

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
June 2, 2020
Government Center**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held June 2, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Video Conference in the Commission Chambers at the Government Center.

Commission Members On Video-conference:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Bert Bivins, III

Staff Present

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill – Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett – County Manager
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore - Public Affairs
Michael Glisson, Director, Parks & Beautification

Guests Present

Erin Keller, Macon-Bibb County Tree Board
Robert Booker
Ryan Griffin, Macon-Bibb County Tree Board

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order. He read the following statement regarding the Pre-Commission and Commission meeting:

Pursuant to instructions from the president of the united states, the Honorable Donald j. Trump, the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian Kemp and the Mayor of Macon-Bibb County, the Honorable Robert A. B. Reichert, the Macon-Bibb County Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 will be available to the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners by conference call only for the 5:00 p.m. pre-commission meeting and 6:00 p.m. commission meeting.

The commission chambers will be closed to the public and press, as we follow the recommendation from the white house to limit public gatherings for the next 15 days, in order to slow the spread of Covid-19. therefore, the public and press may only access the meeting simultaneously online at www.maconbibb.us or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

2. Announcements

The meeting tonight was being held as a Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Reichert stated that that he would like to add to an item to the agenda:

- Construction contract with Reeves for airport rehab at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport.

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve a contract with Reeves Construction was approved.

Commissioner Tillman stated he would like to add a revision to the alcohol code to the agenda.

On motion of commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried by a vote of six to two with Commissioners Allen, Commissioner Lucas, Commissioner Schlesinger, Commissioner Shepherd, Commissioner Tillman and Commissioner Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Jones and Wynn casting the dissenting votes, the Ordinance to revise Chapter 4 of the Code regarding Alcohol Licenses was added to the agenda.

3. Update on the Governor's Executive Orders

Michael McNeill gave an update on the most recent Executive Orders issued by Governor Kemp which included an update on overnight camps, extended the public health state of emergency to July 12, 2020, definition of gathering which is now 25 people, shelter in place for certain people with health issues or over the age of 65 remains until June 12, bars can open with no more than 25 people, sports league can begin operating, water parks may open on June 12, community swimming pools may not open yet, summer schools may open. He also issued two orders regarding the protests and the call for National Guard troops.

4. Review of the Agenda for tonight's Commission meeting

Mayor Reichert reviewed the old business items on the Regular agenda.

- Item J – A Resolution to rename Central City Park as “Carolyn Crayton Park” in honor of Carolyn Crayton’s contributions to the Macon-Bibb County Community

Discussion

Commissioner Tillman asked that the Commission to reconsider the Resolution to rename Central City Park in honor of Carolyn Crayton Park. He asked that the Resolution be tabled.

Commissioner Tillman moved to table and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion.

The Clerk conducted a roll call vote:

*Commissioner Tillman voted yes
Commissioner Allen voted no
Commissioner Lucas voted no
Commissioner Schlesinger voted no
Commissioner Jones voted no
Commissioner Shepherd voted no
Commissioner Wynn voted no
Commissioner Watkins voted yes.*

The motion to table failed by a vote of six to two.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Consideration of Alcohol Licenses for Dirt Road Ent, LLC

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, the consideration of the Alcohol Licenses for Dirt Road Entertainment, LLC was tabled.

6. New Business

A. Committee Amendment – A Resolution appointing Erin Patrice Keller to the Macon-Bibb County Tree Board

DISCUSSION

Jackie Harper, who was approved at the May 26, 2020 Committee meeting, notified Michael Glisson that she was unable to serve. Erin Keller was nominated to fill her seat.

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, the Resolution to appoint Erin Keller to the Macon-Bibb County Tree Board was approved.

B. Committee Amendment – A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the sale property to Historic Macon Foundation, Inc totaling 0.02 acres located at 945 Hazel Street for its appraised value of \$615.38.

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve the Quitclaim Deed was approved.

DISCUSSION

Mr. McNeill stated that the previous Resolution was approval of an encroachment but it should have been for a Quit Claim Deed.

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract Modification with Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC for the Completion of Conceptual Drawings for the Bass Road Widening Project in an additional amount of \$228,808.00, to be paid from SPLOST Revenues - Roads and Bridges - CY20020 Bass Road Line Item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Resolution for a contract modification for the Bass Road Widening Project was approved.

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Vacuum Truck Sales and Service LLC in the amount of \$210,750 for 2019 Brush Hawg AWC Model for use by the Solid Waste Department to be paid from the Solid Waste Management Fund (Sponsored by Mayor Robert a. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution for an agreement with Vacuum Truck Sales in the amount of \$210,750 for a Brush Hawg was approved.

- E. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Grant from the Office of Justice Programs, BJA FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, in the amount of \$225,479.00, to be used by Macon-Bibb County for certain expenses related to Covid-19: with no local match (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution accepting the grant in the amount of \$225,479 was approved.

- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$3,346,591.985 for the rehabilitation of the 14-32 Runway at Middle Georgia Regional Airport; to be paid from the Airport Fund and from designated funds received from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the agreement with Reeves Construction Company was approved.

- G. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Alcohol Licensing.

Discussion

Mr. McNeill reviewed what the revised Ordinance would do.

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones to table the Ordinance.

On roll call vote to table:

*Commissioner Tillman voted no
Commissioner Allen voted no
Commissioner Lucas voted no
Commissioner Schlesinger voted no
Commissioner Jones voted no
Commissioner Shepherd voted no
Commissioner Watkins voted no
Commissioner Wynn voted yes.*

The motion to table failed

Commissioner Lucas moved to approve, Commissioner Schlesinger seconded the motion.

On roll call vote to approve the Ordinance:

*Commissioner Tillman voted yes
Commissioner Allen voted yes
Commissioner Lucas voted yes*

*Commissioner Schlesinger voted yes
Commissioner Jones voted no
Commissioner Shepherd voted yes
Commissioner Watkins voted no
Commissioner Wynn voted yes.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission