

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

October 25 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,
Sam Kitchens, Interim Director Parks and Beautification

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ
Dave Johnson, Fox 24

VISITORS:

Josh Rogers, Exec. Director, NewTown Macon
Kay Gerhardt, Urban Development Authority
Jean Bragg, Owner, Travis Jean
Scott Mitchell, Travis Jean
Bob Lewis, Bob Lewis and Associates
Jimmy Mills, Douglas Theater
Marcus Robinson, Nominee for Dir. Business Development

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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 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

2. Nominee for Business Development Services Director

Discussion

Mayor Reichert introduced Marcus Robinson, Nominee for the Business Development Services Director. He gave a brief history of Mr. Robinson's education and work history.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously, Marcus Robinson was approved as the new Director of Business Development Services.

3. Parking Accessibility Plan

ACTION

Commissioner Lucas moved to table pending further discussion dealing with other solutions to downtown parking problems. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tillman. The motion was approved by Commissioners Tillman, DeFore, Lucas and Shepherd. Commissioners Bechtel, Schlesinger and Jones cast dissenting votes.

ACTION

Commissioner Bechtel moved to amend the motion to add that the UDA would bring back a time line and answer questions along with delaying the enactment of the parking plan for 30 days or longer if deemed necessary and to approve the Ordinance as amended to adopt Downtown Parking Accessibility Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger. Commissioner Bechtel, Schlesinger and DeFore cast affirmative votes, Commissioner Lucas, Jones, Tillman and Shepherd cast dissenting votes.

Neither motion passed as there were not five affirmative votes. The Macon-Bibb County charter, Section 2-36 – "Parliamentary procedures for organizing and conducting meetings of the County Commission" (e) (2) Amend states "The affirmative vote of at least five members of the commission is required for the Commission to adopt an amendment."

4. Blight Update

Information Only.

The Committee of the Whole was recessed and the Committee on Committees was called to order.

5. Committee on Committees

A. Naming an additional member to the Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Bivins and carried unanimously, Commissioner Watkins was named as the third member of the Senior Center Ad Hoc Committee.

The Committee on Committees was adjourned and the Committee of the Whole was called to order.

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