

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
July 7, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on July 7, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III

Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Elaine Lucas

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Charles Coney – Asst. County Manager
Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. Public Affairs
Kevin Barkley – Director of Public Works
David Fortson – Director of Engineering
Ben Hubbard – Director of Human Resources

Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Asst. Clerk of Commission

News Media Present

Phillip Ramati – The Telegraph
Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Eric Mock – WGXA Fox 24

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert.

Mayor Reichert stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole for the primary purpose of reviewing tonight's Regular Commission Meeting's Agenda, an Executive Session with Outside Counsel, to take action on nine new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, and also one New Business Item on the Agenda for the approval of 17 Retirements by the Commission as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968.

Mayor Reichert reviewed the agenda for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

PRAYER

The prayer will be rendered by Dr. James Bumpus, Director of Macon-Bibb County Small Business Affairs Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ed DeFore was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance for tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on June 16, 2015
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on June 16, 2015

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

- A. Operations and Finance Committee
- B. Economic and Community Development Committee
- C. Public Safety Committee
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reichert stated there would be nine new alcoholic beverage licenses for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968, to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit A

Chief Investigator Jonathan D. Collins District Attorney's Office; Captain Randall J. Collins - Sheriff's Office; Sharon G. Burnette, Exec. Secretary - Juvenile Court; Deputy Jack L. Cleveland - Sheriff's Office; Lt. Maurice Clowers - Sheriff's Office; Lisa L. Coke - Tax Assessors Office; Anita A. Drumgold - Tax Assessors Office; Theresa L. Fields - Tax Assessors Office; Gloria J. Gray - Sheriff's Office; Major Dennis J. Hagerman - Sheriff's Office; Wendell Hall - Tax Assessors Office; Garry Haywood - Parks & Beautification; Roy Jordan - Vehicle Maintenance; Jacqueline C. Phillips - Civil Court; Sgt. Servando Saldivar - Sheriff's Office; Linda S. Thurman - Superior Court Clerk's Office; and Phyllis C. Willis - Civil Court

- B. (2nd Reading) An Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix III, Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System of the Code of Ordinances to allow Fire or Law Enforcement representatives to be either active or retired rather than alternate between an active or retired member every other term
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the River Edge Behavioral Health to appropriate \$403,750.00 in the FY 16 Budget to provide services to mentally ill and chemical dependent citizens
- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Navicent Health in the amount of \$2,500 per year to allow Navicent Health to install a Pneumatic Tube System under County owned right-of-way on Hemlock Street and First Street for the transfer of medical samples
- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Bentley and Sons Funeral Home to provide morgue cooler storage for human remains on behalf of the Coroner's Office at a rate of \$100.00 per day
- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority for the lease of property located at the Macon Downtown Airport; to authorize the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to market and explore aviation related economic activity of said property
- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with KEMI Construction Co. Inc. for the amount of \$380,476.00, to perform concrete street repair work on various streets and roads in Macon-Bibb County
- H. A Resolution authorizing a lease agreement providing Community Services in lieu of rent between Macon-Bibb County and the Kings Park Community Development Corporation to operate a Neighborhood Community Center located at 3283 and 3296 Kingston Court
- I. A Resolution to submit the Macon-Bibb County Five-Year Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvements Element to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for compliance review
- J. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 2, Sec. 2-3 of the Code of Ordinances to authorize the Director of Business Development Services and the Director of Recreation to drive their assigned County-owned vehicle from their place of work to their residence and vice versa; to provide an adoption and effective date
- K. A Resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY 15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application for \$66,240.00 from the Department of Justice
- L. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court in the amount of \$190,836.00 with a State share of \$171,752.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and 2015 BJA JAG Federal Funds Match of \$19,084.00

- M. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$307,872 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- N. A Resolution to reconstitute the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority as provided by O.C.G.A. § 48-4-100 et seq.
- O. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Bert Bivins, Jeffery Monroe, Chuck O'Neal, and Tom Ellington to the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority
- P. A Resolution to execute an agreement with Restoration of Engine 509 LLC to effectuate the lease of Steam Locomotive #509; to establish guidelines regarding the restoration to operational status of Steam Locomotive #509; to reserve the right to amend such agreement prior to operational excursions of Locomotive #509

