

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

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on May 5, 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 Al Tillman
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Charles Coney – Asst. County Manager
Steve Layson – Asst. County Manager
Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. Public Affairs
Dave Fortson – County Engineer

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
Noelle Saunders –WGXA Fox 24

Visitors Present

Attorney William Noland
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 three new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses under the Consent Agenda. He also stated there would be an Executive Session with Outside Counsel for discussion of pending litigation.

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

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Reverend Christopher Cabiness of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

To be led by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on April 21, 2015
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on April 21, 2015

INVITED GUESTS

The Mayor stated that at this time he was not aware of any invited guests.

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 – No Report
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to override the Mayor's veto on April 23, 2015 of the Resolution requesting Procurement officials to issue a Request for Proposals for an Investment Consultant for the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 approved and adopted at the April 21, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting

The Mayor stated he would ask if there was a motion to override the veto which would require a motion and a second and debate if needed. He further stated those in favor of overriding the veto would vote yes and those opposed to overriding the veto would vote no.

- B. (2nd Reading) An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System, (1969 GA. Laws, Page 2801), to provide for a Limited Early Retirement Incentive
- C. (2nd Reading) An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County Pension and Retirement Systems, Division A, (1972 GA. Laws, Page 3152, to provide for a Limited Early Retirement Incentive
- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Francar's, Inc. for the lease of space at 3111 Millerfield Road, a/k/a Bowden Golf Course Snack Bar
- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with American Safety and Fire Hose for the purchase of 12 open-circuit self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), 12 self-contained breathing apparatus with two face masks per cylinder (small and medium) and 18 face masks for the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department in the amount of \$67,500 from Budget Funds
- F. A Resolution to authorize and approve the transfer of \$500,000 of the Series 2013A and Series 2013B Urban Development Authority bond proceeds from the Lake Tobesofkee Project to the Sears Roebuck Store Renovation Project
- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas in the amount of \$56,650 to repair and renovate the elevator located in the former Sears Building at 111 Third Street
- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for rescue group services which will include operation of the adoption portion of the Animal Welfare Center and providing spay and neuter services
- I. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Outdoor Film Screenings Grant in the amount of \$15,000 awarded from the Knight Foundation to the Parks and Recreation Department
- J. A Resolution to adopt the Economic and Community Development Department CDBG, Home and ESG proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Mayor Reichert stated there was a Floor Substitute for item J. It was passed as a Resolution but in the opinion of the County Attorney it needed to be an Ordinance. He stated the Floor Substitute takes exactly the same language and the two Committee amendments are included in the draft Ordinance.

Discussion

Commissioner Watkins stated that he would like to make two amendments to item J that are public service items including EOC'S homeless dental program which the ECD Manager previously stated did include essential items required in the application. He distributed a handout listing his proposed line item changes. He stated he had been working with Wanzina Jackson, Manager of Economic and Community Development, to see what she considered would be acceptable with the proposed budget changes. He

stated she was not one hundred percent in favor of the changes, but that they were fiscally sound in her opinion.

Commissioner Lucas stated that she would like an opportunity to review the proposed changes more in depth; especially EOC's homeless dental program, and stated she would like to see the item referred back to Committee next Tuesday for further review and action.

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner DeFore, the Resolution to adopt the Economic and Community Development Department's Budget for 2015 was removed from tonight's action agenda and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action next week.***
- ***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.***

Mayor Reichert asked the County Attorney to see what had to be done to call a Special Called Meeting to approve officially to send to HUD by May 15, 2015.

- K. A Resolution reappointing Andrew L. Galloway to the River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board for a 3year term to run from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2018
- L. A Resolution appointing Tim Jones to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission
- M. A Resolution to support Tindall Partners I, L.P. and its application for Low Income Tax Credits to develop the Tindall Seniors Towers property located at 985 Plant Street
- N. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority to transfer three parcels of property located at 239 Schell Avenue, 275 Clinton Street, and 323 Dewitt Street
- O. A Resolution approving the Right-of-Way plans required for location and construction of the Little Richard Penniman Connector; approving and accepting the relocation closure, and abandonment of certain portions of municipal streets and alleys required for the location and construction of the Little Richard Penniman Connector
- P. A Resolution approving the Right-of-Way plans required for location and construction of Log Cabin Drive Roadway Enhancements from Alton Avenue to the rear entrance of Green Meadows Apartments

The Mayor stated New Business items on the Agenda would be referred to Committee for action during the Regular Commission Meeting.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reichert reviewed the alcoholic beverage licenses applications and stated that they met all requirements for approval.

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Bourbon Bar located at 370 Cherry Street, Macon, GA 31201

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage License for the Bourbon Bar was approved as presented.

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. New Alcoholic Beverage License for AA Stores, LLC d/b/a Ammar's Food Mart located at 3495 Williamson Road, Macon, GA 31206

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage License for the AA Stores LLC d/b/a Ammar's Food Mart was approved as presented.

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. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Old Clinton, LLC d/b/a AK Express located at 1091 Old Clinton Road, Macon, GA 31211

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses were approved for consideration on tonight's Regular Commission agenda.

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

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Outside Counsel.

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:27 P.M.

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

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Mallory Jones and carried unanimously the meeting was re-opened at 5:53 P.M.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission