MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
May 2, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on May 2, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at the Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III

Commissioner Absent

Staff Present

Judd Drake - County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Jansen Head - Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore - Assistant to the County Manager
Chris Floore - Assistant to the County Manager
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chauncey Wilmore, Procurement

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, WMAZ13

Visitors Present:

Josh Rogers, NewTown Macon
Alex Morrison, Urban Development Authority

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1. Call To Order.

Discussion

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order and stated that the Pre-Commission would be acting as a Committee of the Whole to take action on new business.

Mayor Reichert announced that congratulations should be extended to the Macon-Bibb County Finance Department on receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association for their work on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Mayor Reichert continued that when a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individuals or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the certificate.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Gary Bechtel

Economic and Community Development Committee – Committee Chairman Larry Schlesinger

Public Safety Committee – Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd

Facilities and Engineering Committee – Committee Vice-Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Reichert reviewed the items of old business.

Item L: Commissioner Tillman asked if John Rogers, Executive Director, NewTown Macon, could be given an opportunity to speak. Mr. Rogers stated that their request to waive the right to object to varying from the financing percentage limits of the Urban Development Authority taxable Revenue bonds for a loan in the amount of $800,000 to City Ventures should be removed from the agenda. He continued NewTown Macon had been able to secure the funds from a different sources.

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution approving the request by Newtown Macon of which Urban Development Concepts, LLC is a subsidiary to waive the right to***

object to varying from the financing percentage limits of the Urban Development Authority taxable Revenue bonds for a loan in the amount of $800,000 to City Ventures was removed from tonight's agenda.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDAS

A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Circle K Stores, Inc. dba Circle K Store #6730, 6250 Zebulon Road, Macon, GA 31210

B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Jeffersonville Package, 2900-B Jeffersonville Road, Macon, GA 31217

- ***The New Alcoholic Beverage License for Circle K. Stores d.b.a. Circle K Store #6730 located at 6250 Zebulon Road Macon, Ga and Jeffersonville Package, located at 2900-B Jeffersonville Road, Macon, GA 31217, were approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.***

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to approve the selection of the proposal submitted by the Owls Project of Macon, L.L.C. for the redevelopment of the following blighted residential properties in the Urban Redevelopment Area: 436 Fort Hill Street and 506/508 Willingham Court

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried with Commissioners Allen, Bivins, Schlesinger, Tillman, Bechtel, Jones, Watkins and Shepherd casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Lucas recusing herself from the vote, the Resolution to approve the selection of the proposal submitted by the Owls Project of Macon, L.L.C. for the redevelopment of the following blighted residential properties in the Urban Redevelopment Area: 436 Fort Hill Street and 506/508 Willingham Court was approved and added to tonight's agenda.***

EXCUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was removed from the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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Janice S. Ross, CCC
Clerk of the Commission