

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

September 8, 2020

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Joe Allen
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor-Elect Lester Miller
Commissioner Elect Bill Howell
Commissioner Elect Raymond Wilder

OTHERS PRESENT:

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Keith Moffett, County Manager
Michael McNeill, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Michelle Harris, Assistant County Attorney
Joel Callins, Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Janice Ross, Clerk of Commission
Rachel Gambill, Public Affairs
Sara Henton, Information Technology
Spencer Hawkins, Director, EMA
Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning
Christy Iuliucci, Director of Finance

VISITORS PRESENT:

Leon Jones, Macon-Bibb County Coroner
Wade McCord, Tax Commissioner
Carl Hofstadler,

1. Approval of minutes from the August 25, 2020 meeting

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Alcohol and Business Licenses

A. Update from the Tax Commission regarding Alcohol and Business Licenses - Wade McCord

Information Only

B. An Ordinance to amend various sections of Chapter 4, 7, and 26 of the Code to reflect procedural changes relating to the transfer of Alcohol Licensing Services to the Tax Commissioner's Office (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to amend the Code to transfer of Alcohol Licensing Services to the Tax Commissioner's Office was approved.

C. An Ordinance to amend the Tax Commissioner's Office Budget by transferring \$1,400 from the Salaries & Wages - Part Time Line Item to the Contract Labor Contractual Services Line Item to provide for costs associated with the use of a temporary employee

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to amend the Tax Commissioner's Office budget to allow for a temporary employee was approved.

3. Update On Medical Examiners Office

A. Update on the Closing of the Medical Examiners' Office - Coroner Leon Jones

On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the County attorney will author a Resolution requesting the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Local Legislative Delegation to take action to ensure the continued operation of the Macon Medical Examiner's Office; authorizing the Administration to send a letter regarding the same.

4. Eberhardt Industries And Meade Road Environmental 2

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase and sales agreement with Eberhardt Industries, Inc and Meade Road Environmental 2, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$8,750,000 for the purchase of land located at 4300 Mead Road, to be paid with 2018 SPLOST Funds, Walker Road Landfill - Purchase Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

The Resolution was tabled until a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

5. Change To Financial Policies

- A. An Ordinance amending the Financial Policies of Macon-Bibb County to allow the Finance Officer to approve the transfer of funds within major components of Department Budgets in amounts not exceeding \$25,000 (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman)

Mayor Pro Tem Tillman requested the item be removed from the agenda.

6. Committee Of The Whole Items

- A. An Ordinance to amend Section 2-37 of the Code relating to the referral of items of Commission Business to the Committee of the Whole (Sponsored by Commissioner Bert Bivins)

On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried by a vote of five to four with Commissioners Bivins, Lucas, Schlesinger, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Allen, Jones, Shepherd and Wynn casting the dissenting votes the Ordinance to amend the Code in regards to referral of items to the Committee of the Whole.

7. Executive Session

- B. 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); and Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B);

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the meeting into Executive Session.

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