

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

October 22, 2019

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Michael McNeill, Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Ben Hubbard, Director, Human Resources

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

GUESTS PRESENT

Bill Howell,
Theron Ussery, Chairman, SPLOST Advisory Committee
Kevin Brown, Attorney, Industrial Authority

NEW MEDIA:

Tanya Modersitzki, WMGT
Tiffany Thompson, WGXA
Wayne Crenshaw, The Telegraph
Liz Jarvis, Center for Collaborative Journalism

1. Approval of minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Allen, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. Pedestrian Safety On State Routes

- A. A Resolution to request that the local Legislative Delegation introduce the necessary legislation during the 2020 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide for the study of Pedestrian Safety along State Routes located within Macon-Bibb County, and for the construction of appropriate crossings and other improvements in order to eliminate Pedestrian Fatalities along State Routes in Macon-Bibb County

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, the Resolution to request the local Legislative Delegation introduce the necessary legislation during the 2020 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide for the study of Pedestrian Safety along State Routes located within Macon-Bibb County, and for the construction of appropriate crossings and other improvements in order to eliminate Pedestrian Fatalities along State Routes in Macon-Bibb County was approved with Commissioners Schlesinger and Watkins requesting to be added as sponsors.

3. Employee Benefits & Compensation

- A. A Resolution to request the Health Care and Retirement Benefits Committee to assist in evaluating and making recommendations regarding the proposal to adopt a new pay scale and provide for annual 2% cost of living salary increases for Macon-Bibb County employees

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution to request the Health Care and Retirement Benefits Committee to assist in evaluating and making recommendations regarding the proposal to adopt a new pay scale and provide for annual 2% cost of living salary increases for Macon-Bibb County employees was approved.

- B. A Resolution to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Health Care and Retirement Benefits Committee concerning the 2019 Open Enrollment Process

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Health Care and Retirement Benefits Committee concerning the 2019 Open Enrollment Process was approved.

A copy of the recommendations from NFP are on file in the Clerk's Office.

4. Project Dove

- A. A Resolution authorizing Macon-Bibb County to enter into an intergovernmental ground lease agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority relating to the "Project Dove" development at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport

ACTION

On motion of Commissioners Jones, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing Macon-Bibb County to enter into an intergovernmental ground lease agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority relating to the "Project Dove" development at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport was approved.

7. Election Day Holiday

Commissioner Schlesinger moved to remove from the table the Ordinance to amend the Provision related to "Official Holidays" as set forth under "Sub-Section 5.04 Holiday Pay" of "Section 5: Employee Benefits" of the Policies and Procedures Manual so as to provide employees with paid holiday on election day, Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The motion failed to receive the necessary five votes with Commissioners Schlesinger, Lucas and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn and Jones casting the dissenting votes.

8. Oxygen on the Green

With no objections, Ms. Monica White addressed the fact that she was opening a catering business in the club house at Barrington Hall and that she would require a New Alcohol Beverage License.

On the advice of the County Attorney, the license will be considered on its merits when it comes before the Commission.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission