MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
March 15, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on March 15, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at Government Center.

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Dale Walker, County Manager
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Janice S. Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to the County Manager

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo, 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

Mike Kaplan, Board of Elections
Tom Ellington, Land Bank Authority
Rufus Holmes, Bibb County Retiree
Don Druitt

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

Mayor Reichert stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole to take action on New Business items to be added to the Agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Jacquita Blount, Optum Hospice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Ashley Pointer.

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 Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING - An Ordinance to amend Appendix I of the Charter relating to the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan pursuant to the authority granted Macon-Bibb County under the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards Act and Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to allow State Court Judges to receive supplemental retirement benefits in the same manner as Superior Court Judges

B. A Resolution appointing Reggie Moore to serve as a member of the Retirement Committee for the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems Division A Plan

C. Resolution reappointing Harold Wilson to serve as a member of the Retirement Committee for the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems Division A Plan

D. A Resolution appointing Narender Bhardwaj to serve as a member of the Retirement Committee for the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems Division A Plan

E. A Resolution to approve the Blight Initiative Disposition process for the purpose of establishing guidelines which the Land Bank Authority shall implement to govern the process of transferring properties acquired with Blight Bond Funds

Discussion

Commissioner Bivins stated that at the last Land Bank Authority Board meeting, the Board had some issues with the contract. Tom Ellington, Land Bank Authority member, stated that there was concern with the contract under the section

Determination of Value "FMV requirements may be waived when transferring properties to qualified non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status or government entity with a proven record of developing affordable housing for homeownership, or community public-purpose amenities…" Mr. Ellington stated that the Land Bank Authority had a problem on the line "proven track record." He stated the Board did not know what constituted a "proven track record." After discussion, the paragraph in question was struck and replaced with "FMV requirements may be waived when transferring properties to the following: tax exempt non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status with a proven track record of developing affordable housing for homeownership and who meet the following qualifications: IRS Non-profit status for at least 12 months, as evidenced by an Exemption Determination Letter from the IRS and Experience of completion of at least three projects of similar size and scope as the proposed redevelopment. Qualified government entities with a proven track record of developing affordable housing for homeownership or community public-purpose amenities (e.g. facilities, parks, recreation, etc) and experience of at least three projects of similar size and scope as the proposed redevelopment."

F. An Ordinance to appropriate $400,000 from District Six Blight Bond Funds to provide for the A.L. Miller High School Neighborhood Revitalization and Blight Redevelopment Project

G. An Ordinance to appropriate $350,000 from District Four Blight Bond Funds to provide for the Alexander IV Elementary School Neighborhood Revitalization and Blight Redevelopment Project

H. A Resolution to approve the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia to facilitate the process of preparing for the 2018 SPLOST

I. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with T.M. Trailer Sales, Inc. for the purchase of a 2016 55-ton low-boy trailer for use by the Public Works Department in the amount of $67,500 to be paid from budgeted funds

J. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Paulk Landscaping and Nursery for ground maintenance services at various Parks and Recreation facilities in the amount of $200,040 to be paid from budgeted funds

K. A Resolution to authorize employees of the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission to receive the same health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County employees

L. An Ordinance to appropriate $300,000 from Fund Balance to the Sheriff's Department in overtime pay

M. A Resolution to authorize and approve the transfer of $400,000 of the Series 2013A and Series 2013B Urban Development Authority bond proceeds to the Sears Roebuck Store Renovation Project from the East Bibb Fire Station Project

N. An Ordinance to transfer $60,000 from SPLOST Land Acquisition to Filmore Thomas Recreation Center

O. An Ordinance to transfer $1,311,000 from Fire Station 109 and $666,000 from Fire Station 110 to Fire Station 111 to complete construction

P. An Ordinance to appropriate $30,000 from Fund Balance to the Coroner's Office for contractual services

Q. An Ordinance to transfer $1,297,000 within Sheriff's Department Salaries and Wages full time to Overtime Pay

R. An Ordinance to transfer of $344,023 within Sheriff's Department Salaries and Wages Full Time within Divisions

S. An Ordinance to transfer $76,345 from Sheriff's Department Operating Equipment to Capital Improvement Fund

T. A Resolution requesting an investigation be done by Macon-Bibb County Staff to determine additional remedial measures that can be implemented to increase pedestrian safety on Montpelier Avenue

U. A Resolution to approve the application for retirement benefits of Thomas O. Gray

V. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Cunningham and Company Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $62,000 for design, engineering and construction costs estimate services to be performed on the Beall's Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project to be funded using appropriated blight funds; to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Causey Construction Consulting, LLC to perform Project Management Advisory Services on the Beall's Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project in the amount of $12,800

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement accepting a grant in the amount of $5,000 from the Tony Hawk Foundation to assist in the construction of a public, non-profit skatepark.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

A. Agreements with Cunningham and Company Engineers, Inc. and Causey Construction Consulting, LLC for the Beall's Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, DeFore, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement***

with Cunningham and Company Engineers, Inc in the amount of $62,000 for design, engineering and construction costs estimate services to be performed on the Beall's Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project to be funded using appropriated blight funds; to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Causey Construction Consulting, LLC to perform Project Management Advisory Services on the Beall's Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Project in the amount of $12,800 was added to tonight's agenda.

ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA

B. Agreement with Shoppes at International Place for the Board of Elections

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins voting in the affirmative, the agreement with Shoppes at International Place was added to the agenda for action.***

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, DeFore, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Shoppes at International Place, LLC for $12,550 square feet of office space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200 to be used by the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections at a rate of $8,366.66 per month was added to tonight's agenda.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Gary Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bechtel, Schlesinger, Jones, DeFore, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins

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Janice S. Ross, CC
Clerk of Commission