MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
March 3, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on March 3, 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 Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Al Tillman

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Senior Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager (Strategic Planning and Budget)
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager – Public Affairs
Dr. James Bumpus – Director of Small Business Affairs
Nyesha Daley – Director of Procurement
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training and Events Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Kristin Swilley – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Brittany Childs – Industrial Authority
Michael Ryan
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 new items under the Consent Agenda for new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses and two New Business items.

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

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

A. Reverend Camile Holmes of Tremont Temple Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAPS Students, Rosa Martinez (Rutland High School) and Alexandra Woodford (Mount de Sales Academy)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on February 17, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on February 17, 2015

INVITED GUESTS

Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of March as "Women's History Month"

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
D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to facilitate the update of the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Plan in the amount of $18,000 to be paid from Hazard Mitigation Award funds.

B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a lease-purchase agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Yancey Brothers Company for a Caterpillar Landfill Compactor for $714,848 ($83,594.45 annually for five years) from Solid Waste Department funds

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. for real estate services related to the potential development of the Government Center Annex building located at 682 Cherry Street to be paid from Fund Balance

D. A Resolution to approve the selection of Commercial Furnishings as the supplier of interior furnishings for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of $71,018.33; authorize the Mayor to execute the Purchase Agreement to be paid from Bond Funds

E. An Ordinance amending Article VI of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances to provide an exception for the sale of distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages sold for consumption on the premises in the Downtown District

F. A Resolution adopting the use and enforcement of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code and Georgia State amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code (2012 Edition) by the Department of Business and Development Services

G. Approval of the Retirement of Deputy Roger Duncan Matthews retiring with ten years and six months service with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office effective March 1, 2015

H. A Resolution authorizing the Macon Tracks Running Club to improve a County owned lot at the intersection of Old Forsyth Road and Rivoli Drive for the purposes of enhancing the lot's use for parking.

ACTION:

Commissioner Jones motioned, and was seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, to have the Resolution referred back to the Economic and Community Development Committee for further public input due to opposition from some residents. The motion was carried unanimously and the Resolution was approved for referral back to Committee.

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

I. A Resolution to affirm the participation of Macon-Bibb County in the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority, to accept the Baldwin County Board of Commissioner's petition to join the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority, to affirm Macon-Bibb County's member representatives' appointment and tenure to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

J. A Resolution to recognize the month of March as Women's History Month

Mayor Reichert stated the Resolution would be voted on at the time of the Proclamation presentation for "Women's History Month"

K. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Mobile Data Terminal Grant and the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement in the amount of $10,000 awarded to the Sheriff's Office from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

L. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Piedmont Construction Group to provide Construction Management (at risk) services for the Signature Pedestrian Bridge at Mercer University Drive using Second Street TAD Bond Funds up to the budgeted amount of $2,800,000

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reichert reviewed the license applications and stated they met all requirements for approval.

A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for RG Food Mart, LLC d/b/a Lucky Food Mart located at 807 Main Street, Macon, GA 31217

B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Dixon's Convenience Store located at 4480 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210

C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Jay Mangal d/b/a Holiday Food #3 located at 7104 Houston Road, Macon, GA 31216

D. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Chang's located at 885 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Macon, GA 31201

E. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Parish on Cherry Street located at 580 Cherry Street, Macon, GA 31201

F. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for South Americans LLC d/b/a Food Mart Broadway, Macon, GA 31201

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses were approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS – PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA

A. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Mobile Data Terminal Grant and the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement in the amount of $10,000 awarded to the Sheriff's Office from the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item K under Old Business.

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

B. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Piedmont Construction Group to provide Construction Management (at risk) services for the Signature Pedestrian Bridge at Mercer University Drive using Second Street TAD Bond Funds up to the budgeted amount of $2,800,000

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item L under Old Business.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr. Commissioner Elaine Lucas voted NO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or voting on: Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b) (1) (D).

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel 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.

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened at 5:50 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5: 52 P.M.

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Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission