

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
September 15, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on September 15, 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 Co. Mgr. – Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard - County Clerk
Kevin Barkley – Director Solid Waste Dept.

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ
Ivy Nova – WGXA NEWS

Visitors Present

Mr. Bud Fletcher

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 five new alcoholic beverage licenses, and one 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 Dr. John Dunaway, Professor Emeritus of French at Mercer University, and the Beloved Community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is to be led by GCAPS Caroline Anderson of Mount de Sales Academy and Adreanna Chester of Mount de Sales Academy.

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 Chairman Mallory Jones, III

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Evidence Based Associates, LLC for services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Juvenile Court for a maximum of \$143,300.40 using Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Funds
- B. A Resolution to authorize an agreement between the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department and Rebuilding Macon, Inc. for minor home repairs services for \$125,250 in Community Development Block Grant Funds

ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the retirements were approved as presented.
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.***
- C. A Resolution to authorize an agreement with Phillips Lighting for County-Wide Lighting Management Services for Macon-Bibb County

- D. A Resolution to execute an agreement with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for \$67,000 for engineering services for the Wise Avenue multi-purpose field to be paid from Blight Funds
- E. A Resolution to authorize an agreement with Xerox State and Local Solutions, Inc. to extend the current to provide Court Information Management and Fine Debt Recovery Services to Macon-Bibb County Municipal Court on a month-to-month basis for \$13,750.00 per month
- F. A Resolution authorizing an amendment to an agreement with Trinity Services, Group, Inc. to reduce the cost of meals served to inmates of the Bibb County Law Enforcement Center by \$0.01 per meal; extend said agreement to provide services for an additional term of one year from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
- G. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with General Services Administration (on behalf of the Transportation Security Administration) for the use of office space at Middle Georgia Regional Airport for a period of one year in the amount of \$0.00
- H. A Resolution authorizing an amendment to an agreement with CorrectHealth Bibb, LLC for \$3,471,691.77 to continue to provide physical health services for inmates and detainees of the Bibb County Sheriff's Office
- I. A Resolution approving the purchase of two Knuckleboom Loader Trucks from Middle Georgia Freightliner for the amount of \$256,290.00
- J. A Resolution to authorize and approve the purchase of two eight inch compressor-assisted horizontal self-priming water sewage pumps for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$88,259.00 from Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Company, Inc. to be paid by Department Funds
- K. A Resolution authorizing an acknowledgement and project approval for a new 704 Fund Project, designated as the 2015 Parks and Properties Project, to provide \$1.5 million from the 704 Funds to the Industrial Authority to undertake improvements to existing industrial parks, properties, and related facilities of the Industrial Park
- L. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an acknowledgement and project approval for a new 704 Fund Project, designated as the I-75 NB at Sardis Church Project, to use available 704 Funds to acquire and develop additional tracts of land proximate to Interstate 75 Northbound and Sardis Church Road for Commercial and Industrial Development
- M. 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

- N. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Group Health Benefits Program Health Promotion & Wellness Grant in the amount of \$15,000 awarded from Association County Commissioners of Georgia to the Human Resources Department
- O. A Resolution to authorize an agreement with HomeFirst Housing Resource Services, Inc. to provide Housing Counseling Services for \$62,810.00 using Community Development Block Grant Funds
- P. A Resolution to adopt a policy in accordance with the Federal "Brooks Act" regarding the selection of engineering and architecture firms for all road projects that utilize State and Federal funds
- Q. A Resolution authorizing the General Release and Settlement Agreement for the settlement of all claims Macon-Bibb Storage Properties, Inc. filed against Macon-Bibb County for alleged damages in Bibb County Superior Court

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 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

- Refer to the Economic and Community Development Committee

PRE-COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Jenil 2015 Inc. d/b/a Neighborhood Gas and Groceries located at 3102 Napier Avenue, Macon, GA 31204
- B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Harsh Vansh, LLC d/b/a Reliance Food Mart located at 3609 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206
- C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Umiya 2015 Inc., d/b/a Citgo Food Mart located at 1681 Rocky Creek Road, Macon, GA 31206
- D. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Jay 2015 Inc. d/b/a Citgo Food Mart located at 1924 Forsyth Street, Macon, GA 31201
- E. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Twentyone Macon, LLC d/b/a The Brick located at 1305 Hardeman Avenue, Ste. #100, Macon, GA 3120

Mayor Reichert stated David Fortson, County Engineer, stated this location which is under construction at the new Mercer University Lofts, did not meet the distance requirement unless it qualified as a bone fide restaurant with fifty percent of sales coming from food.

Crystal Jones, Senior Assistant County Attorney, stated the license could be approved conditionally or contingent upon proof that fifty percent of sales is from food.

- Commissioner Gary Bechtel motioned to approve conditionally on meeting the requirements to qualify for the distance exception, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas and approved unanimously.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger and carried unanimously, with four the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses were approved and one was approved conditionally on meeting the food and beverage exception of the Code.***
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr.; and Al Tillman.***

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the General Release and Settlement Agreement for the settlement of all claims Macon-Bibb Storage Properties, Inc. filed against Macon-Bibb County for alleged damages in Bibb County Superior Court

Crystal Jones, Senior Assistant County, stated this was the settlement regarding the retaining wall at the fires station discussed in Executive Session and was settled for \$10,000, which was settled within the authority amount granted.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, III, seconded by Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr., and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's meeting as Item Q on the agenda.***
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr.; and Al Tillman.***

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 5:30 P.M.

Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission