MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
May 6, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on May 6, 2014 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 – Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager - Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph

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 to take action on items 9L and 9M listed on tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda. The Mayor stated these two Resolutions encompassed the reallocation of the 2013 Bond proceeds which reduces the allocated funds for the Lake Tobesokee Project by $950,000 and the Downtown Improvement Projects by $450,000. These funds will be used to complete the old Sears Building at 111 Third Street for the Sheriff's Office, and to complete the Tax Commissioner's Office renovations at the former Capital City Bank building at 455 Walnut Street. The Sheriff's Office funding would increase from $1.5 million to $1.8 million. The Tax Commissioner's Office will increase from $550,000 to $1.2 million.

County Attorney Judd Drake gave an overview of the 2013 Bond allocations and the reallocation changes to the Bond Funds.

A. ***(9L) Resolution to amend projects to be funded from proceeds of the Series 2013*** **A and B and to authorize the execution and delivery of an amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract between MBCUDA and Bibb County dated July 30, 2013 relating to the issuance of bonds**

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner DeFore, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's 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.

The Mayor stated SPLOST funds are being used for the construction of the Juvenile Justice Center. He further stated the project is near completion, is on schedule, and is coming in under budget. Dale Walker, County Manager, stated the $192,488.05 to purchase furniture is less than the $250,000 originally budgeted.

B. ***(9M) Resolution authorizing the purchase of furniture for the Juvenile Justice Center for a total price of $192,488.05***

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's 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.

The Mayor reviewed the agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

A. Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert

PRAYER – Rev. Ral Waltowar - True Gospel Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on April 16, 2014
B. Regular Commission Meeting on April 16, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

A. Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and State Representative Allen Peake – to be presented an award for his sponsorship of the Downtown Renaissance Act

B. Recognition of Bibb County's Star Student

Mayor Reichert asked Commissioner Lucas to assist with the recognition. Commissioner Lucas stated she was not sure Ms. Allotey would be in attendance tonight

C. Declaring May as "Foster Parents" Month

D. Bibb County Retirees

Mayor Reichert stated the Clerk of Commission would read the Resolution in its entirety which included the names of the 34 retirees. The Mayor stated he would make the presentation to former Bibb Commission Chairman, Samuel F. Hart, Sr., and will ask him to make the presentation to the other 33 retirees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Reichert asked Committee Chairs to be prepared to give their Committee reports tonight.

A. Operations and Finance Committee

B. Economic and Community Development Committee

C. Public Safety Committee

D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

E. Mercer Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution recognizing Bibb County Retirees

Mayor Reichert stated this Resolution would be moved under Invited Guests for presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution to adopt the Economic and Community Development CDBG and Home proposed budget for FY 2015

B. Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of the Financial Consultant for OPEB and the Master Statement of Investment Policy for the OPEB Trust

C. Resolution authorizing the continuation and acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant not to exceed $500,000

D. Resolution appointing Commissioner Scotty Shepherd and Commissioner Larry Schlesinger to the General Employees Pension Board

E. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Immigration Compliance Policy

F. Normal Retirement of Grant Faulkner

G. Normal Retirement of Cliff Howard

H. Use of Commissary Funds at Sheriff's Office

I. Ordinance amending the Macon-Bibb County Code to add provisions applicable to the sale of Growlers

J. Resolution approving continued participation in the "Heartbeat Incentive Program" whereby Mixed-Use Developments may be granted reduced or eliminated property taxes

K. Ordinance to adopt a policy for citizens for the repair of roadways not established as public roads and to establish procedures for the creation of Special Tax Districts

L. Resolution to amend projects to be funded from proceeds of the Series 2013 A and B Bonds and to authorize the execution and delivery of an amendment to the intergovernmental contract between MBCUDA and Bibb County dated July 30, 2013 relating to the issuance of bonds

M. Resolution authorizing the purchase of furniture for the Juvenile Justice Center for a total price of $192,488.05

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to sell a portion of New Street Lane consisting of 2,086 sq. ft. for $29,204 to adjoining property owner
***To Be Referred To*:** Operations and Finance Committee

B. Resolution to sell and close alley-Cliett Drive consisting of 18,534 sq. ft. to adjoining property owner for $18,534
***To Be Referred To*:** Operations and Finance Committee

C. Resolution to support Hunt School Partners, L.P. in its application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits to acquire and redevelop the former Henry A. Hunt School Property
***To Be Referred To*:** Economic and Community Development Committee

D. Ordinance granting a Franchise to Southern Rivers Energy
***To Be Referred To*:** Operations and Finance Committee

E. Resolution to authorize and approve a professional consulting agreement with T. Y. Lin International, Inc. for $4,950 for Mid-City Square conceptual design
***To Be Referred To*:** Operations and Finance Committee

F. Resolution to accept the dedication of streets and drainage systems located within the streets in Oak Creek Subdivision
***To Be Referred To*:** Facilities and Engineering Committee

G. Resolution appointing Lauren Benedict as the Post Seven (7) citizen member of the Retirement Committee for Division A of the Macon-Bibb County Pension and Retirement Systems
***To Be Referred To*:** Operations and Finance Committee

H. Resolution to rename Haywood Road to Marshell Stenson, Jr. Drive
***To Be Referred To*:** Facilities and Engineering Committee

I. Resolution to support the Benoit Group, LLC, to redevelop the Macon Gardens property located at 3601 Mercer University Drive
***To Be Referred To*:** Economic and Community Development Committee

J. Resolution to authorize and approve the proposed action plan for redevelopment of the Riverside Drive property and Associated Manufactured Gas Plant ("MGP") #2 at a cost of $100,000
***To Be Referred To*:** Facilities and Engineering Committee

K. Draft Agreement for Workforce Development
***To Be Referred To*:** Economic and Community Development Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:35 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 Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was re-opened.

No action was taken.

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.

There being no further business, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned.

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

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission