

PRE-COMMISSION ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

November 1, 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 Mallory Jones
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Raymond Wilder

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 September 20, 2022 meeting were approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Denial for Reliance Food Mart located at 3590 Napier Avenue

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Clark, Wilder, Howell, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Jones casting the dissenting vote, the denial for Reliance Food Mart Alcohol Beverage License was approved.

B. Review of Denial of Jaya Food and Gas Inc. dba Citgo at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31204.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried by a vote of five to four with Commissioners Bronson, Clark, Wilder, Howell, and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Jones, Wynn, Lucas and Tillman casting the dissenting votes the approval for denying the license for Jaya Food and Gas was approved.

3. NEW ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES

A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Pinebrook Spirits located at 4448Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the license for Pinebrook Spirits was approved.

- B. New Alcohol License for om Varj 1 LLC d.b.a. as Triangle Food & Gas located at 2112 Millerfield Rd. , Macon, Ga

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the license for Triangle Food & Gas was approved.

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for Shree Sahajaanad LLC d.b.a. Bi Lo Mart located at 893 Riverside Dr.

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the license for Bi Lo Mart was approved.

- D. New Alcohol Beverage License for Corner Grocery located at 2057 Walnut Street, Macon, Ga

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the license for Corner Grocery was denied.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- A. A Resolution submitting Dr. Monique Davis-Smith, Steve Kruger and Dr. Bill Tift as a slate of nominees to serve on the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the slate of nominees to serve on the Hospital Authority was approved.

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance and installation of a Pole-Mounted Projector System in Rosa Parks Square, as donated by the Macon-Bibb County Bicentennial Committee (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the installation of a Pole Mounted Projector in Rosa Parks Square was approved.

- B. A Resolution approving the update to the Macon-Bibb County Comprehensive Plan as required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Comprehensive Plan was approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OR AGREEMENT FOR GRANTS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a FY2022 Homeland Security Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) in the amount of \$10,000, with no local match required, to be used by the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department for personal protective equipment (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller and Commissioner Paul Bronson)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the acceptance of a FY2022 Homeland Security Grant was approved.

7. STREET LIGHT REQUESTS

- A. A Resolution Approving A Request For The Installation Of Five (5) Street Lights To Be Installed Along Sue Drive And Sue Court, 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)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the installation of five street lights along Sue Drive and Sue Court was approved.

- B. A Resolution Denying a Request for the Installation of Additional Street Lights to be Installed Along Fairway 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)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, second by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Resolution was amended to add one street light along Fairway Drive.

- C. 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)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Request for Street Lights on Calloway Drive was tabled.

8. SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

- A. A Resolution To Approve The Thirty-Seventh Amendment To The 2018 SPLOST Project Timeline And Budget As Presented By The SPLOST Project Manager (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the 37th Amendment to the SPLOST Project Timeline was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to \$3,579,763 from the 2018 SPLOST proceeds, for continued improvements to Rose Hill Cemetery, Bass Road and The Macon City Auditorium (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Ordinance for the appropriation for Rose Hill, Bass Road and the City Auditorium was approved.

9. 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);

Respectfully submitted:

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