

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
March 1, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on March 1, 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

Commission Members Absent

Staff Present

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Dale Walker, County Manager
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney

Janice S. Ross, County Clerk
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to the County Manager
Tom Buttram, Director of Business Services

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo, 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

David Moore, NewTown Macon

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 Apostle Jeffrey Jackson of Pillar and Ground of Truth Ministries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Mariam Akbar and Saxton Keitt.

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

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for R.P. Petroleum, Inc. d.b.a. Citgo located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Arkwright Beverage, Inc. located at 3965 Arkwright Road, Macon, GA. 31210
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Deep 2 Petroleum d.b.a. Super Gas located at 1904 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA
- D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for C & C JI Shung Inc. d.b.a. Chico & Chang located at 3850 Riverside Drive, Suite A, Macon, GA.
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for HS Petroleum, Inc. d.b.a. Super Gas located at 4331 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA. 31206
- F. New Alcoholic Beverage License for MAA Bhavani LLC d.b.a. Family Corner located at 4933 Sardis Church Road, Macon, GA.
- G. New Alcoholic Beverage License for The Roadhouse located at 2455 Emery Highway, Macon, GA
- H. New Alcoholic Beverage License for AP Petroleum, Inc d.b.a. Lucky Food Mart located at 1290 Gray Highway, Macon, GA
- I. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Napier Avenue Management d.b.a. KaKa's Exxon located at 3484 Napier Avenue, Macon, GA

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution approving an agreement with Comtrac Services, Inc. for Cable Fiber Optics for \$91,650 to be paid from SPLOST Recreation Funds
- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc. for office space at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport for a term of five years at an annual rate of \$8,580
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and BB&T Insurance Services, Inc. for Employee Benefits Consulting Services
- D. An Ordinance to amend Article X of Chapter 29 entitled "Residential Street Lighting" of the Code to reflect the elimination of fees required for residential street lighting for citizens residing in the former area known as Bibb County; to remove the current fees being paid by citizens of formerly approved Street Lighting Districts
- E. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 20 Entitled "Records Management" of the Code; to add a new code section entitled Section 20-6 "Open Records Officer; Duties" for the purpose of naming the Clerk of Commission as the Open Records Officer for Macon-Bibb County
- F. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of two Summer 2016 Georgia County Internship Program Grants for the total amount of \$4,346 from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation that have been awarded to the County Attorney's Office to fund two internships for the 2016 Summer term
- G. An Ordinance to appropriate up to \$150,000 from Fund Balance and/or designated SPLOST Funds for necessary repairs and improvements to the Macon City Auditorium as identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and as more specifically determined by the SPLOST Project Consultant
- H. FIRST 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
- I. A Resolution to recognize the month of March 2016 as Women's History Month
- J. A Resolution to elect Commissioner Larry Schlesinger to serve with the Mayor on the Regional Transportation Roundtable
- K. A Resolution as Trustees of the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan to accept the retirement of John B. Battle
- L. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Newtown Macon, Inc for the use of the top level of the Mulberry Street Parking Garage at 448 Mulberry

Street for an antique / classic car show exhibit to be held on the First Friday of every month for the 2016 Calendar Year

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 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
- B. 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
- C. 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

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for R.P. Petroleum, Inc. d.b.a. Citgo located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried seven to two with Commissioners Bechtel, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman casting affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins and Watkins casting the dissenting votes, the new Alcoholic Beverage License for R.P. Petroleum, Inc d.b.a. Citgo located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Arkwright Beverage, Inc. located at 3965 Arkwright Road, Macon, Ga. 31210

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting affirmative votes the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Arkwright Beverage, Inc located at 3965 Arkwright Road was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*

- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Deep 2 Petroleum d.b.a. Super Gas located at 1904 Shurling Drive, Macon, Ga

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting affirmative votes the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Super Gas located at 1904 Shurling Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*
- D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for C & C JI Shung Inc d.b.a. Chico & Chang located at 3850 Riverside Drive, Suite A, Macon, Ga.

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting affirmative votes the new Alcoholic Beverage License for C & C JI Shung d.b.a. Chico and Chang located at 3850 Riverside Drive, Suite A was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for HS Petroleum, Inc. d.b.a. Super Gas located at 4331 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31206

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Tillman with Commissioners Schlesinger, Lucas casting assenting votes and Commissioners Bechtel, DeFore, Jones, Bivins and Shepherd casting dissenting votes the motion to table the New Alcohol Beverage License for Super Gas located at 4331 Pio Nono Avenue failed.*

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried seven to two with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, casting affirmative votes and Commissioners Tillman and Watkins casting the dissenting votes, the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Super Gas located at 4331 Pio Nono Avenue was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*
- F. New Alcoholic Beverage License for MAA Bhavani LLC d.b.a. Family Corner located at 4933 Sardis Church Road, Macon, Ga.

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones,*

DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting affirmative votes the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Family Corner located at 4933 Sardis Church Road was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- G. New Alcoholic Beverage License for The Roadhouse located at 2455 Emery Highway, Macon, Ga

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting affirmative votes the new Alcoholic Beverage License for The Roadhouse located at 2455 Emery Highway was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

- H. New Alcoholic Beverage License for AP Petroleum, Inc d.b.a. Lucky Food Mart located at 1290 Gray Highway, Macon, GA

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting affirmative votes the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Family Corner located at 4933 Sardis Church Road was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

- I. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Napier Avenue Management d.b.a. KaKa's Exxon located at 3484 Napier Avenue, Macon, GA 31204

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried eight to one with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Watkins casting the dissenting vote, the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Napier Avenue Management LLC d.b.a. KaKa's Exxon was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

Discussion

Commissioner Tillman voiced his concerns regarding both new and renewal of licenses for certain establishments. Commissioner Tillman stated that many of the establishments that he is concerned about have been known to have violent activity and loitering which brings about fights. He stated that he had numerous calls regarding citizens' concerns that the business is bringing in a violent element to their neighborhoods. Commissioner Tillman continued that the Commission is spending millions to eliminate blight around the establishments that receive so many complaints. He stated shutting down these establishments would also help relieve blight. Commissioner Watkins concurred stating he has one particular establishment in his district he would like to see their license not renewed. Judd Drake, County Attorney, stated that he would like the opportunity to look

into the ordinances of the County regarding Alcohol Beverage Licenses and bring the information to the Commission at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution as Trustees of the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan to accept the retirement of John B. Battle

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 to accept the retirement of John B. Battle was approved and was added to tonight's agenda.***
- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with NewTown Macon, Inc for the use of the top level of the Mulberry Street Parking Garage at 448 Mulberry Street for an antique / classic car show exhibit to be held on the First Friday of every month for the 2016 Calendar Year

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, DeFore, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with NewTown Macon, Inc. for the use of the top level of the Mulberry Street Parking Garage at 448 Mulberry Street for an antique/classic car show exhibit.***

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 6:05 P.M.

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

Janice S. Ross, CC
Clerk of Commission