

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Lester M. Miller.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Lester M. Miller
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Virgil Watkins

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Bill Howell
Mayor Pro Tem Clark
Commissioner Al Tillman

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, Assistant County Manager
Dr. Henry Ficklin, Exec. Dir., Community Affairs
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Olivia Walter, Communications
Edna Ruiz, Communications
Alex Morrison, Director of Planning & Public Spaces
Michael Glisson, Director of Parks & Beautification
Robert Walker, Director of Recreation

GUESTS

Ivey Hall, Exec. Dir, Habitat for Humanity

Gloria Smith Cisse
Jimmie Smith, M. D. Exec. Dir. Health Dept
Gregory Brown, Planning & Zoning
Karen Middleton, Macon Housing Authority
Tonya McClure
Asha Ellen, Exec. Dir. KMBB Board

GUESTS

Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Exec. Dir. Middle Georgia Library
Carolyn Crayton, Macon-Bibb County Cherry Blossom
Mike Greenwald, Planning and Zoning Commission
Dr. Lori Rodgers, Bibb County Board of Education
Helen Weathers, Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful
Moises Velez, Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful
Jill Peavy, Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole from September 22, 2022

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the minutes of September 22, 2022 were approved.

Commissioner Lucas moved to consider Item 6B before Item 6A on the agenda. Commissioner Wilder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

A. 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 Jones, seconded by Mayor Miller the item was deferred to November 1, 2022.

3. MOTION TO ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA

- An Ordinance to authorize the supplemental appropriation of up to \$730,000 from General Fund – fund Balance to sponsored programs to be used for construction of sidewalks along the North side of Eisenhower Parkway in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Transportation's Road Diet and renewal of Eisenhower Parkway from the I-75 Interchange to the intersection with Caterbury Road / Key Street

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the above item was added to the agenda.

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the appropriation for sidewalks on Eisenhower Parkway.

4. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

- A. A Resolution to Appoint Fifteen People, As Identified Herein, To Serve as Members of The Macon-Bibb County Age Friendly Communities Advisory Council (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the Appointment of fifteen people to serve as members of the Macon-Bibb County Age Friendly Communities Advisory Council was approved.

- B. A Resolution Appointing Helen Weathers, Kristen Grissom, Dr. Lori Rodgers, Moises Velez, Laurie Fickling, And Jill Peavy to The Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Board (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously the appointments to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Board was approved.

5. CONTRACTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a Right Of Way spraying contract with Naturchem, Inc. in the amount of \$145,000 to be paid from the Parks & Beautification Budget, Contract Labor (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the Call For The Vote was passed.

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried by a vote of four to one with Commissioners Bronson, Lucas, Jones and Wilder casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote the item failed to pass.

- B. A Resolution To Authorize The Mayor To Execute A Professional Services Agreement With Donaldson, Garrett & Associates In The Amount Of \$50,120.00 To Provide Surveying Services, To Be Paid From The Engineering Budget, Professional Services – Other Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Donaldson, Garrett and Associates was approved.

6. LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Apply For A 2023 Local Maintenance And Improvement Grant ("LMIG") In The Amount Of \$2,175,003.30; Authorizing The Acceptance Of Said Funds And Appropriating Funds For The Required Local Match To Be Paid From 2018 SPLOST Revenues, Cy 2023 Roads And Bridges – LMIG Line Item Should Said Application Be Approved; Identifying The List Of Road Projects To Be Funded Thereby (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the LMIG was approved.

7. RENAMING OF ANTHONY ROAD

- A. A Resolution to rename a portion of Anthony Road "Robert Scott Boulevard" (Sponsored by Commissioner Virgil Watkins)

Commissioner Watkins moved to approve, there was no second so the action died for the lack of a second.

- B. An Ordinance to dedicate that portion of Anthony Road running between Pio Nono Avenue and Felton Avenue in honor of Mr. Robert Louis Scott in recognition of his many years of service and leadership to the Macon-Bibb Community; appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$500 from the General Fund - Fund Balance to the Facilities Management Department for purchase of material and memorial signage (Sponsored by Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

This item was considered first.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the dedication of a portion of Anthony Road in honor of Mr. Robert Louis Scott was approved.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. 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 there was no need for an Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted:

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