

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
October 6, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on October 6, 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

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney

Chris Floore – Asst. to the County Manager
Julie Moore, Assist. to the County Manager
Christy Iullucci Director of Finance
Karen McDuffie, Budget and Strategic Planning
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 a new alcoholic beverage licenses, and six New Business item to be added to the Agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Pastor Mike Ephram, Pastor St. Paul AME Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by Anna Grace Jones, GCAPS of First Presbyterian Day 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 – Committee Vice -Chairman Al Tillman

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for KYJU, Inc., d/b/a Tom's Mart located at 3010 Houston Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31206

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading - An Ordinance to amend Article IV of Charter Appendix III of the Charter of Macon-Bibb County, Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System so as to increase the supplemental benefit provided for In Section Seven from \$100.00 per month to \$200.00 per month for certain current and future retirees that were hired prior to July 1, 1985
- B. A Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of the State Court Probation Office as the provider of misdemeanor probation services for the Superior Court of Bibb County
- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Commercial Lease Contract with Bob Lewis and Associates in the amount of \$45,000 for office space located at 127, 129 and 145 First Street to be occupied by Georgia Cooperative Extension Services from October 1, 2015 until September 30, 2016
- D. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Service Agreement with B&D Venues, a Brailsford & Dunlavey Practice Group, conduct a Baseball Feasibility Study in the amount of \$50,000 to be paid from TAD Bond Funds

- E. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with AGTAGUSA, LLC for professional information technology services for the Tax Commissioner's Office at a Rate of \$75.00 per hour up to a total sum of \$45,000 to be paid from Information Technology budget funds
- F. A Resolution adopting a Title VI Compliance Policy and Plan
- G. An Ordinance to appropriate \$75,000 from District Nine Blight Bond Funds and \$75,000 from District One Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Middle Georgia Education Corridor Right-Of-Way and Streetscape Improvement and Enhancement Project to assist in the remediation and elimination of commercially blighted properties and areas along Eisenhower Parkway
- H. An Ordinance to appropriate \$20,000 from District Nine Blight Bond Funds and \$20,000 from District One Blight Bond Funds to be used for the Henry Burns Park Master Planning and Entryway Improvement and Enhancement Project to assist in the remediation and elimination of blight in Henry Burns Park
- I. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Grant in the amount of \$53,800 awarded to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office
- J. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY '15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG Grant") in the amount of \$66,240 from the Office of Justice Programs for the United States Department of Justice
- K. A Resolution reappointing Alex Morrison and S. Craig Ross to the Georgia Small Business Lender, Inc. for One (1) Additional Term of Three (3) years
- L. A Resolution endorsing the Leadership Service Project of Eagle Scout candidate Gordon Smith and authorizing the placement of four plaques or signage at Luther Williams Field by Gordon H. Smith, Boy Scout of America Troup 170, for the purpose of appreciating and honoring four Macon Native Negro League Baseball Players
- M. A Resolution to recognize Vietnam Veterans from the Macon-Bibb County Community in a Commemorative Ceremony to honor the 50th Year Anniversary of the Vietnam War
- N. A Resolution to support a Request for Proposals be issued regarding a naming rights partner for the former Gilead Academy currently being converted into the Macon-Bibb County STEM Center
- O. A Resolution to authorize the placement of a plaque in Henry Burns Park to identify the Ingleside Neighborhood's designation on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places
- P. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Tattnall Square Park and the Historic Macon Foundation, Inc to improve Tattnall Square Park by preserving the Historical Brick Pillars within the Park

