

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
January 16, 2018
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on January 16, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at the Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Joe Allen

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commissioner Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

Staff Present

Judd Drake – Interim County Manager
Crystal Jones – Interim County Attorney
Julie Moore – Budget & Strategic Planning
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission

Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager
Michael McNeill - Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore – Public Affairs

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, WMAZ13

Visitors Present:

Charise Stephens
Bud Fletcher
Rufus Holmes
Spencer Hawkins

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1. Call To Order
 2. Announcements

Mayor Reichert called on Spencer Hawkins, Director, Emergency Management Agency, to give an update on the Storm Debris and pending winter weather. Mr. Hawkins stated at this time, it appeared that Macon-Bibb County would receive approximately one to one and half inches of snow. The temperatures will fall in the evening and produce icy roads. He encouraged those who do not have to drive to stay off the roads. He continued that the National Weather Service would hold a webinar at 8:00 p.m. tonight to give an update.

Mr. Hawkins then reported on the storm debris removal. As of January 15, 2018, the total debris removed from the county right of ways totals 94,933.7 cubic yards. The average daily debris removal amount is 1,170.5 cubic yards. The debris team has been at work for 96 days and has missed only 12 days of working.

Mr. Hawkins stated that in a small way to give back to the community Macon Bibb County is offering wood chips or mulch free to the public from January 8 through January 26,

2018. The final piece of debris will be collected on January 22, 2018 when the deodar cedar tree in front of the Government Center is removed. This will be followed by a tree replanting event.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Reichert reviewed the items that will be presented at the 6:00 p.m. Commission meeting.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDAS

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for AMAC Holdings, LLC d.b.a. Amici Macon located at 1510 Mercer University Drive, Macon, GA 31204
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Macon Osaka, Inc. d.b.a. Osaka located at 1530 Mercer University Drive, Suite 600, Macon, GA 31204
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Amici Macon and Osaka were approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution respectfully requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce general legislation during the 2018 session of the Georgia General Assembly to amend O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-96 so as to authorize a local referendum to adopt an Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) in Macon-Bibb County under O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-96 and further to introduce local legislation to provide for a local referendum to adopt a Homestead Exemption to freeze the value of Homestead Property in Macon-Bibb County subject to an annual change of no more than 2%
 - *On motion of Commission Allen, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Resolution respectfully requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce general legislation during the 2018 session of the Georgia General Assembly to amend O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-96 so as to authorize a local referendum to adopt an Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) in Macon-Bibb County under O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-96 and further to introduce local legislation to provide for a local referendum to adopt a Homestead Exemption to freeze the value of Homestead Property in Macon-Bibb County subject to an annual change of no more than 2% was approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.*
- B. An Ordinance to appropriate \$2,400,000 from Solid Waste Fund Balance to pay for the Debris and Monitoring and Removal Services

- *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to appropriate \$2,400,000 from Solid Waste Fund Balance to pay for the Debris and Monitoring and Removal Services was approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.*
- C. A Resolution establishing and fixing the qualifying fees for each Elected County Office to be filled in the upcoming 2018 Macon-Bibb County Elections; requesting the publication of said Qualifying Fees by the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections no later than February 1, 2018 in the legal organ of record for Macon-Bibb County
- *On motion of Commission Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Resolution establishing and fixing the qualifying fees for each Elected County Office to be filled in the upcoming 2018 Macon-Bibb County Elections; requesting the publication of said Qualifying Fees by the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections no later than February 1, 2018 in the legal organ of record for Macon-Bibb County was approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.*

Add Item to the Agenda:

- *On motion of Commission Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Resolution regarding Motivating Youth Foundation was added to the agenda for action.*
- D. A Resolution in support of Motivating Youth Foundation, Inc.'s "What If It Was Your Child?" program and its efforts to rehabilitate former gang members and to increase access to employment training and employment opportunities among underprivileged or troubled young adults
- *On motion of Commission Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the Resolution in support of Motivating Youth Foundation, Inc.'s "What If It Was Your Child?" program and its efforts to rehabilitate former gang members and to increase access to employment training and employment opportunities among underprivileged or troubled young adults was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CCC
Clerk of the Commission