

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
March 17, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on March 17, 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
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Senior Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager (Strategic Planning and Budget)
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager – Public Affairs
Dr. James Bumpus – Director of Small Business Affairs
Nyesha Daley – Director of Procurement
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training and Events Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Brittany Childs – Industrial Authority
Alex Morrison – Urban Development Authority
Van Thomas – ZT3
Michael Ryan
Bud Fletcher

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

The Mayor 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 new items under the Consent Agenda for new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses and two New Business items.

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

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Pastor Rayford Johnson of Countryside Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAPS Students Zeleria Jackson (Mount de Sales Academy) and Tariq Raines (Howard High School)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on March 3, 2015
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on March 3, 2015

INVITED GUESTS

Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of March as "Purchasing Month"

Lynmore Estates residents to formally thank the Mayor and Commissioners for their support with a special presentation to Mayor Reichert and Commissioner Schlesinger

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mayor Reichert reminded Committee Chairs to give their Committee reports.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Pearlie Tolliver to Post Seven of the Retirement Committee for Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems, Division A for the remainder of the unexpired term of outgoing Chairperson Lauren Benedict
- B. An Ordinance amending Article I Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances to codify language regarding the "Ban the Box" initiative; to update the application process for employment of ex-offenders with Macon-Bibb County
- C. An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County Government Policies and Procedures Manual's Section 8: Leave, by adding Section 8.09 Administrative Leave
- D. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the sponsorship for 3 staff members to attend the Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in Detroit Grant in the amount of \$5,000 awarded from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to the Mayor's Office
- E. An Ordinance to approve an amendment to the Economic and Community Development Department CDBG Budget for Fiscal Year 2015
- F. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the donation of the Little Richard Penniman House from the Georgia Department of Transportation; to authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents
- G. A Resolution to authorize the relocation or possible demolition of the structure located at 1790 First Avenue; to authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents
- H. A Resolution authorizing the Macon Georgia International Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. to hold the Cherry Blossom Music Festival in Downtown Macon, Georgia, on Saturday, March 28, 2015; to permit festival-goers to carry and consume alcoholic beverages in and about the designated streets of downtown Macon

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reichert reviewed the license applications and stated they met all requirements for approval.

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for All American Quality Foods, Inc. d/b/a Food Depot #6 located at 4015 Northside Drive, Macon, GA 31210
- B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Dhanshree Investments d/b/a R & D Food Mart #2 located at 36 Spring Street, Macon, GA 31201
- C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Marco's Pizza located at 6394 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31220

- D. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Log Cabin 4691 Inc. d/b/a Sunoco Food Mart located at 4691 4691 Log Cabin Drive, Macon, GA 31204
- E. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Kum O Jung Enterprise LLC d/b/a Kum O Restaurant located 7275 Hawkinsville Road, Macon, GA 31216

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore, 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.

NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION

- A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Oasis Consulting for the development of Pinnacle Park for \$77,850.00 to be paid from Community Development Block Grant funds

Discussion: Alex Morrison, Director, Urban Development Authority, and Van Thompson of ZT3-Placemaker Studio, gave an overview of the plans and amenities for Pinnacle Park including walking paths, shade trees, benches, and landscaping. This will be Phase 1 of the project, additional funding will not be needed.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item I under Old Business.

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.

- B. A Resolution requesting the Governor of Georgia to authorize the necessary Referendum among eligible employees to allow said employees to remain covered by Social Security under a new 218 Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Social Security Administration

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, to add the Resolution to the Pre-

Commission agenda for discussion and approval for tonight's 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.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item J under Old Business.

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.

C. A Resolution to rename a portion of Wood Street to Bishop John L. Cotton Way

Discussion: Commissioner Mallory Jones stated a Public Hearing was held at 4:00 P.M. prior to this meeting where it was agreed by all attendees from Greater Overcoming Church of God, and members of the community. At the request of two veterans that would be affected by the name change, it was agreed only a portion of Wood Street would be changed to Bishop John L. Cotton Way.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Virgil Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, to add the Resolution to the Pre-Commission agenda for discussion and approval for tonight's 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.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item K under Old Business.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Al Tillman asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or voting on: Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action of dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a County officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2).

On motion of Commissioner Al Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:50 P.M.

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.

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened at 5:59 P.M.

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 6:00 P.M.

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission