

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
January 19, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on January 19, 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 Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commission Members Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Al Tillman

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
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
Randall Savage, 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

Virgil Adams

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 Pastor Gail Tolbert Smith with the Universal Light Christian Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Alexandra Woodford and Bailey Toole.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

No 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 – No Report

Facilities and Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for J & Y Mart located at 5950 Hawkinsville Road, Macon, Ga. 31204
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Hartley Bridge 4017 d.b.a Sunoco Food Mart, located at 4017 Hartley Bridge Road, Macon, Ga. 31216
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for WOC Retail, LLC located at 3720 Riverside Drive, Macon, Ga. 31210
- D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for WOC Retail, LLC located at 4900 Ocmulgee East Blvd, Macon, Ga. 31217
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Travis Jean LLC located at 530 Cherry Street, Macon, Ga 31201

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution reappointing Ashok Patel to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Committee for an additional term of five years

- B. A Resolution appointing Clerk of Commission Janice S. Ross to serve as the County Legislative Coordinator for Macon-Bibb County
- C. A Resolution appointing Todd Dixon to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
- D. A Resolution to approve the proposed fee schedule changes at Bowden Golf Course
- E. A Resolution authorizing a study to be conducted in conjunction with the Macon Water Authority to assess the current storm water management infrastructure and provide analysis for future improvements and funding mechanisms
- F. A Resolution electing Commissioner Bert Bivins III to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for Calendar Year 2016
- G. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc for pavement evaluation and management services on County owned streets / roads in the amount of \$85,600
- H. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of intent with Philips Lighting North America Corporation for engineering analysis services for street lighting projects in Macon-Bibb County
- I. A Resolution to authorize and approve the purchase of recycling carts for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$140,796.32 from Toter, Inc.
- J. A Resolution approving the \$25,110 Operational Budget for the Operation Cease Fire Midnight Basketball League presented by the Macon-Bibb County Parks and Recreation Department
- K. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Sec. 5-18 of the Code regarding Animal Welfare Investigation
- L. A Resolution to adopt an updated policy in accordance with the Federal "Brooks Act" regarding the selection of engineering and architecture firms for all road projects that utilize State and Federal Funds.
- M. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation Grant in the amount of \$15,000 awarded to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.
- N. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a State of Georgia Accountability Courts Supplementary Grant in the amount of \$4,500 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that has been awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Mental Health Court
- O. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Emergency Management Directed Training Grant in the amount of \$500 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency
- P. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a \$2,500 grant from State Bank and Trust Company for the Office of Small Business Affairs

- Q. . An Ordinance to appropriate \$1,000 from Fund Balance for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission
- R. An Ordinance requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000 each from the Bibb County Sheriff's Office and the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health to the Pedestrian Fatality Review Board in order to support the Pedestrian Fatality Review Board's Campaign to educate pedestrians of proper safety protocols; to authorize an appropriation of funds from the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to cover any deficiency in funding for said campaign
- S. An Ordinance to appropriate \$31,750 from Fund Balance to Board of Elections for an Early Satellite Voting location
- T. An Ordinance to appropriate \$200,000 from Fund Balance to County Attorney Office for Judgements and Losses
- U. An Ordinance to transfer \$43,000 from SPLOST Recreation Land Acquisition Funds to Henry Burns Park; repealing previous Ordinance appropriating Blight Funds to Henry Burns Park
- V. An Ordinance to transfer \$400,965 from SPLOST Recreation Land Acquisition Funds to other SPLOST Recreation Projects
- W. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a portion of Lexington Street
- X. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a revised application with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the 2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Funds received by Macon-Bibb County; to add additional streets for repair work
- Y. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc to construct three group homes for \$909,800 in Home Investment Partnership Program Funds

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$125,000 of any and all claims, demand or damages arising out of or connected in any way to the incident involving former City of Macon Police Officer and Bibb County Deputy Kenneth Brown, his acts or omissions, that occurred on or about July 29, 2014 at or near Clinton Road in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, said incident being the subject of a demand for settlement dated May 7, 2015, submitted on behalf of Ja'Quasha Pittman, by and through her mother and natural guardian, Angela Riddle by her Attorney James E. Lee, II

