

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
October 20, 2020
Government Center**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held October 20, 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
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

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
Joel Callins – Assistant County Attorney
Michelle Harris – Assistant County Attorney
Frank Howard – Asst. County Attorney
Spencer Hawkins – Director, EMA

Guests

Judge Jeff Hanson – Chief Judge, State Court

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, October 20, 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 introduced Judge Jeff Hanson, Chief Judge, State Court. Judge Hanson stated that the Chief Justice had authorize resuming jury trials. In December jury summons will be sent out. He continued that the Courts would abide by the COVID restrictions. They have observed these in setting up the jury room and assured the Commission that there would not be a room with 100 people in it. He also stated that

although they may send out jury summons they may not have a trial until later. Mayor Reichert thanked the Judge for keeping the Commission informed..

- B. Michael McNeill stated that the Governor had issued two new Executive Orders. Macon-Bibb County continues to be able to hold meetings via video conference.
- C. Spencer Hawkins, Director of EMA, gave an update on the COVID-19 numbers. The numbers are rising and he advised that with the holidays these numbers may continue to rise. He advised everyone to wear a mask and observe social distancing.
- D. Julie Moore, Budget and Strategic Planning, stated that she had been informed that the County would not be receiving the second round of funding. She continued that the funds that have already been received would be the last money received. The additional federal funds have been designated for the Georgia Unemployment account by Governor Kemp.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. New Alcohol Beverage License for Mi Margarita's Bar & Grill, LLC located at 4328 Hartley Bridge Rd. Macon, GA 31216
- B. New Alcohol Beverage License for Blazing Paddles Studio, LLC dba Startup Studios located at 1055 Riverside Drive, Ste A Macon, GA 31201

On motion of Commissioner Wynn, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the New Alcohol Licenses for Margarita's and Blazing Paddles Studio were approved and added to tonight's agenda.

- C. New Alcohol Beverage License for Southern Star, LLC dba Amstar 16 Macon located at 5996 Zebulon Rd. Macon, GA 31210

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the license for Southern Star was tabled to gather more information.

5. New Business

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) in the amount of \$557,598 for the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Resolution accepting a grant from Center for Tech and Civil Life in the amount of \$557,598 for the Board of Elections was approved.

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