

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
March 17, 2020
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held March 17, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Teleconference in the Commission Chambers at the Government Center.

Commission Members On Teleconference:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Guest on Teleconference

Trent Edwards, Schneider Electric
Rob Ryals, Director, Facilities Management

Staff Present

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill – Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett – County Manager
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore - Public Affairs

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order. He read the following statement regarding the Pre-Commission and Commission meeting:

Pursuant to instructions from the president of the united states, the Honorable Donald j. Trump, the Governor of Georgia, the Honorable Brian Kemp and the Mayor of Macon-Bibb County, the Honorable Robert A. B. Reichert, the Macon-Bibb County Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, march 17, 2020 will be available to the Macon-Bibb County Commissioners by conference call only for the 5:00 p.m. pre-commission meeting and 6:00 p.m. commission meeting.

the commission chambers will be closed to the public and press, as we follow the recommendation from the white house to limit public gatherings for the next 15 days, in order to slow the spread of covid-19. therefore, the public and press may only access the meeting simultaneously online at www.maconbibb.us or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

2. Announcements

Mayor Reichert called on Michael Hokanson, District Public Information Officer with the North Central Health District, who gave an update on cases in Macon-Bibb County. Mayor Reichert stated that there was a new hot line number 1-844-442-2681.

Mayor Reichert review the efforts Macon-Bibb County has taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This included efforts by Macon Transit Authority, Macon Water Authority, Visit Macon, Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections and events scheduled in the community which have been cancelled.

Dr. Sanford Duke, Navicent Health, gave an update on the efforts they are making to combat the COVID-19. He discussed the limited visitation schedule that Navicent Health has now instituted. He stated that they are actively testing. He stated that now is the time to be careful and be diligent so that Macon-Bibb County could blunt the curve.

Dr. Richard Rubio, Chief Medical Officer for Coliseum Health System, stated that they have limited access to the hospital. Individuals are located at the access points and visitors are screened as they enter. All meetings are being held via Teleconference.

Dr. Jeff Stephens, Infectious Disease Specialist, stated that it was important to follow the advice put out by the DPH, wash your hands with soap and water, don't touch your face, cough in your elbow and keep six feet from each other all of which will stop the spread.

The Clerk conducted a roll call vote:

The following Commissioners responded:

*Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Valerie Wynn*

3. Review of the Agenda for tonight's Commission meeting

- A. A Resolution establishing Commission meeting procedures for the foreseeable future in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney review the reason for the Resolution. The resolution is necessary to meet the requirements of the open meeting law.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution establishing Commissioner meeting procedures was approved.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Niche 385 LLP d.b.a. Niche 385 at 385 Second St. Macon, GA 31201
- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Lazy Susan Tapas Bar, LLC d.b.a. Lazy Susan Tapas Bar at 428 Second St. Macon, GA 31201

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, and carried unanimously, the new alcohol beverage license for Niche and Lazy Susan Tapas Bar were approved and added to tonight's agenda.

5. New Business

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a guaranteed energy savings performance contract with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc in the amount of \$23,447,469 payable from Series 2020 Bond Funds and/or 2018 SPLOST Funds. for the completion of Energy Savings Capital Improvements throughout various Macon-Bibb County-owned Facilities and Utility Systems (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the contract with Schneider Electric Building Americas was approved.

- B. An Ordinance amending the MBC Government Policies and Procedures manual so as to create a new section - Section 7.03.1, "Alternate Work Schedule Policy" (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried four to three the Ordinance was tabled.

On Roll Call Vote:

*Commissioner Allen voted yes
Commissioner Bivins voted no
Commissioner Jones – was not on the phone
Commissioner Lucas voted yes
Commissioner Shepherd – not on the phone
Commissioner Schlesinger – no
Commissioner Tillman voted yes
Commissioner Watkins voted no
Commissioner Wynn voted yes.*

The motion to table failed as there were not five votes either to table or not table.

Mayor Reichert stated that because of the situation we find ourselves in we are currently in a dire situation since many employees have stated that several employees have been unable to find childcare.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn, the Ordinance would be referred back to the Committee for further study. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission