

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
February 16, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on February 16, 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

Commission Members Absent

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, County Clerk
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

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 Reverend Jason McClendon, Community Church of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS.

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 Emery Highway Management LLC d.b.a. KaKa's Exxon located at 2630 Emery Highway
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for R.P. Petroleum, Inc. d.b.a. Citgo located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution to initiate the process for the 2018 SPLOST which will include: preparation of a Project list, scheduling and holding community sessions regarding possible projects, finalization of the project list and sending notice to the Board of Elections to conduct the necessary public referendum on November 8, 2016
- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to retain the services of outside legal counsel to conduct an inquiry and possible litigation in connection with the recovery of certain underpaid, uncollected and/or unremitted 9-1-1- and/or E-9-1-1 fees due to Macon-Bibb County
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Middle Georgia Truck Repair d.b.a. Middle Georgia Freightliner-Isuzu for the purchase of a 2017 Crew Cab Patch Truck for use by the Public Works Department in the amount of \$80,200 to be paid from Budgeted Funds

- D. A Resolution authorizing the adopting of the Five Ethics Principles of the Georgia Municipal Association's Certified City of Ethics Program; to certify Macon-Bibb County as a City of Ethics
- E. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a portion of Bowman Boulevard
- F. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of Bowman Road Extension
- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed for an unopened easement located at the intersection of Remington Drive and Westchester Drive to the adjacent property owners
- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Intent for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Foundation, Inc for non-exclusive access rights over property owned by Macon-Bibb County located at 1644 Jennifer Drive
- I. A Resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation during the 2016 session of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of naming the bridge crossing Interstate 75 located on Riverside Drive between 1690 Riverside Drive and 1760 Riverside Drive for Colonel William Lee Robinson; to request that the aforementioned bridge be named "Wm. Lee Robinson Memorial Bridge:
- J. A Resolution acting in its capacity as Trustees of the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan, approving certain investment recommendations made by Independent Portfolio consultants, Inc. at the Board's quarterly meeting held on February 16, 2016
- K. Resolution as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 to accept the retirement of Jeffrey Whisler

NEW BUSINESS

None

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Emery Highway Management LLC d.b.a. KaKa's Exxon located at 2630 Emery Highway

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioner Bechtel, Schlesinger, Lucas, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Emery Highway Management LLC d.b.a. KaKa's Exxon was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for R.P. Petroleum, Inc. d.b.a. Citgo located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue

Discussion

Commissioner Lucas expressed her concern that the Citgo was located next to the former Hamilton Elementary site. The Hamilton school site is now owned by Cirrus Academy that plans to open a Charter School in August of 2016. She suggested tabling the license to gather further information.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Jones, DeFore, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins, the New Alcoholic Beverage License for R. P. Petroleum d.b.a. Citgo located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue was tabled to gather further information.***

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution appointing LaTonya Slaughter as the Municipal Court Clerk and Brett Lavender as the Chief Information Officer

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, DeFore, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins, the Resolution appointing LaTonya Slaughter as the Municipal Court Clerk and Brett Lavender as the Chief Information Officer was approved.***
- B. A Resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation during the 2016 session of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of naming the bridge crossing Interstate 75 located on Riverside Drive between 1690 Riverside Drive and 1760 Riverside Drive for Colonel William Lee Robinson; to request that the aforementioned bridge be named "Wm. Lee Robinson Memorial Bridge:"

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, DeFore, Lucas, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins, the Resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation during the 2016 session of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of naming the bridge crossing Interstate 75 located on Riverside Drive between 1690 Riverside Drive and 1760 Riverside Drive for Colonel William Lee Robinson; to request that aforementioned bridge be named "Wm. Lee Robinson Memorial Bridge."***

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 5:50 P.M.

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

Janice S. Ross, CC
Clerk of Commission