

PRE-COMMISSION ACTING AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

August 2, 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 Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Paul Bronson
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Raymond Wilder
Commissioner Bill Howell
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commissioner Elaine Lucas - on phone

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
Alex Morrison, Director of Planning & Public Spaces
Dr. Henry Ficklin, Exec. Dir. Community Affairs
Chris Floore, Public Affairs
Olivia Walter, Communications
Edna Ruiz, Communications

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Pre – Commission acting as Committee of the Whole from July 19, 2022, the Public Hearing for the Abandonment of Cason Street and the Public Hearing for the Renaming of a portion of Anthony Road

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the minutes of July 19, 2022 was approved.

2. REVIEW OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Holley Supermarket located at 3309 Holley Road, Macon, Ga

On motion of Commissioner Howell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the license for Holley Supermarket was approved.

3. MILLAGE RATE

- A. An Ordinance reducing the Millage Rate from 19.901 Mills to 17.901 Mills to be levied and assessed for the year 2022 upon the Taxable Property located in Macon-Bibb County Tax District (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Commissioners Wynn, Bronson, Jones Wilder, and Tillman).

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the ordinance to reduce the millage rate from 19.901 to 17.901 mills was approved.

4. GRANTS ACCEPTANCE

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of COVID-19 Grant Funds from the Georgia Committee on Justice for Children in the amount of \$4,732.04, with no local match, to be used by the Juvenile Court of Macon-Bibb County to address needs stemming from COVID-19 (Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the grant for the Juvenile Court was approved

- B. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Discretionary Grant from the Peyton Anderson Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 with no local match to be used by the Bibb County Sheriff's Office Community Fund to assist in working with Homeless Persons in the Downtown Macon area. (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the acceptance of the Peyton Anderson Grant for the Sheriff's Office Community Fund was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Georgia Secretary of State, in the amount of \$38,224.20 to reimburse Macon-Bibb County for postage costs associated with the mailing of voters' precinct cards (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the grant from the Georgia Secretary of State to reimburse Macon-Bibb County for postage was approved.

5. CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

- A. A Resolution requesting the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections Issue a call for a Special Election to be held on November 8, 2022 to fill the balance of the unexpired term of office for the vacant District 2 Seat on the Macon Water Authority Board; to set the qualifying fees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller, Commissioners Valerie Wynn, Al Tillman)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Special Election for the Macon Water Authority Board District 2 seat was approved.

6. PENSION CHANGES

- A. An Ordinance to amend Appendix I of the Charter, entitled "Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan," for the purpose of clarifying certain ambiguities in plan provisions, providing for the straightforward and effective administration of Pension benefits (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller, Commissioners Wynn, Wilder and Bronson)

- B. An Ordinance to amend Appendix II of the Charter, entitled "Macon-Bibb County Pensions and Retirement System, Division A," for the purpose of clarifying certain ambiguities in plan provisions, providing for the straightforward and effective administration of Pension benefits (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller, Commissioners Wynn, Wilder and Bronson)

- C. An Ordinance to amend Appendix III of the Charter, entitled "Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System," for the purpose of clarifying certain ambiguities in plan provisions, providing for the straightforward and effective administration of Pension benefits (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller, Commissioners Wynn, Wilder and Bronson)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Commissioner Wilder and carried unanimously, the above Charter changes were approved.

7. RESIDENTIAL PROJECT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- A. A Resolution approving Macon-Bibb County's renewed participation in the "Residential Project Incentive Program" F/K/A the "Heartbeat Incentive Program" whereby proposed mixed used developments in the Urban Redevelopment Area may be granted the benefit of reduced or eliminated property taxes according to the applicable savings schedule through the use of Pre-Approved "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" ("Pilot") transactions administered by the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously the Resolution to renew participation in the Residential Project Incentive Program was approved.

8. CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR RENEWAL

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with United Technology Systems, Inc. d.b.a. SolutionZ, in the total amount of \$186,249.93 for renovation of the audio-visual system in Commission Chambers in the Macon Government Center, to be paid from the Capital Improvements Fund, Information Technology - Computers & Hardware Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the agreement with United Technology systems for renovations to the audio-visual system in the Chambers was approved.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract addendum with Corus Group, LLV d.b.a. Corus 360 in the total amount of \$324,000.00 for Cloud Hosting and Disaster Recovery Services for the AZ/400 and Mainframe computer Systems, to be paid from the Information Technology Budget - Legacy Systems - Repairs and Maintenance - Software License and Maintenance Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the contract addendum with Corus Group for Cloud Hosting was approved.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement of extension with the Houston County Board of Health WIC Program for the lease of office space located at 456 Oglethorpe Street in the amount of \$21,215.00 for one year (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the agreement with Houston County Board of Health WIC Program for lease of office space was approved.

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract amendment with KONE, Inc in the amount of \$17,940 to be paid monthly, for the installation, activation, and maintenance of Elevator Cellular Dialing Systems (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the contract amendment with KONE was approved.

9. SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

- A. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to \$2,631,212 from the SPLOST Proceeds, 2020 Roads and Bridges - Electric Bus Line Item, for the payment of costs related to the Macon Transit Authority's acquisition of electric buses (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the appropriation to the Macon Transit Authority for payment of costs related to electric buses was approved.

- B. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to \$1,922,839.00 from 2018 SPLOST Proceeds, 2022 Parks and Recreation - Cliffview Lake Line Item for the payment of costs related to acquisition of property and improvements at Cliffview Lake Park (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Bronson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the Appropriation for Cliffview Lake was approved.

- C. A Resolution to approve the Thirty-fifth 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 Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the 35th Amendment to the Project Timeline was approved.

10. SETTLEMENT

- A. An Ordinance authorizing settlement in the total amount of \$150,000 for any and all claims, demands, or damages against the Bibb County Sheriff's Office arising out of or in any way connected to Edna Calloway v Tatreau Gray, Sheriff David Davis and John Doe, Inc., and appropriating \$150,000 from the General Fund Balance to provide funds for the payment of settlement agreement (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howell and carried unanimously, the settlement agreement was approved.

- B. An Ordinance authorizing settlement in the total amount of \$200,000 for any and all claims, demands, or damages against the defendants arising out of or in any way connected to Corey Perkins v Macon-Bibb County, et al., and appropriating \$200,000 from the general fund balance to provide funds for the payment of settlement agreement (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Bronson and carried unanimously, the settlement agreement was approved.

11. OUTSIDE AGENCY INSURANCE OPT IN AGREEMENTS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, a Governmental Agency, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb county Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, a Governmental Agency, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb county Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority, a Governmental Agency, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb county Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Board, a Governmental Agency, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb county Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon-Bibb County Library Board of Trustees, a Governmental Agency, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb county Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon Georgia Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon Arts Alliance,, Inc, a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences, Inc, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- I. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Historic Macon Foundation, Inc, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)
- J. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Newtown Macon, Inc, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, to enable its employees the option to receive health, dental, vision, supplemental benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees (Sponsored by Mayor Lester M. Miller)

On motion of Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously the contracts with individual agencies to be considered as one vote was approved.

On motion of Mayor Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously, the contracts for health care for the employees with Industrial Authority, Planning and Zoning Commission, Urban Development Authority, Keep Macon – Bibb Beautiful, Library Board of Trustees, Cherry Blossom Festival, Macon Arts Alliance, Museum of Arts and Sciences, Historic Macon, and NewTown Macon was approved

12. 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);

Mayor Miller stated that there was no need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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