

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
February 3, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on February 3, 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 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
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager – Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Interim Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training and Event Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT
Chase Ambrose – FOX 24

Visitors Present

Brittany Childs – Industrial Authority

The Pre-Commission Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert.

The Mayor stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole for the primary purpose of reviewing tonight's Regular Commission Meeting's Agenda and to take action on new items under the Consent Agenda for one alcoholic beverage license and to add one new item of business.

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Reverend Tommy Mason of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAP Students, Amelia Smith (Central High School) and Sherrod Hollingshed (Rutland High School)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on January 20, 2015
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on January 20, 2015

INVITED GUESTS

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
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the closure of a portion of Third Street Lane to the vehicular traffic only to near the W. A. Bootle Federal Court House for safety purposes
- B. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Wal-Mart Grant in the amount of \$1,000 awarded to the Sheriff's Office
- C. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Sizemore Group, LLC for \$20,950 for architectural services at Freedom Park
- D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the GA Department of Transportation for an Interstate Lighting System to be installed on Interstate 75 from SR 247/Pierce Avenue to CR 85/Arkwright Road
- E. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Emergency Management Directed Training Grant in the amount of \$500 awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency

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- G. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2015 H.E.A.T. Grant in the amount of \$53,900 awarded from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to the Macon-Bibb County Sheriff's Office
- H. Ordinance to appropriate \$82,140 from Fund Balance to the Capital Improvement Fund (for Traffic Signal Cabinets)
- I. Ordinance to appropriate \$142,600 from SPLOST Fund Balance to John Drew Tennis Center
- J. Resolution reappointing William C. Vaughn II to the Macon-Bibb County Board of Tax Assessors
- K. Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to include a new Article being entitled Article V "Motorized Carts" for the purpose of allowing Motorized Carts on designated public roads under certain terms and conditions
- L. Resolution adopting the initial list of authorized streets for the use of Motorized Carts
- M. Resolution approving the design features and renovation efforts at Daisy Park

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution requesting the Local Legislative Delegation oppose legislation seeking to transfer local sales tax proceeds on motor fuel sale to the State's use and benefit

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for tonight's meeting as item N.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reichert reviewed the license application and stated it met all requirements for approval.

New Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the following:

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for BC Express Mart located at 6999 Knoxville Road, Lizella, Georgia 31052

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage License was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular 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.

Attorney Judd Drake stated the Charter under Section 9F states the Commission shall elect from its members in addition the election of the Mayor Pro Tem in January of each year; the same requirement applies to the Chair and Vice Chair of Committees.

The Committee's will select Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs at their Committee meetings on February 10, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reichert announced he had tickets for the ticketed event of a "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" featuring Anna Deavere Smith, and the McDuffie Center for Strings program to be held at Beulahland Bible Church on Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5: 50 P.M.

Jean S. Howard
Interim Clerk of Commission