

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1. Approval of Minutes

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting were approved.

2. Executive Session

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously, the Committee went into Executive Session for 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);.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously, the Committee adjourned the Executive Session with no action.

3. Willie C. Hill Annex Building

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried eight to one with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, DeFore, Jones, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Lucas casting the dissenting vote the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Authority providing for the conveyance of the Willie C. Hill Annex Building located at 682 Cherry Street to the UDA to allow for the redevelopment of said property into a mixed-use development by Integrity Development Partners, LLC for approximately 40 residential units on the upper floors and retail/commercial space on the lower floors was approved.

4. Parking Accessibility Plan

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, the Ordinance was amended to add a new "Division 5" relating to Downtown Parking Accessibility. The amendment passed with Commissioners Bechtel, Jones, Tillman, Schlesinger, DeFore and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Lucas, Bivins, and Shepherd casting the dissenting votes.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried six to three with Commissioners Bechtel, Jones, Tillman, Schlesinger DeFore and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Lucas, Bivins and Shepherd casting the dissenting votes, the Ordinance to adopt Downtown Parking Accessibility Plan was approved as amended.

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