MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
February 2, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on February 2, 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
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III

Commission Members Absent

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
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney
Rachel Gambill, Office of Public Affairs

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo, 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

Don Druitt
Mayor Jack Ellis

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 Marvella Ivery with the Bethel CME Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS William Martin and Daniel Paulin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

- 1st Place Winner Janel Moore (Howard High) and 2nd Place Winner Marquez Pitts (Westside High), the winners of the 2016 Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Department endorsed by Macon-Bibb County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission
- Proclamation Presentation to Bobby Kittle and the Student Painters
- Proclamation Presentation for Black History Month

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 Alcohol Beverage License for AM/PM Express Mart located at 4328 Hartley Bridge Road, Macon, GA

B. Jaffary Group LLC d.b.a. Jaffary's Food Court located at 1286 Anthony Road, Macon, GA

C. Shinsung, LLC d.b.a. Raceway #6833 located at 5127 Mercer University Drive, Macon, GA

D. Shreeji Krupa 2015 d.b.a. Kitchen Pride located at 3101 Columbus Road, Macon, GA

E. Hospitality Investors Inc. d.b.a. Hampton Inn & Suites located at 5010 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon, GA

OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to abandon and sell the alley way of Poplar Street Lane located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Broadway Lane consisting of 0.12 acres to Capricorn Lofts, LLC for no less than the fair market value of $26,200; authorizing the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed and any other necessary documents to effect the sale of said property.

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to abandon and sell the alley way located between 781 Spring Street and 1062 Forsyth Street consisting of 0.11 acres to the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Inc for no less than the fair market value of $21,600; authorizing the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed and any other necessary documents to effect the sale of said property

C. A Resolution approving an agreement with CDW Government, Incorporated for the purchase and delivery of computer accessories and supplies for the Bibb County Courthouse for $153,467.22 to be paid from SPLOST funds by Purchase order

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with R. J. Haynie and Associates in the amount of $1,601,215.75 for the performance of construction services and roadway enhancement services to be performed on Log Cabin Drive

E. A Resolution approving and authorizing payment to the Corporation of Mercer University of up to $350,000 so as to provide for the accomplishment of Capital Improvements to the Grand Opera House which funds were previously approved as part of the FY2016 CIP Budget

F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 2016 Insulated Hydraulic Telescopic Aerial Vehicle for use by the Facilities Management Department in the amount of $97,982

G. An Ordinance amending Section 2-851 of Article VI of Chapter 2 of the Code to provide that the appointed Commission member on the Pedestrian Fatality Review Board may designate a proxy to attend Board meetings

H. An Ordinance to appropriate $350,000 from Fund Balance for Professional Services Outside Counsel in the County Attorney's Office

I. A Resolution to recognize the month of February 2016 as Black History Month

J. An Ordinance to appropriate $28,000 from District Two Blight Bond Funds to the OWLS Rehabilitation Project

Discussion

Commissioner Lucas stated that she would recuse herself from the vote for the OWLS Rehabilitation Project.

K. An Ordinance to appropriate $206,868 from District Five Blight Bond Funds to the Mattie Hubbard Jones Park Enhancement Project

L. An Ordinance to appropriate $314,084 from District Five Blight Bond Funds to the Unionville Street Connection Project

M. An Ordinance to appropriate $813,000 from District One, District Two, District Three, District Four, District Six and District Nine Blight Bond Funds to the Mill Hill Art Village Community Art Center Project

N. An Ordinance to appropriate $222,870 from District Two and District Four Blight Bond Funds to the Lynmore Estate Phase One Project

O. An Ordinance to appropriate $144,248 from District Two Blight Bond Funds to the SMART Community Lynmore Avenue Project

P. An Ordinance to appropriate $264,640 from District Three Blight Bond Funds to the Kings Park Playground and Hart Community Center Project

Q. An Ordinance to appropriate $171,232 from District Three Blight Bond Funds to the Hunt School Senior Housing Support Project

R. An Ordinance to appropriate $314,128 from District Three Blight Bond Funds to the Jeffersonville Road Blight Removal Project

S. An Ordinance to appropriate $184,312 from District Five Blight Bond Funds to the Third Avenue Stabilization Project

T. An Ordinance to appropriate $121,994 from District One and District Two Blight Bond Funds to the Culver Street Commons Project

U. An Ordinance to appropriate $37,320 from District Nine Blight Bond Funds to the Emily Street Project

V. An Ordinance to appropriate $149,908 from District Nine Blight Bond Funds to the West Bond Street Stabilization Project

W. An Ordinance to appropriate $710,018 from District Eight Blight Bond Funds to the Central South / Tindall Heights Project

X. An Ordinance to appropriate $708,224 from District Seven Blight Bond Funds to the Village Green Stabilization Project

Y. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 87 (Riverside Drive) at Bass Road and Arkwright Road

Z. A Resolution authorizing the placement in Rosa Park Square of a Blue Star Memorial Marker and a Gold Star Memorial Marker, subject to the approval of the Director of Macon-Bibb County's Parks and Beautification Department as to the location of said markers

NEW BUSINESS

A. 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

B. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a portion of Bowman Boulevard

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ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Gary Bechtel, Bert Bivins, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Al Tillman and Virgil Watkins the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for AM/PM Express Mart, Jaffary's Food Court, Raceway #6833, Kitchen Pride and Hampton Inn & Suites 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 Gary Bechtel, Bert Bivins, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the following Resolution were amended:***

A. An Ordinance to appropriate $413,832 from District Three Blight Bond Funds to the Jeffersonville Road Blight Removal Project

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Bert Bivins, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the Resolution was amended to change the appropriation from $413,832 to $314,128.***

B. An Ordinance to appropriate $133,508 from District One and District Two Blight Bond Funds to the Culver Street Commons Project

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Bert Bivins, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the Resolution was amended to change the appropriation from $133,508 to $121,994.***

A. An Ordinance to appropriate $149,908 from District Nine Blight Bond Funds to the West Bond Street Stabilization Project

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Bert Bivins, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the Resolution was amended to correct the misspelling of the dollar amount.

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 Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas, Scotty Shepherd and Virgil Watkins, Jr.

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Janice S. Ross, CC
Clerk of Commission