

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
December 16, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on December 16, 2014 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.
Commissioner Al Tillman

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Senior Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager – Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission

News Media Present

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

Visitors Present

Erica Woodford, Clerk of Superior Court
Brittany Childs – Industrial Authority

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

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting and stated there were a couple of proposed changes to tonight's agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Pastor Larry Dunning – Pentecostal Temple

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAP Students, Anthony Haugabrook (Rutland High School) and Malik Thomas (Howard High School)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Special Called Pre-Commission Meeting on December 9, 2014
- B. Special Called Regular Commission Meeting on December 9, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

Pastor Larry Dunning, Pentecostal Temple

Mayor Reichert stated that today's Inaugural Holiday Reception was a grand success and thanked all Commissioners for their presence. He further stated the approximately 200-300 people in attendance appeared to be pleased and enjoyed themselves. He asked Commissioners if they wanted to do it again next year, and suggested the 3rd Tuesday (December 15, 2015) for their consideration. He also requested their thoughts/ideas on the time, guest list, and how to improve on the event.

Mayor Reichert asked Steve Layson, Assistant County Manager - Infrastructure, to provide information on the request by Mr. Johnny James for rental of the Ed DeFore Sports Complex, which rents for \$4,650.00, for an All Star Football game. Mr. Layson stated Mr. James had paid the required deposit, but had not provided the liability insurance. Mayor Reichert stated Mr. James would be welcome to speak on his proposal during the Public Comments period at tonight's meeting.

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 – No Report
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Clerk of Superior Court to create a Superior Court Technology Fund
- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to sell the alley way located between Sherwood Drive and Mercer University Drive consisting of 4,950 square feet to the adjoining owner for no less than fair market value of \$29,700.00; authorizing the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed and any other necessary documents to effect the sale of said property
- C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Quality Traffic Systems for the purchase of traffic signal control cabinets for use by the Facilities Management Department
- D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Technology International, Inc. for the purchase of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units for the Sears building
- E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Stafford Builders & Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$354,002.00 for renovation of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, in form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office
- F. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Advanced Disposal Services Macon, LLC to extend the current agreement to provide residential solid waste and recyclable materials collection and disposal services in Macon-Bibb County for a period of 30 months, in form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office
- G. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and WMA Architects/Planners, Inc. for \$93,330.00 for architectural services at the Frank Johnson Community Center, with funding from SPLOST
- H. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for \$27,000.00 for architectural services at Central City Park, with funding from SPLOST
- I. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and WMA Architects/Planners, Inc. for \$159,395.00 for architectural services at Memorial Park Community Center, with funding from SPLOST
- J. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Stafford Builders and Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$993,550.00 for John Drew Smith Tennis Center construction, in form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office, with funding from SPLOST

- K. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and WMA Architects/Planners, Inc. for \$261,770.00 for architectural services at the Rosa Jackson Community Center, with funding from SPLOST
- L. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Sizemore Group, LLC for \$170,365.00 for architectural services at the Gilead-Bloomfield Complex in Macon-Bibb County, with funding from SPLOST
- M. Ordinance to appropriate \$76,075.00 from the Commissary Fund to the Sheriff's Office for purchase of Air Handlers for the Law Enforcement Center
- N. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for \$483,000.00 for architectural services for the Sub-South Mega-Center Outdoor Recreation Complex in Macon-Bibb County to be paid from SPLOST funds
- O. Resolution endorsing the creation of a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation to replace the existing Sister Cities Commission for the purpose of fundraising for and supporting Sister Cities activities in Macon-Bibb County and authorizing the County Attorney's Office to assist in the establishment of said Non-Profit Corporation
- P. Resolution endorsing the creation of a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization to replace the existing Fort Hawkins Commission and authorizing the County Attorney's Office to assist in the establishment of said Non-Profit Corporation
- Q. Resolution to rename the gymnasium located at the Rosa Jackson Center in honor of Delores A. Brooks
- R. Resolution to approve the placement of a fountain in Tattnall Square Park by Friends of Tattnall Square Park and to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for Mercer University to pay the annual maintenance costs for the fountain
- S. Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the selection of the Bloomfield Center property as the location for the new Macon-Bibb County Senior Center

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to reappoint Violet Poe to the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority

Refer To: Economic and Community Development Committee

- B. Resolution to reappoint Commissioner Gary Bechtel and Gene Dunwody, Sr. to the Macon Economic Development Commission

Refer To: Economic and Community Development Committee

- C. Resolution to appoint Tom Sands and to reappoint Gene Dunwody, Jr. to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority

Refer To: Economic and Community Development Committee

- D. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a project change request between Macon-Bibb County and Mainline Information Systems, Inc. for \$99,000.00 for additional consulting and support services to the Information Technology Department to be paid from the departmental budget

Refer To: Operations and Finance Committee

- E. Resolution to approve the placement of a fountain in Tattnall Square Park by Friends of Tattnall Square Park and to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for Mercer University to pay the annual maintenance costs for the fountain

Mayor Reichert stated this item had been discussed in Committee last week and asked if a motion was in order to place under Old Business for action. Judd Drake, County Attorney, stated the Resolution had been prepared and forwarded to its sponsors, Commissioner Watkins and Schlesinger, for review. He added the Resolution also authorized him to sign an agreement with Mercer for the maintenance of the fountain.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item R 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., and Al Tillman.

- F. Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the selection of the Bloomfield Center property as the location for the new Macon-Bibb County Senior Center

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting as item S 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., and Al Tillman.

- G. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement in the amount of \$79,923.50 with Northeast Concrete Co., Inc. for the paving of Liberty Church Road, the paving of Sofkee Road, and for the installation of sidewalks near Graham Road

Refer To: Operations and Finance Committee

- H. Ordinance to appropriate \$6,000.00 (\$1,000.00 per month for 6 months) from Fund Balance to supplement various operational needs of Fort Hawkins

Refer To: Operations and Finance Committee

Commissioner Watkins stated the Resolution requiring the licensee of the Wings Café to appear before the Municipal Court Judge to determine whether to suspend or revoke any alcoholic beverage license issued in response to the number of violent incidents and deaths at the Wings Café, inclusive of the two recent deaths and injuries at the club, be added to the agenda for action. He further stated his proposal was in accordance with laws already on the books and that may need to be enhanced to curb violence.

Commissioner Lucas stated that before any action is taken on the Wings Café that it be thoroughly discussed in Committee and that public hearings be held to get input from the victims' families, club owners, law enforcement, as well as the general public regarding safety and security concerns.

- I. Resolution to require the named licensee of the Wings Café at 2822 Bloomfield Drive to appear before the Macon-Bibb County Municipal Court for violation of SEC. 4-53 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Al Tillman, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for addition to the agenda for consideration as item G under New Business at tonight's 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., and Al Tillman.

Refer to: Public Safety Committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission