

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
November 17, 2020
Government Center**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held November 17, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Video Conference in the Commission Chambers at the Government Center.

Commission Members On Video-conference:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Valerie Wynn

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Al Tillman
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Newly Elected Officials

Mayor-Elect Lester Miller
Commissioner Elect Bill Howell
Commissioner Elect Raymond Wilder

Staff Present

Duke Groover, Interim County Attorney
Michael McNeill – Assistant County Attorney
Keith Moffett – County Manager
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Chris Floore - Public Affairs
Julie Moore - Assistant to the County Manager
Michelle Harris – Assistant County Attorney
Spencer Hawkins – Director, EMA
Keith Butler, Interim Director, Vehicle Maintenance

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reichert called the meeting to order. He read the following statement regarding the Pre-Commission and Commission meeting:

Out Of An Abundance Of Caution, The Macon-Bibb County Commission Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, November 17, 2020 Will Be Available To The Macon-Bibb County Commissioners By Video Conference Only For 5:00 P.M. Pre-Commission Meeting And 6:00 P.M. Commission Meeting.

The Commission Chambers Will Be Closed To The Public And Press In Order To Slow The Spread Of Covid-19. Therefore, The Public And Press May Only Access The Meeting Simultaneously Online At www.maconbibb.us Or www.facebook.com/maconbibbcounty.

2. Announcements

A. Mayor Reichert stated that he needed to add the following to the agenda:

- An amendment to the pay scale

ACTION

On motion of Commission Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the amendment to the pay scale was added to the agenda.

B. Public Hearings

Mayor Reichert thanked the Commission for joining in for the two public hearings at 3:00 p.m. and at 4:00 p.m. He stated that the Clerk's Office had tabulated the emails that had been received in the past week or so regarding both the naming of the auditorium for C. Jack Ellis and the discrimination ordinance.

The discrimination ordinance there were 47 separate emails sent in favor of the Ordinance and 430 emails sent in opposed and the Clerk stopped printing with an additional 250 plus meaning over 800 emails were received.

For the naming of the auditorium for C. Jack Ellis, there were 4 in favor of the naming of the auditorium and 402 opposed.

C. Michael McNeill stated that the Governor had issued two new Executive Orders. The new order is in effect until Friday, November 30, 2020. Macon-Bibb County continues to be able to hold meetings via video conference.

D. Spencer Hawkins, Director of EMA, gave an update on the COVID-19 numbers. The Community is starting to experience a downward trend but it continues to be important that the community socially distance and wear the masks. He encouraged everyone to get their flu shot since Macon-Bibb County has partnered with the Health Department to receive a free flu shot.

3. Review of the Agenda for tonight's Commission meeting

4. Consent Agenda

A. New Alcohol Beverage License for HMS Foods, LLC dba HMS Foods LLC located at 2840 Riverside Drive Macon, GA 31204

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger and seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, New Alcohol Beverage License was approved and added to tonight's agenda.

5. New Business

A. A Resolution authorizing the installation and acceptance of improvements to Prince Park as Part of the Poplar Street Commons Project, Courtesy of the Downtown Business Improvement District (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert))

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried six to one with Commissioners Allen, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, and Wynn casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Bivins casting the dissenting vote, the Resolution acceptance of improvements to Prince park as Part of the Poplar Street Commons

Project, Courtesy of the Downtown Business Improvement District was approved and added to tonight's agenda.

B. Amendment to the Employee Pay Scale

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, the amendment to the Employee Pay Scale was approved.

C. Executive Session

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried five to two with Commissioners Allen, Schlesinger Jones, Wynn and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bivins and Lucas casting the dissenting votes, the meeting went into Executive Session 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);

The meeting was opened with no action being taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pre-Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CMC
Clerk of the Commission