- Q. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an application with GDOT for the purpose of applying for State Allocated Funds to be used for the paving and maintenance of public roads under the 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant ("LMIG"); authorizing the County to contribute a 30% match for road projects in the amount of \$433,278.50 should said application be approved
- R. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a revised application with GDOT for the 2014 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant ("LMIG") Funds received by the former City of Macon; to add five new streets for repair work in the former City of Macon
- S. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a Right-of-Way consisting of 538.61 square feet (0.012 acres), more or less, and a temporary construction easement of 374.95 square feet (0.0086 acres) more or less as shown as parcel 26 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
- T. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a Right-of-Way consisting of 532.19 square feet (0.012 acres) more or less, and a temporary construction easement of 377.17 square feet (0.0087 acres), more or less as shown as Parcel 27 of the Right-of-Way Survey Plat of Log Cabin Drive
- U. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a Right-of-Way consisting of 688.03 Square Feet (0.016 acres) more or less, and a temporary construction easement of 497.84 square feet (0.0114 acres) more or less, as shown as parcel 28 of the Right-of-Way survey plat of Log Cabin Drive
- V. A Resolution granting the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority the approval to bring condemnation proceedings against the owner of 173 Clinton Street for use in developing the entrance to the Ocmulgee National Monument
- W. A Resolution to approve the purchase of computer equipment from Dell Marketing L.P. for \$170,120.84 via purchase order
- X. A Resolution to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit A

NEW BUSINESS

- A. An Ordinance to repeal the Safety Review Board, Chapter 2, Division 13 of the Code of Ordinances, so as to eliminate the provisions of that division, to renumber the remaining divisions
 - ***Refer to the Public Safety Committee***
- B. A Resolution to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit A
- C. A Resolution approving an agreement with Water Splash, Inc. for the design and construction of a splash pad at Filmore Thomas Park for \$175,000 to be paid from SPLOST Funds

- D. A Resolution approving an agreement with Hasley Recreation, Inc. for the design and installation of a playground at Filmore Thomas Park for \$159,999 to be paid from SPLOST Funds
- E. A Resolution approving an agreement with Stafford Builders Group, Inc. for various construction services at Filmore Thomas Park for \$1,395,050 to be paid from SPLOST Funds
- F. A Resolution to authorize and approve the transfer of \$1,180,281.45 of the Series 2013A and Series 2013B Urban Development Authority Bond proceeds to the Sears Roebuck Store Renovation Project from the Tax Commissioner's Office Project, the Lake Tobesofkee Project and the East Bibb Fire Station Project
- G. An Ordinance to adjust FY 2015 Budget to reflect organizational changes where departmental expenditures were impacted and other year-end adjustments

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for KYJU, Inc., d/b/a Tom's Mart located at 3010 Houston Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31206

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried eight to one with Commissioner Tillman casting the dissenting vote and Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr., voting in the affirmative, the Alcoholic Beverage License for KYJU, Inc. d/b/a Tom's Mart was approved.***

NEW BUSINESS

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- E. A Resolution approving an agreement with Stafford Builders Group, Inc. for various construction services at Filmore Thomas Park for \$1,395,050 to be paid from SPLOST Funds

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, III, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., 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 Resolutions to accept the retirements, the Agreement with Water Splash, Inc., the agreement with Hasley Recreation, and the Agreement with Stafford Builders Group was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting.***
- F. A Resolution to authorize and approve the transfer of \$1,180,281.45 of the Series 2013A and Series 2013B Urban Development Authority Bond proceeds to the Sears Roebuck Store Renovation Project from the Tax Commissioner's Office Project, the Lake Tobesofkee Project and the East Bibb Fire Station Project
- G. An Ordinance to adjust FY 2015 Budget to reflect organizational changes where departmental expenditures were impacted and other year-end adjustments

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, III, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., 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 resolutions to transfer \$1,180,281.45 Series 2013A and Series 2013B Urban Development Authority Bonds to the Sears Store Renovation Project and the Ordinance to adjust FY 2015 budget to reflect organizational changes where departmental expenditures were impacted were referred to the next Operations and Finance Committee***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, III, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., 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 meeting went into Executive Session for consultation with outside counsel, Duke Groover, 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. 50-4-2(1).

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, III, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., 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 Executive Session ended with no action.

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, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Al Tillman and Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Janice S. Ross, Interim Clerk of Commission