MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 5, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at the Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commissioner Absent

Staff Present

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Jansen Head - Assistant County Attorney
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Julie Moore – Co-Interim County Manager
Chris Floore - Assistant to the County Manager

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, WMAZ13

Visitors Present:

Cass Hatcher, Blight Manager
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

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1. Call To Order

2. Announcements

Mayor Reichert made the following announcements:

- *Navicent Health announced their intention to purchase the Oconee Regional Medical Center located in Milledgeville, Georgia.*

- *The Pedestrian Safety Summit will take place on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Chambers of the Government Center.*

- *Thursday, July 6, 2017 a luncheon is scheduled with Steve DeLay and the new manager of the ball team from the Coastal League at Dovetail.*

- *A letter has been received from the Georgia Department of Transportation request the Mayor to submit a letter confirming the county's intent to proceed with and fund the "Land Acquisition for Runway 28 Extension Project at Macon Downtown Airport" and the "Environmental Assessment for Runway Extension" at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport during FY2018. Mayor Reichert stated this was exciting news for the airports.*

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Gary Bechtel

Economic and Community Development Committee – Committee Vice -Chairman Elaine Lucas

Public Safety Committee – Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd

Facilities and Engineering Committee – Committee Vice-Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Reichert reviewed the items of old business.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDAS

A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Zeafood Time, Inc located at 2830 Riverside Drive, Macon, Ga. 31201

B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for JH Food Mart, Inc d.b.a. Marathon, Inc located at 6199 Thomaston Road, Macon, Ga 31206

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the New Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Zeafood Time and Marathon, Inc were approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.***

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to authorize the development of a new park to be known as Poplar Street Commons to be located in the median area of Poplar Street between First Street and Second Street; to provide that Rosa Parks Square shall be Alcohol Free

- ***On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried with Commissioners Allen, Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Tillman, Lucas, Bechtel, Schlesinger, and Watkins casting the affirmative votes, the Resolution was amended to include the following "Be it further resolved that all existing monuments, memorials and historical markers located on the property of Macon-Bibb County shall not be relocated or moved without the approval of the Macon-Bibb county Commission".***

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried five to four with Commissioners Schlesinger, Lucas, Tillman, Bivins, and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bechtel, Jones, Allen and Shepherd casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution to authorize the development of a new park to be known as Poplar Street Commons to be located in the median area of Poplar Street between First Street and Second Street; to provide that Rosa Parks Square shall be Alcohol Free was approved as amended and added to tonight's agenda.***

B. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 17, Article 1 of the code by adding Section 17-7, Rosa Parks Square.

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried five to four with Commissioners Schlesinger, Lucas, Tillman, Bivins, and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bechtel, Jones, Allen and Shepherd casting the dissenting vote, the Ordinance to revise Chapter 17, Article 1 of the Code by adding Section 17-7 Rosa Parks Square, was approved and added to tonight's agenda.***

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a five-Year Agreement under a buyback program with Yancey Brother Company in the amount of $103,594.32 for Caterpillar Equipment to be used by the Public Works Department

- ***On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a five-Year Agreement under a buyback program with Yancey Brother Company in the amount of $103,594.32 for Caterpillar Equipment to be used by the Public Works Department was approved and added to tonight's agenda.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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Janice S. Ross, CCC
Clerk of the Commission