

PRE-COMMISSION ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

September 20, 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

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
Spencer Hawkins, EMA Director

COMMISSIONERS ON THE PHONE
Attending GAPTT meeting in Athens

Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Raymond Wilder

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the August 16, 2022 Pre – Commission acting as Committee of the Whole meeting

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the minutes of August 16, 2022 was approved.

2. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Advent Business Interiors, Inc for the purchase of new courtroom furnishings, in the amount of \$123,092.60 to be paid from Superior Courts Budget - Small Equipment & Improvements Line Items (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Advent Business Interiors was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a facilities use agreement with the American Red Cross to provide for usage of certain recreation facilities as shelters during a disaster (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the facilities use agreement with the American Red Cross was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$200,000 for services related to the disposal of debris and waste from the demolition of blighted houses, to be paid from the Blight Elimination Fund - Landfill Tipping Fees line item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Purchase Order for \$200,000 for disposal of debris was approved.

- D. An Ordinance to dedicate that portion of Houston Avenue running between Colonial Terrace and Sylvian Drive in honor of Pastor Dr. I. Edwin Mack in recognition of his many years of service and leadership to the Macon-Bibb Community; appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the General Fund - Fund Balance to the Facilities Management Department for the purchase of material and Memorial Signage (Sponsored by Commissioner Elaine Lucas)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to dedicate a portion of Colonial Terrace and Sylvian Drive to Pastor Dr. I. Edwin Mack was approved.

Commissioner Tillman arrived at the meeting.

3. 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);

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for the above reasons.

4. SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

- A. A Resolution to approve the Thirty - Sixth 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 Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote the Thirty Six Amendment to the SPLOST Time line was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation in SPLOST Funds and General Funds as provided for herein for the purchase of Real Estate and the Payment of Costs Associated (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote appropriation in SPLOST Funds and General Funds as provided for the purchase of Real Estate and Payment of costs Associated was approved.

- C. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a purchase and sale agreement

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried by a vote of eight to one with Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Lucas, Jones, Clark, Wilder, Howell and

Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote the Mayor was authorized to execute a purchase and sale agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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