

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

August 25, 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'S ABSENT:

Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor-Elect Lester Miller
Commissioner Elect Bill Howell

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 Iulucci, Director of Finance

VISITORS PRESENT:

Lauren Shultz, James Bates Brannen Groover

1. Announcements

- A. Spencer Hawkins gave an update on the two hurricanes and COVID-19 statistics.

2. Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. Change To The Code Regarding Ethic Complaints

- A. An Ordinance to amend Section 2-17 of the Code Entitled "Code of Ethics" for the purpose of clarifying procedures with respect to the handling of ethics complaints against Macon-Bibb County Officials (sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn to table, the motion failed by a vote of four to three with Commissioners Allen, Jones, and Schlesinger casting the dissenting votes and Commissioners Tillman, Lucas, Watkins and Wynn casting the affirmative vote.

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was approved.

4. Mask Mandate

- A. An Ordinance enacting a local option face covering requirement in accordance with Executive Order 08.15.20.01 issued by Governor Kemp on August 15, 2020 (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Tillman)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wynn to approve the substitute ordinance whereby Section One will be changed to "Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person shall be required by law or otherwise penalized for the failure to wear a mask in public in accordance with this Ordinance" failed by a vote of five to two with Commissioners Watkins, Tillman, Schlesinger, Allen and Lucas casting the dissenting vote and Commissioners, Jones and Wynn casting the affirmative votes..

The Ordinance was approved by a vote of five to two with Commissioners Allen, Lucas, Tillman, Schlesinger and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Jones and Wynn casting the dissenting vote.

- B. An Ordinance to establish face covering requirements for entry into County property, in accordance with Executive Order 08.15.20.01 issued by Governor Kemp on August 15, 2020 (Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Ordinance establishing face covering requirements for County property was approved.

5. CARES Budget

- A. A Resolution approving a tentative budget for the Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation from the State of Georgia, Governor's Office of Planning and budget (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution approving the Tentative budget for the Coronavirus Relief Fund was approved.

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)

The Ordinance was moved to the September 8, 2020 meeting due to Commissioner Bivins not being in attendance.

7. Executive Session

- B. 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); and 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);

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