- B. A Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$36,000 for any and all claims, demands, or damages arising out of or connected in any way to the incident involving former City of Macon Police Officer and Bibb County Deputy Kenneth Brown, his acts or omissions, that occurred on or about July 29, 2014, at or near Clinton Road in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, said incident being the subject of a demand for settlement dated March 20, 2015, submitted on behalf of Kerwin Williams by his Attorney David B. Ricks
- C. A Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$25,000 of any and all claims, demands, or damages arising out of or connected in any way to the incident involving former City of Macon Police Officers and Later Bibb County Deputies, including Nathaniel Woodard, Jeremiah Moneypenny, and others, that occurred on or about August 10, 2014, at or near Brief Street in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, said incident being the subject of a demand for unliquidated damages dated October 13, 2015 submitted on behalf of Devasco Holly by his Attorney Christopher Cohilas
- D. A Resolution submitting V. J. Adams, Isaac Culver and Steve Kruger as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by V. J. Adams on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority
- E. A Resolution submitting Fred Schnell, J. Doug Dunwody, Taylor S. Brown as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by Fred Schnell on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority
- F. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a permanent easement of \$1,170.99 square feet more or less and a temporary construction easement of 1,150.00 square feet more or less as shown as Parcel 12 of the Right-of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried unanimously with Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for J & Y Mart, Hartley Bridge 4017, Travis Jean, WOC Retail on Riverside Drive and WOC Retail on Ocmulgee East Boulevard 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, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the following Resolution were approved to be added to the agenda:***
 - A. A Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$125,000 of any and all claims, demand or damages arising out of or connected in any way to the incident involving former City of Macon Police Officer and Bibb County Deputy Kenneth Brown, his acts or omissions, that occurred on or about July 29, 2014 at or near Clinton Road in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, said incident being the subject of a demand for settlement dated May 7, 2015, submitted on behalf of Ja'Quasha Pittman, by and through her mother and natural guardian, Angela Riddle by her Attorney James E. Lee, II
 - ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$125,000 to Ja"Quasha Pittman stemming from an incident involving a former City of Macon Police Officer Kenneth Brown was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- B. A Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$36,000 for any and all claims, demands, or damages arising out of or connected in any way to the incident involving former City of Macon Police Officer and Bibb County Deputy Kenneth Brown, his acts or omissions, that occurred on or about July 29, 2014, at or near Clinton Road in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, said incident being the subject of a demand for settlement dated March 20, 2015, submitted on behalf of Kerwin Williams by his Attorney David B. Ricks
 - ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$36,000 to Kerwin***

Williams stemming from an incident involving a former City of Macon Police Officer Kenneth Brown was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$25,000 of any and all claims, demands, or damages arising out of or connected in any way to the incident involving former City of Macon Police Officers and later Bibb County Deputies, including Nathaniel Woodard, Jeremiah Money Penny, and others, that occurred on or about August 10, 2014, at or near Brief Street in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, said incident being the subject of a demand for unliquidated damages dated October 13, 2015 submitted on behalf of Devasco Holly by his Attorney Christopher Cohilas
- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the Resolution authorizing the settlement for \$25,000 to DeVasco Holly stemming from an incident involving a former City of Macon Police Officer and later Bibb County Deputies Nathaniel Woodard, Jeremiah Money Penny and others was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- D. A Resolution submitting V. J. Adams, Isaac Culver and Steve Kruger as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by V. J. Adams on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority
- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the Resolution submitting three nominees to fill the position occupied by V. J. Adams on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- E. A Resolution submitting Fred Schnell, J. Doug Dunwody, Taylor S. Brown as the three eligible nominees to fill the position presently occupied by Fred Schnell on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority
- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the Resolution submitting three nominees to fill the position occupied by Fred Schnell on the Board of the Macon-Bibb County Hospital Authority was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- F. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a permanent easement of \$1,170.99 square feet more or less and a temporary construction easement of 1,150.00 square feet more or less as shown as Parcel 12 of the Right-of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive.

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the Resolution for condemnation of a permanent easement shown as Parcel 12 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

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.

Janice S. Ross, Clerk of Commission