MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
January 3, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on January 3 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 Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III

Commissioner Absent
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Dale Walker - County Manager
Judd Drake - County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Jansen Head - Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore - Assistant to the County Manager
Chris Floore - Assistant to the County Manager
Janice S. Ross - Clerk of the Commission

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph

Visitors Present:

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1. Executive Session

   ACTION

   On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Schlesinger, Tillman and Shepherd casting affirmative votes, the Commission went into Executive Session for Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against Macon-Bibb County or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Schlesinger, Tillman and Shepherd casting affirmative votes, the meeting was opened.

2. Election of Mayor Pro Tem

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously with Commissioners Allen, Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, and Tillman casting affirmative votes Commissioner Bivins was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 Vice-Chairman Elaine Lucas

Public Safety Committee – Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd

Facilities and Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Reichert reviewed the items of old business.

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to reappoint Bryan W. Scott to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission for an additional term.

   ACTION:

   On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously, the Resolution to reappoint Bryan W. Scott to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission for an additional term was approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.

B. A Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement to deliver Cemetery Deed to provide for the conveyance of Lot 11 of Block 4 of the Central Avenue area of Rose Hill Cemetery to Harry Lucas for the location of up to 18 burial places for a total purchase price of $25,000 and to provide that Harry Lucas shall be responsible for the cost of constructing the necessary retaining walls around Lot 11

   ACTION:

   On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement to deliver Cemetery Deed to provide for the conveyance of Lot 11 of Block 4 of the Central Avenue area of Rose Hill Cemetery to Harry Lucas for the location of up to 18 burial places for a total purchase price of $25,000 and to provide that Harry Lucas shall be responsible for the cost of constructing the necessary retaining walls around Lot 11 was referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee for action.

C. A Resolution reappointing Commissioner Bert Bivins, III and appointing Commissioner Gary Bechtel to the Macon Water Authority Board of Directors

   ACTION:

   On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution A Resolution reappointing Commissioner Bert

Bivins, III and appointing Commissioner Gary Bechtel to the Macon Water Authority Board of Directors was approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.

D. A Resolution to approve Mayor Reichert's reappointment of Walt Miller to the Industrial Authority for a term of four years coincident with the term of office of the Mayor

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Resolution to approve Mayor Reichert's reappointment of Walt Miller to the Industrial Authority for a term of four years coincident with the term of office of the Mayor was approved and added to tonight's agenda.

E. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Sec. 5-26 of the Code to provide for Specially Appointed Hearing Board for Dangerous and/or Vicious Dog Appeal Hearings

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Sec. 5-26 of the Code to provide for Specially Appointed Hearing Board for Dangerous and/or Vicious Dog Appeal Hearings was referred to the Public Safety Committee for action.

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 5:45 P.M.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bechtel, Allen, Jones, Lucas, Tillman, Schlesinger and Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted:

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Janice S. Ross, CCC
Clerk of Commission