

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

October 26, 2021

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 (by phone)
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Elaine Lucas

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, Budget and Strategic Planning
Dr. Henry Ficklin
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Edna Ruiz, Communications
Olivia Walter, Communications

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole from October 12, 2021

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the minutes of October 12, 2021 was approved.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. A Resolution Submitting Matt Astin, Steve Kruger, And Bill Tift As A Slate Of Nominees To Succeed Jim Adams On The Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority Board; And Submitting Myrtle Habersham, Eric Manson, And Andy Galloway As A Slate Of Nominees To Succeed Fred Schnell On The Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority Board; New Agenda Item

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Resolution submitting Matt Astin, Steve Kruger and Bill Tift as a slate of nominees to succeed Jim Adams was approved.

B. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission Reappointing Liana Rogers as a Member on the Region 5 Emergency Medical Services Council; and for Other Lawful Purposes

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Resolution reappointing Liana Rogers was approved.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a FY2021 GEMA EOD-K9 Grant from the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$3,000 with no local match to be used by the Bibb County Sheriff's Office to provide care and equipment to the Sheriff's Explosive Ordinance Detecting Dogs (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution accepting the GEMA EOC-K9 Grant was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant from the Office of Justice Programs FY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$87,224 with no local match, to be used by the Bibb County Sheriff's Office for special investigations and drug unit training and supplies and by the Bibb County Adult Felony Drug Court for Counselor Services (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the Resolution to accept a grant from the Office of Justice for the Sheriff's Office was approved.

- C. An Ordinance Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Authorizing The Mayor To Apply For A 2022 Local Maintenance And Improvement Grant ("LMIG") In The Amount Of \$2,127,465.09; Authorizing The Acceptance Of Said Funds And Appropriating Funds For The Required Local Match, Plus Additional Funding, Of Up To \$688,770.00, All To Be Paid From 2018 SPLOST Revenues, Cy 2022 Roads And Bridges–LMIG Line Item, Should Said Application Be Approved; Identifying The List Of Road Projects To Be Funded Thereby;

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried seven to one, with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Jones, Clark, Howell, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative vote and Commissioner Wilder casting the dissenting vote, the LMIG Grant was approved.

5. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution To Approve The Sale By Of 57 Parcels Of Surplus Real Property, As Described Herein, To Be Auctioned By The Macon-Bibb County Real Estate Broker; To Approve The Minimum Bid Amounts For Each Property; To Authorize All Sales In Excess Of The Stated Minimum Bids Without Reserve

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution for the sale of 57 parcels was approved.

- B. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Sixth Addendum to the Master Solar Energy Procurement Agreement with Cherry Street Energy for the Construction of a New solar Array Project at the Macon-Bibb County Thomas Jackson Juvenile Justice Center, Located at 560 Oglethorpe Street, to Provide Solar Power Improvements with No Added Cost to Macon-Bibb County; and for Other Lawful Purposes

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Resolution for the six addendum to the Master Solar Energy Procurement Agreement was approved.

6. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Meals on Wheels of Middle Georgia, Inc to provide \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds for the provision of Meals to decrease food insecurity for seniors and assist those that need immediate food assistance (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute an agreement with Meals on Wheels was approved.

- B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia, Inc. to provide \$16,390 in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds for the provision of Mentor Program Services for At-Risk Youth in Macon-Bibb County (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Resolution to execute an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters was approved.

- C. A Resolution To Authorize The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Crisis Line & Safe House Of Central Georgia, Inc. To Provide \$30,000.00 In Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funds For The Provision Of Hotel Accommodations, Meals, Household Cleaning And Sanitation Supplies, Medical Supplies And Prescriptions, And Services For Those Involved In Domestic Violence Situations; And For Other Lawful Purposes (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Clark and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia to provide \$30,000 in CDBG grant funds was approved.

- D. An Ordinance to authorize a Supplemental Appropriation from the General Fund - Fund Balance to the Superior Court Clerk's Office budget - Salaries and Benefits Component in the amount of \$63,840 in order to fund two additional Real Estate 1 Positions for the remainder of FY22 (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to authorize the appropriation to the Superior Court Clerk's Office was approved.

7. EQUITABLE, DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

- A. A Resolution Confirming Macon-Bibb County's Commitment To Create An Equitable, Diverse And Inclusive World Class Community (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins)

Commissioner Jones moved to table, Commissioner Wynn seconded. The motion failed by a vote of five to four with Commissioners Bronson, Clark, Tillman, Watkins casting the dissenting vote and Commissioner Wynn, Jones, Howell and Wilder casting the affirmative votes. Mayor Miller broke the tie by voting no.

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried by a vote of five to four with Commissioners Bronson, Clark, Tillman, and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Wynn, Jones, Howell and Wilder casting the dissenting votes. Mayor Miller broke the tie by voting yes.

8. 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);

Mayor Miller stated that there was no need for an Executive Session..

Respectfully submitted:

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