**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING**
**MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION**
**December 15, 2020**
**Government Center**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held December 15, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Video Conference in the Commission Chambers at the Government Center.

**Commission Members On Video-conference:**
Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Valerie Wynn
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III

**Commission Members Absent:**
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

**Newly Elected Officials**
Mayor-Elect Lester Miller
Commissioner Elect Bill Howell
Commissioner Elect Raymond Wilder

**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
Julie Moore - Assistant to the County Manager
Michelle Harris – Assistant County Attorney
Spencer Hawkins – Director, EMA

1. Call to Order

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

   Out Of An Abundance Of Caution, The Macon-Bibb County Commission Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Will Be Available To The Macon-Bibb County Commissioners By Video Conference Only For 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 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

   A. Update on Governor's Executive Order

      Michael McNeill gave an update on the Governor's latest Executive Order.

   B. Update on COVID-19 and Macon-Bibb County Activities

      Spencer Hawkins gave an update on the number of cases in Macon-Bibb County and encouraged everyone to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

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

*On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, an Executive Session was added to the agenda for purposes of litigation.*

*On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the following items were added to the agenda:*

- An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to $221,848 from 2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life - Election Grant Fund for the purpose of providing additional pay to certain election workers (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)
- A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an anticipated Emergency Management Performance Grant Performance Partnership Award in the amount of $50,000 with a required local match of $50,000 which will be provided by in-kind services (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A B. Reichert)
- COMMITTEE AMENDMENT - A Resolution authorizing the Donation of Real Property to the United States Department of Interior to be included within the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Park (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

4. Consent Agenda

A. New Alcohol Beverage License for H2O Enterprises, LLC dba Busy Corner located at 885 MLK Jr. Blvd Macon, GA 31201

B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Rodeo Bar & Grill located at 4053 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206

*Discussion: Mayor Reichert announced that this was a new Alcohol Beverage License for an existing location which was the Rodeo Bar & Grill we have been ordered by the Courts to deal with the applicant of the Bar. The new applicant is Ms. Hunt.*

C. New Alcohol Beverage License for SR Groceries LLC located at 3173 Houston Avenue Macon, GA 31206

*Discussion: Mayor Reichert stated that the New Alcohol Beverage License was for a current location which is being converted to a convenience store but without fuel sales. The license does meet the distance requirement for a vice store.*

*On motion on Commissioner Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Wynn the motion to table all three applications for new Alcohol Licenses failed.*

*Commissioner Jones moved to approve the license of Busy Corner located at 885 MLK Jr. Blvd. Commissioner Wynn seconded the motion. Commissioners Wynn, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, Allen, Watkins and Tillman cast the affirmative votes and Commissioner Bivins cast the dissenting vote. The license was approved and added to the agenda.*

*Commissioner Jones moved to approve the SR Groceries, Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. With Commissioner Wynn, Tillman, Watkins, Bivins and Lucas cast* *dissenting votes and Commissioner Allen and Jones cast affirmative votes the license failed to pass.*

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried six to two with Commissioners Schlesinger, Lucas, Bivins, Allen, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Wynn and Jones casting the dissenting votes, the licenses for SR Groceries and Radio Bar & Grill were tabled for more information.*

5. Executive Session

*On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the meeting went into Executive Session for consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against Macon-Bibb County or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C. G. A. 50-14-2(1));*

*The meeting was opened with no action being taken.*

6. New Business

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a Construction Contract with Warren Associates, Inc. for Phase II of the Lake Tobesofkee Renovation Project, in the amount of $1,134,500 to be paid from 2018 SPLOST Proceeds, Recreation: Lake Tobesofkee property line item (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

*On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*

B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an independent contractor agreement with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of $2,836,601.57 for deep patch asphalt resurfacing projects, to be paid from LMIG/GDOT Grant Funds - Roadwork Line Item and 2018 SPLOST Funds - Road Work - Property Line Item

*On motion of Commissioner Jones seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried four to four with Commissioners Allen, Wynn, Jones and Schlesinger casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins, Watkins, Lucas and Tillman casting the dissenting vote. A four to four tie requires the Mayor to vote to break the tie. Mayor Reichert cast an affirmative vote and the Resolution passed and was placed on tonight's agenda.*

C. An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of up to $221,848 from 2020 Center for Tech and Civic Life - Election Grant Fund for the purpose of providing additional pay to certain election workers (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

*On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Schlesinger and carried five to three with Commissioners Lucas, Schlesinger, Bivins, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen, Wynn and Jones casting the dissenting votes, the Ordinance was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*

D. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an anticipated Emergency Management Performance Grant Performance Partnership Award in the amount of $50,000 with a required local match of $50,000 which will be provided by in-kind services (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

*On motion of Commissioner Wynn seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*

E. COMMITTEE AMENDMENT - A Resolution authorizing the Donation of Real Property to the United States Department of Interior to be included within the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Park (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

*On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution amendment was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission