

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 21, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on November 21, 2017 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 Scotty Shepherd

Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Al Tillman
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III

Commissioner Absent

Staff Present

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

Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager
Michael McNeill - Assistant County Attorney
Chris Floore – Public Affairs
Alex Morison – Urban Development Authority

Visitors Present:

Bill Vaughn – Chairman, Tax Assessors Board
Theron Ussery – Chairman, SPLOST Advisory Comm.
Dr. John Swint - SPLOST Advisory Committee
Mike Austin – Exec. Dir., Macon Housing Authority
Jeff Battcher – Appointee, Macon Housing Authority

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, WMAZ13

Patty Gibbs – Appointee, SPLOST Advisory Comm.
Charlotte Woody – Economic & Community Develop.
Jean Easom – Appointee, Planning and Zoning

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1. Call To Order
 2. Announcements

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 Gold Cup Bowling located at 3720 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, Ga 31204
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Sunsky Enterprise, LLC d.b.a. Mikata Japanese Steak House located at 2972 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for NIYA 2017, LLC d.b.a. Bloomfield Grocery located at 4175 Bloomfield Road, Macon, Ga 31206
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Gold Cup Bowling, Mikata, and Bloomfield Grocery were approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution establishing the Macon-Bibb County SPLOST Advisory Committee, appointing Committee members
 - o *On motion of Commission Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried unanimously, the resolution establishing the SPLOST Advisory Committee and appointing members was approved.*
- B. A Resolution appointing Jeff Battcher to fulfill the unexpired term of Margaret S. Grayer as Commissioner on the Macon Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
 - o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel and carried unanimously, the resolution appointing Jeff Battcher to the Macon Housing Authority was approved.*
- C. A Resolution appointing Charlotte Woody to the Governing Board for the Balance of State Continuum of Care
 - o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the resolution appointing Charlotte Woody to the Governing Board for the Balance of State Continuum of Care was approved.*
- D. A Resolution to reappoint Jeane Easom to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an additional term
 - o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the resolution re-appointing Jeane Easom to the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved.*

- E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate for the acquisition / condemnation of parcels in the triangle of property bordered by Telfair Street, Elm Street, and the railroad to create a Green Space Park
- o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried unanimously, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate for the acquisition / condemnation of parcels in the triangle of property bordered by Telfair Street, Elm Street, and the railroad to create a Green Space Park was approved.*
- F. A Resolution to approve or deny a request to refund Ad Valorem Taxes paid on property located at 3334 Majestic Lane for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- o *On motion of Commission Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the resolution to approve or deny a request to refund Ad Valorem Taxes Paid on property located at 3334 Majestic Lane for tax years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the request was denied to refund based on the fact that the property was boarded up and had not been in use as a Veteran's Home during the years requested.*
- G. A Resolution approving Macon-Bibb County's continued participation in the "Heartbeat Incentive Program" whereby proposed mixed used developments in the Urban Redevelopment Area may be granted the benefit of reduced or eliminated property taxes according to the applicable savings schedule through the use of "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" (PILOT) Transactions administered by the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority
- o *On motion of Commission Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the resolution approving continued participation in the "Heartbeat Incentive Program" was approved.*
- H. A Resolution to authorize employees of Visit Macon, Inc. a 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.
- o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried unanimously, the resolution authorizing employees of Visit Macon to receive the same health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County employees was approved.*
- I. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with WLS Construction, Inc for the renovation of the Bloomfield-Gilead Gym Office, in the amount of \$173,875.00 to be paid from 2017 SPLOST Bond Proceeds
- o *On motion of Commission Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with WLS Construction for renovations of the Bloomfield-Gilead Gym Office was approved.*

- J. A Resolution to approve a purchase and sales agreement with Playcore Wisconsin Inc d.b.a. Gametime for playground and outdoor equipment for Central City Park in the amount of \$124,982.98 to be paid from 2017 SPLOST Bond Proceeds
- o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried unanimously, the resolution to approve the purchase of playground and outdoor equipment for Central City Park was approved.*
- K. A Resolution to deny the 2017 New Alcoholic Beverage License application of ESPON Sports Bar and Cafe at 2822 Bloomfield Drive and to provide the applicant an opportunity to demand a final hearing on said application pursuant to O.C. G. A. 3-3-2(B)(3)
- o *On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Lucas and carried seven to two with Commissioners Allen, Bechtel, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins and Tillman casting the dissenting votes, the 2017 Alcoholic Beverage License for ESPOM Sports Bar and Café was approved.*
 - o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried unanimously, the Resolution to cancel regularly scheduled Commission meetings and the Resolution to accept the donation of a fitness circuit from Leadership Macon for the Amerson River Park were added to the agenda.*
- L. An Ordinance authorizing the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Commission meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 due to a lack of quorum; the cancellation of regularly scheduled Commission meetings scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 and Tuesday, January 2, 2018
- o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried unanimously, the resolution authorizing the cancellation of regularly scheduled Commission meetings was approved.*
- M. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of a fitness circuit as a donation to Macon-Bibb County from Leadership Macon to be installed at Amerson River Park
- o *On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried unanimously, the resolution accepting the donation of fitness equipment from Leadership Macon to Amerson River Park was approved.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- o *On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, 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); and for Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2); and

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