

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 7, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on November 7, 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 - County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Jansen Head - Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore – Co-Interim Co. Manager
Chris Floore – Asst. to the Co. Manager
Janice Ross – Clerk of the Commission
Charles Coney – Co-Interim Co. Manager
Ben Hubbard – Director, Human Resources

Sheriff David Davis
Henderson Carswell - Sheriff's Office
Aubrey Evans - Sheriff's Office
Sherman Jones - Sheriff's Office
Christy Iulucci – Director, Finance
Karen McDuffie – Finance Office
Kim Roberts – Finance Office
Cindy Ingram – Finance Office

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, WMAZ13

Visitors Present:

Jimmy Hinson – BB&T
Kevin Brown – Attorney, Industrial Authority
Charise Stephens

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1. Call To Order
 2. Announcements

Mayor Reichert asked Sheriff David Davis to give a brief update on the recent homicides in Macon-Bibb County. Sheriff Davis reported there had been 126 homicides up to this day. He continued that most of them are familiar crimes meaning that they either were related to or knew the homicide victim. He stated that they also could be personal conflicts or domestic relations.

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 ESPOM Sports Bar and Cafe located at 2822 Bloomfield Road, Macon, GA
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for ALI 786 LLC d.b.a. In & Out Express located at 1980 Gray Highway, Macon, GA
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Solo Food, LLC d.b.a. Food Mart located at 2700 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210
- D. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Jay Sharma, Inc. d.b.a. Little India located at 402 Cherry Street, Macon, GA 31201
- E. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Jay Ambe 17, Inc. d.b.a. HP Liquors located at 6351 Zebulon Road, Macon, Ga 31220
- F. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Oliver's Corner Bistro located at 496 Second Street, Macon, Ga 31201
- G. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Boss Wings XIV d.b.a. Wingstop located at 4634 Presidential Parkway, Macon, Ga 31220
- H. New Alcoholic Beverage License for R & R Food Mart, Inc. located at 4030 Chambers Road, Suite C, Macon, GA 31206
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the license for ESPON was removed from the other licenses to be voted on separately.*
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried six to three with Commissioners Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissioners Bechtel, Allen and Watkins casting the dissenting votes*
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Food Mart, Little India, HP Liquors, Oliver's Corner Bistro, Wingstop and R & R Food Mart were approved and added to tonight's agenda for action.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a FY2017 Homeland Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$29,000 to the Fire Department for the purchase of authorized equipment
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution to accept a FY2017 Homeland Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$29,000 to the Fire Department for the purchase of authorized equipment was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*
- B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$20,785 for the Pedestrian "On The Move" Program
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$20,785 for the Pedestrian "On The Move" Program was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Howling Good Time Music Festival in Tatnall Square Park on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.; to permit the lawful sales and services of alcoholic beverages at the event; to permit festival attendees to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages in the designated area of Tatnall Square Park during the event
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried eight to one with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Lucas, Jones, Schlesinger, Shepherd, Tillman and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen casting the dissenting vote the Resolution authorizing the Howling Good Time Music Festival in Tatnall Square Park on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.; to permit the lawful sales and services of alcoholic beverages at the event; to permit festival attendees to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages in the designated area of Tatnall Square Park during the event was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*
- D. A Resolution to approve and adopt contribution changes for active employees and retirees in Macon-Bibb County's Health Plan effective January 1, 2018
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried six to three with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Schlesinger, Shepherd, and Watkins casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Allen, Lucas and Tillman casting the dissenting votes. Resolution to approve and adopt contribution changes for active employees and retirees in Macon-Bibb County's Health Plan effective January 1, 2018 was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*
- E. A Resolution to proclaim Wednesday, November 15, 2017 as "America Recycles Day" in Macon-Bibb County

- o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution to proclaim Wednesday, November 15, 2017 as "America Recycles Day" in Macon-Bibb County was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*
- F. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a FY2017 Homeland Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$20,000 to the Fire Department for the purchase of authorized equipment
 - o *On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a FY2017 Homeland Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$20,000 to the Fire Department for the purchase of authorized equipment was approved and added to tonight's agenda.*

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);*

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