

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
December 15, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on December 15, 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 Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commission Members Absent

Staff Present

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney

Janice S. Ross, County Clerk
Dale Walker, County Manager
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to the County Manager
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

Clay Murphey, SPLOST Manager
David Davis, Sheriff
Warren Selby, Warren and Associates

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 item to be added to the Agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Reverend James Bumpus.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Jonathon Diaz and Jaaziel Diaz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

- A. Presentation to Sam Macfie, Maryel Battin, Walter Worthen, Sr.
- B. Presentation of watches to retirees with 10 or more years of service with the former Bibb County Government

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 – No Report

Facilities and Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for H & H Soul Food, LLC d.b.a. Moonhanger Catering & Events located at 484 First Street, Macon, Ga. 31201
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for E-Z Mart located at 3253 Mercer University Drive, Macon, Ga. 31210
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Mahadev 2014, Inc. d.b.a. Quick Zip #2 located at 1800 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31204

OLD BUSINESS

- A. SECOND READING - An Ordinance to adopt a restatement of the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan (formerly known as the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968) so as to incorporate prior amendments and for filing with the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter; to include the Plan as Appendix I to the Charter of Macon-Bibb County so as to provide for codification of the Plan
- B. SECOND READING - An Ordinance to adopt a restatement of Division A of the Macon-Bibb County Pensions and Retirement System so as to incorporate prior amendments and for filing with the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter; to include the plan as Appendix II to the Charter of Macon-Bibb County so as to provide for codification of the Plan
- C. SECOND READING - An Ordinance to adopt a restatement of the Macon Fire and

Police Department Employees' Retirement System so as to incorporate prior amendments and for filing with the Internal Revenue Service for a Determination Letter; to include the Plan as Appendix III to the charter of Macon-Bibb County so as to provide for codification of the Plan

- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Jones Lang Lasalle, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 for the Third Phase of Real Estate Services related to the potential development of the Willie C. Hill Government Center Annex Building located at 682 Cherry Street
- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Rental Agreement with the State Properties Commission on behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice for space at the Thomas Jackson Juvenile Justice Center for \$1.00 per year
- F. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Operation Hope, Inc. to provide financial literacy education and counseling to low and moderate income individuals and families in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to be paid from the Small Business Affairs Budget
- G. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Turnerboone, LLC for the purchase of interior furnishings for the office of the Solicitor-General in the amount of \$88,149.61 to be paid from the Office of the Solicitor-General's budget
- H. A Resolution approving an agreement with Cook General Contracting, Incorporated for construction services at the Frank Johnson Community Center for \$939,000 to be paid from SPLOST Funds in form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office
- I. A Resolution approving an agreement for the purchase of property located at 3947 Jeffersonville Road for \$45,000 so as to provide for the construction of a new Fire Station
- J. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 19, Article 1 of the Code entitled and related to Purchasing, Contracts and Disposition of Property in order to comply with the requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. §36-80-24
- K. A Resolution regarding County issued purchasing and/or credit cards issued to Elected Officials
- L. A Resolution to authorize employees of Museum of Arts and Sciences, Inc., an IRS approved 501(C)(3) non-profit organization which provides Governmental, Public and / or Community Services for the benefit of the Citizens of Macon-Bibb County to receive the same health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits offer to Macon-Bibb County employees.
- M. A Resolution to authorize employees of Macon Arts Alliance Inc an IRS approved 501(C)(3) non-profit organization which provides Governmental, Public and / or Community Services for the benefit of the Citizens of Macon-Bibb County to receive the same health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits offer to Macon-Bibb County employees.
- N. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept the Georgia Recreational Trails Program Grant for \$100,000 from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to construct a portion of the Connector Trail between Amerson Waterworks and Ocmulgee Heritage Trail

- O. A Resolution appointing Sylvia W. McGee to the Board of Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services
- P. A Resolution appointing Mr. Michael Handley Lynch to the Fort Hawkins Commission
- Q. A Resolution to place a plaque with the names of the City Council Members and Mayor in office at the time that Rosa Park Square was approved by City Council in honor of the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- R. A Resolution to authorize a settlement agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Richard S. George regarding the extension of Crawford Road; to authorize a one time payment of \$5,000 toward the extension of Crawford Road; to authorize the acceptance and future maintenance of Crawford Road upon the completion of said extension
- S. A Resolution requesting that the local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation during the 2016 Session of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of amending the Charter of Macon-Bibb County to change the current process governing the removal of Administrative Heads of the Departments and Agencies of Macon-Bibb County

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution to authorize employees of Historic Macon Foundation, Inc., and IRS approved 501(C)(3) non-profit organization which provides governmental, public and/or community services for the benefit of the Citizens of Macon-Bibb County, to receive the same health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County employees
- B. A Resolution establishing and fixing the qualifying fees for each elected County Office to be filled in the upcoming 2016 Macon-Bibb County Elections; requesting the publication of said qualifying fees by the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections no later than February 1, 2016 in the legal organ of record for Macon-Bibb County
- C. A Resolution appointing Melinda D. Robinson-Moffett to serve as a Commissioner of the Macon Housing Authority

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for H & H Soul Food, LLC d.b.a. Moonhanger Catering & Events located at 484 First Street, Macon, Ga. 31201
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ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd and Al Tillman, the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for H&H Soul Food, E-Z Mart and Mahadev were approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Al Tillman, Scotty Shepherd and Ed DeFore, the following Resolution and Ordinance were approved to be added to the agenda.***
 - o An agreement with Warren and Associate for Construction Manager at Risk related to work at the Sheriff's Investigative Center
 - o Appropriating funds from the General Fund for a New Year's Eve celebration at Rosa Park Square
- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Warren and Associates, Inc for Construction Manager at Risk services related to work on the Sheriff's Investigative Center located at 111 Third Street in the amount of \$924,750

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd and Al Tillman, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Warren and Associate, Inc for Construction Manager at Risk Services related to work on the Sheriff's Investigative Center located at 111 Third Street in the amount of \$924,750 was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- B. An Ordinance to appropriate funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 in order to organize and host a New Year's Eve Celebration in Rosa Parks Square

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried seven to two with Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry***

Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Bert Bivins and Scotty Shepherd casting the dissenting votes, the Ordinance to appropriate funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000 in order to organize and host a New Year's Eve Celebration in Rosa Parks Square was amended to "An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of funds from the General Fund not to exceed \$5,500 in order to facilitate a New Year's Eve celebration in Rosa Parks Square with said appropriation of funds contingent upon officials of Macon Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. and / or Officials of NewTown Macon, Inc agreeing to manage, coordinate, oversee, and be responsible for said New Year's Celebration".

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried seven to two with Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Al Tillman voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Bert Bivins and Scotty Shepherd casting the dissenting votes, the Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of funds from the General Fund not to exceed \$5,500 in order to facilitate a New Year's Eve celebration in Rosa Parks Square with said appropriation of funds contingent upon officials of Macon Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. and / or Officials of NewTown Macon, Inc agreeing to manage, coordinate, oversee, and be responsible for said New Year's Celebration was approved.*

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 5:59 P.M.

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

Janice S. Ross, Clerk of Commission