

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

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on January 5, 2016 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
Steve Lawson, Director, Parks & Beautification
Ben Hubbard, Director, Human Resources
Reggie Moore, Director, Recreation

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
Rachel Gambill, Office of Public Affairs

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Randall Savage, 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

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 Dr. Bruce W. Burns, Sr., Bethel CME Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Myles McKay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

Presentation of a Proclamation to Leontine Espy recognizing her 30 years as a Bibb County School educator.

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 Priya Anaya Inc. d.b.a. Tobesofkee Lake Store located at 6024 Moseley Dixon Road, Macon, Ga. 31204
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Ideal Convenience LLC d.b.a. Neighborhood Grocery located at 2017 Millerfield Road, Macon, Ga. 31217
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for R & R 2015, Inc. d.b.a. Food Mart located at 4224 Bloomfield Road, Macon, Ga. 31206
- D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Garner Foods, Inc. located at 5394 Thomaston Road, Macon, Ga. 31220
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for WOC Retail located at 4433 Forsyth Road, Macon, Ga. 31210

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to override the Mayor's veto on December 23, 2015 of the 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 approved at the December 15, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting. This override requires the affirmative vote of six Commission members for adoption.

- B. A Resolution to authorize and approve an additional services agreement with Owen Lewis Consulting for a maximum of \$44,550 for Professional Consulting Services for the Courts Software Project to be paid from SPLOST funds
- C. A Resolution approving an agreement with Piedmont Construction Group, Inc for construction services at the Memorial Park Community Center for \$1,800,000 to be paid from SPLOST Funds
- D. A Resolution to authorize and approve the purchase of a Triple Combination Pumper for the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department in the amount of \$437,408 from the Sutphen Corporation to be paid by SPLOST funds
- E. An Ordinance amending Chapter 14 "Municipal Court" to provide for the codification of the existence of the Office of the Municipal Court Clerk which was not set forth in the inaugural Code of Ordinances
- F. 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
- G. 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
- H. 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 Community Development Block Grant Funds
- I. A Resolution appointing Melinda D. Robinson-Moffett to serve as a Commissioner of the Macon Housing Authority; to commend the service of Dr. Joyce Schafer as Commissioner of the Macon Housing Authority
- J. A Resolution to reappoint Commissioner Gary Bechtel to serve on the Macon Economic Development Commission for an additional term
- K. A Resolution reappointing James Patrick Goff to the Development Authority of Macon-Bibb County for an additional term of four years
- L. A Resolution reappointing Walter Timley to the Development Authority of Macon-Bibb County for an additional term of four years.

- M. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a temporary access agreement with Donna Howell for the use of County owned Right-of-Way located at 147 Senora Place in exchange for clean-up, maintenance, and upkeep of the area.
- N. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act New Funding Award in the amount of \$43,629 from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office
- O. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a permanent easement of 1,176.66 square feet (0.027 acres) more or less, and a temporary construction easement of 1,149.96 square feet (0.0264 acres), more or less as shown as parcel 13 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive
- P. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 525.57 square feet (0.0121 acres) more or less, as shown as Parcel 35 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive
- Q. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 366.46 square feet (0.0084 acres), more or less, as shown as Parcel 37 of the Right-Of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
- R. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 244.64 square feet (0.0056 acres) more or less, as shown as Parcel 38 of the Right-Of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
- S. A Resolution as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- T. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the process for acquiring and disposing of blighted properties as presented by Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and for other lawful purposes.
- U. A Resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of the donation of goods and services from Chris R. Sheridan & Co for the installation of a concrete walkway in Tattnall Square Park; to purchase bollards for \$1,900
- V. A Resolution to reappoint Commissioner Gene Dunwody, Sr. to serve on the Macon Economic Development Commission for an additional term

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution reappointing Ashok Patel to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Committee for an additional Term of Five Years

- B. 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

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 Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Tobesofkee Lake Store, Neighborhood Grocery, Food Mart, Garner Foods, and WOC Retail 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, Virgil Watkins and Ed DeFore, the following Resolution and Ordinance were approved to be added to the agenda.***
- A. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a permanent easement of 1,176.66 square feet (0.027 acres) more or less, and a temporary construction easement of 1,149.96

square feet (0.0264 acres), more or less as shown as parcel 13 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive

- ***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, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the resolution to authorize the condemnation of a permanent easement of 1,176.66 square feet (0.027 acres) more or less, and a temporary construction easement of 1,149.96 square feet (0.0264 acres), more or less as shown as parcel 13 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- B. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 525.57 square feet (0.0121 acres) more or less, as shown as Parcel 35 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive
- ***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, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 525.57 square feet (0.0121 acres) more or less, as shown as Parcel 35 of the Right-Of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- C. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 366.46 square feet (0.0084 acres), more or less, as shown as Parcel 37 of the Right-Of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
- ***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, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 366.46 square feet (0.0084 acres), more or less, as shown as Parcel 37 of the Right-Of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- D. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 244.64 square feet (0.0056 acres) more or less, as shown as Parcel 38 of the Right-Of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
- ***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, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a temporary construction easement of 244.64 square feet (0.0056 acres) more or less, as shown as Parcel 38 of the Right-Of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting. .***

- E. A Resolution as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A"

Discussion:

Mayor Reichert stated the retirement was Linda Maddox from the Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful Commission. Ms. Maddox is a normal retirement with 13 years of service.

- **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, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the Resolution as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A" was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.**

- F. A Resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of the donation of goods and services from Chris R. Sheridan & Co for the installation of a concrete walkway in Tattnall Square Park

Discussion:

Reggie Moore, Director of Recreation, discussed that a walkway needed to be constructed from the parking lot to the Fountain at Tattnall Square Park. Chris Sheridan has donated taking up the existing concrete, preparing the soil and putting in a new sidewalk. The sidewalk will be 205 feet long, six inches thick and ten feet wide. Commissioner Lucas asked if cars would be able to drive on the sidewalk. Mayor Reichert stated that there would need to be bollards placed to prevent driving on the sidewalk. Mr. Moore stated they had approached the Friends of Tattnall Square Park to see if they would cover the approximately \$1,900 cost. If they do not, the County would have to cover the expense.

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, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the resolution was amended to add the purchase of bollards for \$1,900 if needed.

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, Resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of the donation of goods and services from Chris R. Sheridan & Co for the installation of a concrete walkway in Tattnall Square Park; to purchase bollards for \$1,900 was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.**

- G. Commissioner Tillman stated that he would like to add the reappointment of Gene Dunwody to the Macon Economic and Development Committee to tonight's meeting.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Al Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins and Al Tillman, the reappointment of Gene Dunwody to the Macon Economic Development Commission 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 Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas, Al Tillman, Scotty Shepherd and Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Janice S. Ross, Clerk of Commission