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Supplemental Grant awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$45,669 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

To be referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

- B. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Supplemental Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Courts in the amount of \$19,860 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

To be referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

- C. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Reginald Rex Moore to Post 2 of the Retirement Committee of the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems, Division A for the remainder of the unexpired term of retiring member Neal Davis

To be referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

- D. A Resolution requesting commencement of Regional T-SPLOST proceedings pursuant to the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB-170)

To be referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Rum Creek Enterprises, LLC to manage Blight Remediation efforts in the Wise Avenue area; to negotiate and execute an agreement with Historic Hills and Heights Development Corporation to manage Blight Remediation efforts in the Beall's Hill area

To be referred to: Committee of the Whole

- F. An Ordinance to adopt a budget for the Blight Remediation Bond Funds appropriating \$9,000,000 of said funds equally between the nine Macon-Bibb County Commission Districts; appropriating \$300,000 of said Blight Remediation Bond Funds to community engagement initiatives and appropriating \$700,000 of the Blight Remediation Bond Funds to waste disposal activities

*To be referred to: **Committee of the Whole***

- G. An Ordinance providing for the use of the \$10,000,000 remaining Blight Bond Funds as follows: four neighborhood projects to include: "Coliseum Heights", "Pleasant Hill North", "Montpelier Heights", and "South Second Street"

*To be referred to: **Committee of the Whole***

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Min Jae ENT, Inc. d/b/a Chevron Food Mart located at 4719 Northside Drive, Macon, GA 31210
- B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Southside Mini Mart located at 3245 Houston Avenue, Macon, GA 31206
- C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Amy's Pour House, LLC located at 5640 Houston Road, Macon, GA 31216
- D. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Francar's Inc. d/b/a Francar's at Bowden located at 3111 Millerfield Road, Macon, GA 31211
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Guitarras Mexican Grill located at 157 Tom Hill Sr. Blvd., Macon, GA 31210
- F. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Ice Bar & Grill located at 3464 Williamson Road, Macon, GA 31206
- G. New Alcoholic Beverage License for JKPS Hartley Bridge, LLC d/b/a Market Place located at 4515 Hartley Bridge Road, Macon, GA 31216
- H. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for JIL-KAVYA 1 d/b/a Reliance Food Mart located at 3590 Napier Avenue, Macon, GA 31204
- I. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Apple Georgia LLC d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar located at 6235 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31210

ACTION

- On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore, and carried unanimously, the nine (9) new alcoholic beverage licenses were approved
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.***

NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

- A. Approval of Retirements by Macon-Bibb County Commission acting as Board of Trustees for the Macon-Bibb County Retirement Plan of 1968

The 17 Retirees for consideration are: Chief Investigator Jonathan D. Collins District Attorney's Office; Captain Randall J. Collins - Sheriff's Office; Sharon G. Burnette, Exec. Secretary - Juvenile Court; Deputy Jack L. Cleveland - Sheriff's Office; Lt. Maurice Clowers - Sheriff's Office; Lisa L. Coke - Tax Assessors Office; Anita A. Drumgold - Tax Assessors Office; Theresa L. Fields - Tax Assessors Office; Gloria J. Gray - Sheriff's Office; Major Dennis J. Hagerman - Sheriff's Office; Wendell Hall - Tax Assessors Office; Garry Haywood - Parks & Beautification; Roy Jordan - Vehicle Maintenance; Jacqueline C. Phillips - Civil Court; Sgt. Servando Saldivar - Sheriff's Office; Linda S. Thurman - Superior Court Clerk's Office; and Phyllis C. Willis - Civil Court

ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Gary Bechtel, and approved unanimously, the aforementioned retirees were approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission Meeting by the Commission acting as Board of Trustees for the Macon-Bibb County Retirement Plan of 1968.
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Outside Counsel, Tom Richardson.

On motion of Commissioner Virgil Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:20 P.M.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.

On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.

There being no further business, and on motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Gary Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission