MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
November 3, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on November 3, 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 Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
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
Julie Moore, Assist. 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

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

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Marvella Ivery, Servant Leader for Bethel CME Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Ashley Pointer a Junior at Howard High School.

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 Chairman Larry Schlesinger

Public Safety Committee – No Report

Facilities and Engineering Committee – No Report

CONSENT AGENDA

A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Dhanpal, Inc d/b/a Family food located at 605 Pio Nono Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc for up to $348,000 for architectural and engineering services at Central City Park

B. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Triple Point Engineering, Inc for $47,800 for services associated with closing the Macon-Bibb County inert landfill

C. An Ordinance to appropriate funds from District Two Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Lynmore Avenue Park Project

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Safeway Group, Inc., or a subsidiary, for the lease of space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200 for the Board of Elections Office for $8.00 sq. ft. for five years, to engage BTBB Architects / Planners, Inc for planning and build-out services

E. A Resolution to authorize the employees of Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to be eligible to receive the same retirement, health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits offered to Macon-Bibb County Employees

F. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Georgia Department of Agriculture Dog and Cat Sterilization Grant Award in the amount of $3,000 awarded to the Macon-Bibb County Animal Welfare Department

G. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $54,049 from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office

H. A Resolution approving the acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $3,000

I. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Treatment Programs Grant in the amount of $80,740 awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court

J. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Victims of Crime Act Continuation Award in the amount of $39,004 from the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia Awarded to the Bibb County Solicitor General

K. A Resolution approving the acceptance of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency 2015 Homeland Security Grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $25,741

L. A Resolution to confirm Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert's appointment of Louis Frank Tompkins to the Macon-Bibb County Fire Civil Service Board

M. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an encroachment agreement with Historic Macon Properties, LLC for an encroachment at 551 Cherry Street

NEW BUSINESS

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Dhanpal, Inc d/b/a Family Food located at 605 Pio Nono Avenue.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Al Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Al Tillman, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr., voting in the affirmative,***

the Alcoholic Beverage License for Dhanpal, Inc. d/b/a Family Food was approved to be added to the agenda.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., and carried unanimously by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Elaine Lucas, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr. and Al Tillman, the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Dhanpal, Inc. d/b/a Family food was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an encroachment agreement with Historic Macon Properties, LLC for an encroachment at 551 Cherry Street

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore and carried seven to two with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Elaine Lucas and Al Tillman casting the dissenting votes, the resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an encroachment agreement with Historic Macon Properties, LLC for an encroachment at 551 Cherry Street was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Safeway Group, Inc., or a subsidiary, for the lease of space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200 for the Board of Elections Office for $8.00 sq. ft. for five years, to engage BTBB Architects / Planners, Inc for planning and build-out services

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, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr. and Al Tillman, the substitute resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Safeway Group, Inc. or a subsidiary, for lease of space located at 2525 Pio Nono Avenue, Suite 1200 for the Board of Elections Office for $8.00 sq. ft. For five years, to engage BTBB Architects / Planners, Inc. for planning and build out services, was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Reichert announced that the holiday dinner for Department Heads, Constitutional Officers and Commissioners would be held on December 10, 2015 at the Hay House.

He also announced that the Holiday Reception and Open House for the Government Center would be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas, Scotty Shepherd, Al Tillman and Virgil Watkins, Jr.

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Janice S. Ross, Interim Clerk of Commission