**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING**
**MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION**
**June 2, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.**
**Government Center**
**(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on June 2, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at Government Center.

**Commission Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

**Commission Members Absent**

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

**Staff Present**

Charles Coney – Asst. 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
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

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins.

The Mayor Pro-Tem 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 to take action on one item under the Consent Agenda for a new alcoholic beverage license and three New Business items on the Agenda.

## PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. A New Alcoholic Beverage License for NSHP LLC d/b/a 777 Food Mart located at 3070 Houston Avenue, Macon, GA 31206

**ACTION:**

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage License for NSHP d/b/a 777 Food Mart was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

***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. A Resolution appointing Commissioner Scotty Shepherd to the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau

**ACTION:**

On motion of Commissioner Al Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the appointment of Scotty Shepherd was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item H under Old Business.

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

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Prince Service and Mfg. Inc. for the amount of $196,032.00 to perform repairs and modifications for Fenley Ryther Dam at Lake Tobesofkee

**Discussion**

David Fortson, Director of Engineering, stated Engineering had recently experienced problems with the east gate of the dam in that it would not come down properly. Mr. Fortson continued that the belief was that after having the dam painted, the new seals are too tight and that dirt and debris has accumulated on the seals. This problem needs to be correct quickly so as not to warp the gates. There is also some concern regarding the bottom seal. The money allocated will be used to purchase the seals and then after testing, if the seals are not needed, they will be stored for future use.

**ACTION:**

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the agreement with Prince Service and Mfg. Inc. was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item P under Old Business.

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

C. A Resolution to support the proposed development by Roundstone Development, LLC entitled "The Pines" located between Northside Drive and Elnora Drive; to provide financial assistance in the amount of $250,000 for said development should Roundstone Development, LLC receive an allocation for Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

**ACTION:**

On motion of Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Al Tillman, and carried unanimously, this item was removed from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

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

D. A Resolution to support the proposed affordable rental housing rehabilitation by Southport Financial Services, Inc. of "Autumn Apartments" located at 1745 Rocky Creek Road

**ACTION*:***

On motion of Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution in support of Southport was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item R under Old Business.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bivins reviewed the Agenda items 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 May 19, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on May 19, 2015

**INVITED GUESTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**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. A New Alcoholic Beverage License for NSHP LLC d/b/a 777 Food Mart located at 3070 Houston Avenue, Macon, GA 31206

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. An Ordinance granting to Jointly Owned Natural Gas, a partnership of the municipalities of Byron, Cochran, Hawkinsville, Perry and Warner Robins, hereinafter designated as "Jointly Owned Natural Gas", its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to use and occupy the streets, avenues, roads, public highways, alleys, lanes, ways, parks, and other public places of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia for constructing, maintaining, renewing, repairing and operating a Gas Works and Gas Distribution System, and other necessary means for manufacturing, transmitting, distributing and selling of manufactured, natural or commingled gas within and through Macon-Bibb County, Georgia; and fixing the terms and conditions of such grant; to provide provisions governing the franchise fee calculations; to provide an effective date

B. A Resolution to amend the adoption agreement to the ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Bibb County employees

A. A Resolution to amend the adoption agreement to the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management of Bibb County to reflect the restructuring of Bibb County into Macon-Bibb County and to provide for Employer Discretionary Contributions for Steve Layson in accordance with the Early Retirement Incentive Programs offered to other eligible employees of Macon-Bibb County

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for use of inmate labor on Public Works Projects in the amount of $118,500.00

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for use of inmate labor on Public Works projects in the amount of $355,500.00

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to perform apron rehabilitation and taxiway crack seal work at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport using local funds in the amount of $94,769

E. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2015 Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant in the amount of $5,000 from State Farm to implement a Teen Driver Safety Program awarded to the Sheriff's Office

F. A Resolution appointing Commissioner Scotty Shepherd to the Macon-Bibb County Convention & Visitors Bureau

G. A Resolution authorizing Bragg Jam, Inc., a nonprofit organization, to hold its 2015 Music Festival in downtown Macon, Georgia on Saturday, July 25, 2015; to permit festival-goers to carry and consume alcoholic beverages in and about the designated streets of downtown Macon, under specific conditions; to require Bragg Jam, Inc. to provide for and/or reimburse the City for all expenses incurred for security and clean-up

H. A Resolution adopting the Macon-Bibb County Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan

**Discussion**

Kevin Barkley, Director of Public Works, addressed the changes that needed to be made to the Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan. He stated that the work on the forming of a Hazardous Waste Facility needed to be changed after hearing concerns from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The approval of a hazardous waste facility would be determined by the Environmental Protection Agency and then it would require Planning and Zoning Commission approval before final approval from the Macon-Bibb County Commission. Mr. Barkley also stated the plan could also include a gasification facility or a dirty Multi Re-Use Facility (MRF).

***ACTION:***

On motion of Commission Bechtel, seconded by Commission Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Solid Waste and Materials Management Plan was amended to include the rewording of the Hazardous Waste Facility.

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

I. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the transfers of the parcels of property located at 416 Pursley Street, 424 Pursley Street, 430 Pursley Street, 436 Pursley Street, 442 Pursley Street, and 448 Pursley Street from the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority for Jefferson Long Park; to authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents

J. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to grant an encroachment totaling 2,940 square feet for property located at 978 Elm Street to Historic Hills and Heights Development for the fair market value of $3,675.00

K. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a multi-party agreement with Jones County, Monroe County, the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, the

Middle Georgia Regional Commission, the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority, and the Georgia Department of Transportation to perform a continuing, comprehensive, cooperative urban transportation planning process known as the "Macon Area Transportation Study"

L. A Resolution authorizing the closure and abandonment of that portion of Rose Place consisting of the circular drive located 187+/- feet west of Orange Street; authorizing the Mayor to convey said circular drive property to Mount de Sales Academy in exchange for Mount de Sales Academy having agreed to make improvements for the public benefit along the remaining portion of Rose Place Drive valued at a cost of no less than $300,000; authorizing the Mayor to convey a landscaping easement to Mount de Sales Academy of up to 10 feet along the northern edge of the Right-of-Way of Rose Place

**Discussion**

Commissioner Bechtel stated that once he reviewed the Resolution, he and County Attorney, Judd Drake, realized that the wording was not correct. The Resolution was amended to state that Mount de Sales Academy will improve the lot at a cost to not exceed $300,000 and to make improvements for the public benefit along the remaining portion of Rose Place Drive valued at a cost of no less than $300,000.

***ACTION:***

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the closure and abandonment of that portion of Rose Place was approved as amended.

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

M. A Resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims pending in Bibb County Superior Court Civil Action Styled Geraldine Polite v. City of Macon, Bibb County, Georgia and ABC Inc., Civil File No. 13CV58568; authorizing the Macon-Bibb County Engineering and Public Works Departments to use SPLOST funds designated for road and street improvements to repair and improve the sidewalk and adjacent areas on Telfair Street which was the subject of said litigation so as to ensure its safety for use by the general public

N. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Prince Service and Mfg. Inc. for the amount of $196,032 to perform repairs and modifications to Fenley Ryther Dam at Lake Tobesofkee

O. A Resolution to support the proposed affordable rental housing rehabilitation by Southport Financial Services, Inc. of "Autumn Apartments" located at 1745 Rocky Creek Road

P. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Macon-Bibb County and Spirit of America Theme Park and Development, LLC to postpone the construction of certain Park infrastructure improvements until a later date

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. 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 2 games

***Refer to Economic and Community Development Committee***

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

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Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission