

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

July 28, 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 Bert Bivins
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Greer,
Matthew Arrington, Terminus
Rhett J. Holmes
Trey Monroe, Stifel Nicolaus
Carter Broun, IDP Properties
Nathan Lewis, Security Capital Brokerage
Tom Civitano, Security Capital Brokerage
Shanique Stewart, Terminus
Joe Collier, Mainsail Lodging and Development
Tim Thornton, Central City Commons
Miller Heath, Central City Commons
Carter Holmes
Josh Rogers, NewTown Macon
Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning
Julie Wilkerson, Macon Arts Alliance
Suzanne Welsh, Museum of Arts and Sciences
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

1. Approval of minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner and carried unanimously, the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting were approved.

2. Add item to the agenda:

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the following item was added to the agenda:

A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission ratifying and authorizing the acceptance of a Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocation from the State of Georgia, Governor's Office of Planning

and Budget, in the amount of \$8,017,519.33, to be used for Coronavirus-related expenses through December 30, 2020, with no local match (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

3. A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission (The "Commission") Authorizing Macon-Bibb County (The "County") To Enter Into An Intergovernmental Contract With The Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority (The "Authority") And To Take Such Further Actions As Are Necessary For The Issuance Of Up To \$23,000,000 In Aggregate Principal Amount Of Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds (City Hall Annex Hotel Project), Series 2020 (The "Series 2020 Bonds"), To Take Such Other Actions As May Be Required For The Authority To Issue Its Series 2020 Bonds; To Authorize The Mayor, The County Manager, And Other Officers And Officials Of The County To Take Such Further Actions As Are Necessary To Provide For The Issuance And Delivery Of The Series 2020 Bonds Described Herein (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A B. Reichert)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bivins the motion to change the split to 70%/30% failed by a vote of four to three with Commissioners Lucas, Schlesinger, Watkins and Bivins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Allen, Jones, Wynn casting the dissenting votes. The motion failed.

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

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to make the split 75%/25%, the motion failed by a three to four with Commissioners Allen, Jones, Schlesinger, casting the dissenting votes and Commissioners Bivins, Lucas, Watkins and Wynn casting the affirmative votes.

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

4. Cultural Plan Presentation

Information Only

Commissioner Shepherd joined the meeting at this time.

5. Millage Rate

Information only.

6. Community redevelopment Tax Incentive Program

- A. An Ordinance to amend that portion of Chapter 26 of the Code relating to the Macon-Bibb County Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

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

7. Discussion of CARES Act Funding

- A. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission ratifying and authorizing the acceptance of a Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocation from the State of Georgia, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, in the amount of \$8,017,519.33, to be used for Coronavirus-related expenses through December 30, 2020, with no local match (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution to accept the CARES Funding was approved.

RECONSIDERATION VOTE

Mayor Reichert stated that Commissioner Shepherd had joined the meeting. He also stated that the Urban Development Authority had emailed Mayor Reichert and they are agreeable to the 0%/30% split.

Mayor Pro Tem Tillman joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Schlesinger moved to reconsider Item 2.A Urban Development Bonds, Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of three to six with Commissioners Allen, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins, Jones and Wynn casting the dissenting votes.

Commissioner Lucas moved to make the split 70%/ 30% with Commissioner Bivins seconding the motion.

The motion passed with Commissioners Bivins, Lucas, Schlesinger, Watkins, and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen, Wynn, Shepherd and Jones casting the dissenting votes.

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried five to four with Commissioners Bivins, Lucas, Schlesinger, Tillman and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Allen, Jones, Shepherd, and Wynn casting the dissenting votes.

8. Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Committee went into Executive Session for Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings and authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B); 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);

No Action was taken.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC

