

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
November 17, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on November 17, 2015 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 Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Staff Present

Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager

Chris Floore – Asst. to the County Manager
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney
Janice S. Ross, Interim County Clerk

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present

Rick Jones, Exec. Director, Macon Transit Authority

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 one new alcoholic beverage license, and one New Business item to be added to the Agenda and one Resolution Substitution added for approval.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Pastor H. G. Banks, Greater Allen Chapel AME Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Sue Pak and Sharrieff Muhammad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

INVITED GUESTS

Presentation by GCAPS Youth Commissioners, Caroline Anderson, Sharrieff Muhammad and Adreanna Chester on their recent trip to the National League of Cities "Congress of Cities" Exposition.

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 – No Report

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Houston 5642 Inc. d/b/a Houston Food Mart located at 5642 Houston Road, Macon, Ga. 31216
- B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for New China Grill & Buffet of Macon located at 5056 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon, Ga
- C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Shree Shantinah LLC d/b/a Tom's Store located at 8291 Columbus Road, Macon, Ga. 31052
- D. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Bearfoot Tavern Management, LLC d/b/a Bearfoot Tavern located at 468 Second Street, Macon, Ga. 31201

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Consulting Agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc. to coordinate Blight Remediation Services through Macon-Bibb County
- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the

State Properties Commission on behalf of the Office of the Georgia Secretary of State for a ten year extension of the lease of office space located at 237 Coliseum Drive in form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office; to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Urban Development Authority for up to \$2,000,000 for the construction and debt servicing of improvements of county owned property located at 237 Coliseum Drive over a ten year period in a form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office

- C. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Advanced Disposal Services Macon, LLC to extend the current agreement to provide residential and commercial solid waste and recyclable materials collection and disposal services in Macon-Bibb County for a period of sixty months
- D. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 22, Articles I and II, of the Code of Ordinances entitled and related to Solid Waste Management
- E. A Resolution adopting a Title VII Compliance Policy and Plan
- F. A Resolution adopting a Limited English Proficiency Policy and Plan
- G. A Resolution to authorize employees of NewTown Macon Incorporated, a 501C3 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. An Ordinance to amend the Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 so as to provide for participation by the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority
- I. An Ordinance to allow for the appropriation of Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Mill Hill East Arts Village Community Improvement and Enhancement Project and to assist in the restoration of the Auditorium
- J. A Resolution establishing a revolving loan fund with Blight Bond Funds; granting the Mayor authority to sign all documents associated with the establishment of the Revolving Loan Fund; establishing guidelines of the underwriting policy associated with the Revolving Loan Fund; allowing each Commissioner to appropriate funds from his or her respective district
- K. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act New Funding Award in the amount of \$32,760 from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office
- L. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act New Funding Award in the amount of \$54,000 from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General
- M. A Resolution authorizing the submission of the 2015 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to the Department of Natural Resources to obtain funds for storm water management on Clinton Street

- N. An Ordinance to appropriate \$350,000 from General Fund Balance for the payment to Industrial Authority for land purchase
- O. An Ordinance to appropriate \$26,440 from Recreation Tattnall Square (SPLOST) to Recreation John Drew Tennis (SPLOST) for needed repairs and improvements
- P. An Ordinance to appropriate \$200,000 from Recreation Land Acquisition (SPLOST) to Recreation Filmore Thomas (SPLOST) for needed repairs and improvements
- Q. A Resolution authorizing a "Yes or No" Referendum for Social Security Coverage to be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, among employees of Macon-Bibb County who are eligible for "The Macon-Bibb County Pension Plan" and "Division A Of the Macon-Bibb County Pension and Retirement System"
- R. A Resolution approving an agreement with International City Builders, Inc. for Rosa Jackson Community Center addition and site work for \$3,450,000 to be paid from SPLOST Funds in form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office
- S. A Resolution as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit A
- T. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release for the Settlement of all claims Loretta English filed against the City of Macon in Bibb County Superior Court Civil Action Number 13 CV 58224
- U. A Resolution endorsing the Leadership Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jonathon Ely and authorizing the construction of a press box at the Ed DeFore Sports Complex by Jonathon Ely, Eagle Scout Candidate in the Boy Scouts of America
- V. An Ordinance to provide \$822,750 from Fund Balance as match if MTA is awarded the "LONO" Federal Grant for the purchase of electric buses

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution reappointing Christopher C. Tsavatewa to serve as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health
- B. A Resolution reappointing Carey Pickard to serve as a member of the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority
- C. A Resolution recognizing and commending the contributions of Sam Macfie, Maryel Battin, Walter Worthen, Sr. and various other community groups that are responsible for having Bowden Golf Course listed on the National Register of Historic Places

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

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ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Al Tillman, Mallory Jones, III, and Ed DeFore, voting in the affirmative, the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Houston 5642 d/b/a Houston Food Mart, New China Grill & Buffet, Shree Shantinah d/b/a Tom's Store and Bearfoot Tavern Management d/b/a Bearfoot Tavern were approved to be added to the agenda.*

ACTION

- *On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Elaine Lucas, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Houston 5642 d/b/a Houston Food Mart, New china Grill & Buffet, Shree Shantinah d/b/a Tom's Store and Bearfoot Tavern Management d/b/a Bearfoot Tavern were approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

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

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, Al Tillman and Virgil Watkins, the Resolution as Trustees of the Bibb County*

Pension Plan of 1968 to accept retirement attached hereto as Exhibit A was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release for the Settlement of all claims Loretta English filed against the City of Macon in Bibb County Superior Court Civil Action Number 13 CV 58224

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 and Ed DeFore, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release for the Settlement of all claims Loretta English filed against the City of Macon in Bibb County Superior Court Civil Action Number 13 CV 58224 was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

- C. A Resolution endorsing the Leadership Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jonathon Ely and authorizing the construction of a press box at the Ed DeFore Sports Complex by Jonathon Ely, Eagle Scout Candidate in the Boy Scouts of America

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, Virgil Watkins, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the Resolution endorsing the Leadership Service Project of Eagle Scout Candidate Jonathon Ely and authorizing the construction of a press box at the Ed DeFore Sports Complex by Jonathon Ely, Eagle Scout Candidate in the Boy Scouts of America.***

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- ***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, Virgil Watkins, Al Tillman and Ed DeFore, the Ordinance to provide \$822,750 from Fund Balance as match if MTA is awarded the "LONO" Federal Grant for the purchase of electric buses 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 6:10 P.M.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Janice S. Ross, Interim Clerk of Commission