

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
September 20, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon - Bibb County Commission was held on September 20, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room at the Government Center.

Commission Members Present

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Ed DeFore

Commissioner Absent

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Charles Coney - Assistant County Manager
Judd Drake - County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Reggie Moore - Director of Recreation
Julie Moore - Asst. to the County Manager

Janice S. Ross - Clerk of the Commission
Clay Murphey - SPLOST Manager

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Evan Watson, WGXA TV

Visitors Present:

Adah Roberts
Cliffard Whitby, Chairman, Industrial Authority

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Reichert.

Mayor Reichert stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole to take action on New Business items to be added to the Agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 – Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd

Facilities and Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Mallory Jones

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Reichert reviewed the items of old business.

Item H – County Attorney Drake stated that he and members of the Commission, had received an e-mail from Commissioners Watkins stating that he did not want to allocate \$100,000 of his blight dollars to the LED Street Lighting project.

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously by Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd, and Tillman the total amount for the LED Street Lighting Conversion and Blight Remediation Project was reduced to \$600,000 by eliminating \$100,000 from District Eight.***
- ***On motion of Commissioner Bivins, seconded by Commissioner Tillman and carried unanimously with Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Schlesinger, Shepherd and Tillman voting in the affirmative, the Ordinance repealing R-15-0247 which previously established the Blight Bond Revolving Loan Fund so as to allow Commissioners to use funds previously designed for the Revolving Loan Fund for other blight Capital Projects; and amending O-15-0040 to provide for the re-appropriation of \$858,700 of Blight Bond Funds previously designated for waste disposal and other costs to the Macon-Bibb County LED Street Lighting Conversion and Blight Remediation Project; and to provide for the appropriation of Blight Bond Funds from each Commission District Totaling \$600,000 for the Macon-Bibb County LED Street Lighting Conversion and Blight Remediation Project was approved as amended.***

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NEW BUSINESS

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. An Ordinance proceeding with the process required for the Commission to be able to consider approval and implementation of the further redevelopment and expansion of the Bibb Mill Center Redevelopment Plan and Tax Allocation District; to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from General Fund for required services

ACTION:

- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Shepherd, and Schlesinger, the Ordinance proceeding with the process required for the Commission to be able to consider approval and implementation of the further redevelopment and expansion of the Bibb Mill Center Redevelopment Plan and Tax Allocation District; to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from General Fund for required services was approved and added to tonight's agenda.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reichert announced that administration was in the planning stages for a Commission retreat on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. He stated the event would take place in Athens and Chris Floore was working to make the arrangements.

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 5:50 P.M.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bechtel, Bivins, Jones, Lucas, Tillman and Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted:

Janice S. Ross, CC
Clerk of Commission