

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

August 8, 2017

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Jansen Head, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Co-Interim County Manager
Charles Coney, Co-Interim County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Brett Lavender, Director, Information Technology
Kevin Barkley, Director, Solid Waste
Robert Walker, Interim Director, Recreation Department
Brandon Doles, Manager, Bowden Golf Course
Donald Bracewell, Jr., Manager, Lake Tobesofkee

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Gary Bechtel

VISITORS:

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

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1. Approval of minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were approved.

2. Appointment of Directors – Recreation, Lake Tobesofkee, Bowden Golf Course

Mayor Reichert introduced his three nominees for Director of Macon-Bibb County

- *Robert Walker is being nominated for Director of Macon-Bibb County's Recreation Department. He is a native of Columbus, Ga and most recently served the community as the Department's Interim Director and Senior Recreation Operations Manager. He has more than ten years of experience in the recreation / leisure services field with eight of those being with the former City of Macon and Bibb County and the new consolidated Macon-Bibb County.*
- *Donald Bracewell, Jr is being nominated for Director of Lake Tobesofkee after working there since 2008, first as a Deputy Ranger, then as its Law Enforcement Supervisor and then as the Manager. Prior to working at Lake Tobesofkee, Bracewell worked for six years in the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.*

- *Brandon Doles is being nominated for Director of Historic Bowden Golf Course after serving as its Manager since March 2015. Prior to Bowden, he was the Second Assistant Superintendent of Reynolds Planation in Greensboro, Georgia and the Assistant Golf Superintendent at Healy Point Country Club in Macon. He also interned at the Augusta National Golf Club and is a firefighter with the Peach County Fire Department.*

3. Solid Waste Appeal

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the appeal to reduce the solid waste fees for Ms. Imogene Patrick was granted.

4. Millage Rate

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried five to four with Commissioners Watkins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Bivins and Shepherd casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen, Jones and Tillman casting the dissenting votes, the Ordinance establishing a Millage Rate of 17.652 Mills to be levied and assessed for the Year 2017 upon the Taxable Property located in the Macon-Bibb County Tax District was approved.

Motion to Add

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, an Executive Session for potential or pending litigation.

5. Executive Session

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for 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);

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross
Clerk of the Commission