MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
June 16, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on June 16, 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 Elaine Lucas.
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Steve Layson – 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
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Noell Saunders –WGXA Fox 24

Visitors Present:

Bud Fletcher

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 and to take action on one New Alcoholic Beverage License request on the agenda and to take action on five new Alcoholic Beverage License requests received after the Agenda was prepared, and also one New Business Item on the Agenda for the approval of Retirements.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Mallory Jones, and carried unanimously, the five (5) New Alcoholic Beverage License applications were approved to be added to the agenda for action.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry

Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman to add the five new license requests to the agenda.

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

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

PRAYER

The prayer will be rendered by Pastor Jerry Dingmore of Piedmont Church.

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 2, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on June 2, 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

A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Forest Hill Shell LLC located at 1585 Forest Hill Road, Macon, GA 31210

B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Krisha & Siya, LLC d/b/a OM Tobacco & Beer located at 6140 Thomaston Road, Macon, GA 31220

C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Corner Grocery 2260, LLC d/b/a Quick Serve located at 2260 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA 31211

D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Kunal Properties, Inc. d/b/a Wingate by Windham located at 100 Northcrest Blvd., Macon, GA 31206

E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for SR4415, Inc. d/b/a Spring Express, 15 Spring Street, Macon, GA 31201

F. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Quick Serve Pio Nono, LTD d/b/a Quick Serve located at 2311 Pio Nono Ave., Macon, GA 31206

OLD BUSINESS

A. An Ordinance establishing the Middle Georgia Education Corridor Business Improvement District to include all properties contiguous to Eisenhower Parkway from the intersection of Eisenhower Parkway and I-475 up to and including the Macon Mall

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Maintenance in Lieu of Rent Agreement with the Georgia Department of Human Services for $1,247,145.00 for office space at 456 Oglethorpe Street

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute four contract amendments on behalf of the Macon-Bibb County Coroner's Office to increase the fee charged by funeral homes for the transportation of cadavers from $150.00 to $200.00

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract modification in the amount of $129,750.00 with Cunningham and Rowland LLC for landscape design and street light design services regarding additional work to be performed on the Jeffersonville Road Project

E. 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

F. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Veterans Court in the amount of $109,928.00

G. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court in the amount of $117,003.00

H. A Resolution authorizing Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency to accept a Flood Mitigation Assistance Award from the Federal Emergency Agency in the amount $189,938.00 to acquire and demolish one flood prone property

I. An Ordinance amending Article 1 Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances to add a definition for the terms "Local Contiguous Vendor" and "Local Contiguous Offeror" for procurement award purposes; to establish a local preference award percentage of 3% for Local Contiguous Vendors and Local Contiguous Offerors

J. An Ordinance to adopt a Budget and Appropriate sums for the operation of the Macon-Bibb County Government for Fiscal Year 2016
Judd Drake, County Attorney, stated the Ordinance needed to be amended reflect the new pay scale implementation date of July 5, 2015 instead of July 1, 2015, to add the $14,000,000 in bond funds for Blight, and to add the Mayor Pro Tem to the Org Charts.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger to amend the Budget Ordinance to reflect the new pay scale implementation date as July 5, 2015, to include the Blight Bond funds of $14,000,000, and to change the Org Charts to show the Mayor Pro Tem, was unanimously approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman to amend the 2016 Budget Ordinance

K. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt a provision identifying the County Logo and Tagline; to penalize the unauthorized use of said logo and tagline

L. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon Mayhem Hockey Team to allow the use of the Macon-Bibb County Logo on the team jerseys for the inaugural first two games of the season

M. A Resolution confirming the appointment of Brian Adams to the Development Authority of Macon-Bibb County "

N. A Resolution appointing Elaine Lucas, Violet Poe, and Michael Ryan to the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Fatality Review Board

O. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Sec. 5-26 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt a $40.00 filing fee for Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearings; to provide an adoption and effective date

P. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Temporary Access Agreement with Prodigy Holdings, LLC for the use of excess right-of-way located on 6th Street in exchange for clean-up, maintenance, and upkeep of the area

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with River Edge Behavioral Health to appropriate $403,750.00 in the FY 16 Budget to provide services to mentally ill and chemical dependent citizens

To be referred to Operations and Finance Committee

B. 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

To be referred to Operations and Finance Committee

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

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

The seven retirees for consideration are: James R. Barefoot - Parks and Beautification; Jim Curry-Vehicle Maintenance; Jeffery Flanders- Public Works; Kendall McElmurray-Sheriff's Office; Bradford L. Mock-Sheriff's Office; Lillian Simmons-Howard-Public Defender's Office; William J. Strange-Sheriff's Office.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., and approved unanimously, the aforementioned retirees were approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman to amend the 2016 Budget Ordinance

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ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses were approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry

Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, 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.

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Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission