

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
October 6, 2020
Government Center**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held October 6, 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
Commissioner Elect Paul Bronson

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

Scarlett Farr, Candidate for KMBB

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 6, 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 announced upcoming events planned by the Public Affairs Office.

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. Mayor Pro Tem mentioned his concern regarding issuing permits. Mr. Hawkins also updated the members on Hurricane Delta.

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

- A. *Mayor Reichert requested that the appointment of Scarlett Farr be considered first so Ms. Farr may be appointed to the Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful Board.*

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously, Ms. Scarlett Farr was appointed to the Keep Macon Bibb Beautiful Board.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Denial of New Alcohol Beverage License for Jaya Food and Gas, Inc located at 1803 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206

On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the denial of the New Alcohol Beverage License for Jaya Food and Gas was denied.

- B. New Alcohol License for IMS Groceries LLC d.b.a. Tom's Food Mart located at 811 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31204

On motion of Commissioner Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried unanimously, the New Alcohol License for IMS Groceries LLC d.b.a. Tom's Food Mart was approved.

5. New Business

- A Resolution approving the submission of a Pre-Application for funding from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program in the estimated total amount of \$950,000, including a local match of \$250,000 payable from 2018 SPLOST Revenues - Cultural and Public - Rose Hill Line Item for the purpose of development the Rose Hill Pond Restoration and Trail Connector as a unit of the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail (Sponsored by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert)

On motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Wynn and carried unanimously, the Resolution approving the submission of a Pre-Application for funding from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program was approved.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Reichert stated that there was no need for an Executive Session.

7. Other Items

Commissioner Lucas asked if department heads had received a letter from the Mayor – Elect stating that their performance was being evaluated. Mayor Reichert stated that he did not know if that letter was sent to department heads. Mayor Reichert stated he had not seen the letter but he was aware that was a letter but does not know who received the letter or how it was received. Duke Groover stated that the elected officials could not take action.

Commissioner Lucas stated that she had concerns that individuals who were not already sworn in attending Executive Session. Mr. Groover, Interim County Attorney, will address the issue at the next Committee meeting.

Commissioner Watkins asked where the appointment of Mr. Hiley was at the point.

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