

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
September 2, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on September 2, 2014 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 H. Lucas

Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake –County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Dave Fortson – County Engineer
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
Sam Henderson – Executive Assistant to Mayor

News Media Present

Phillip Ramati – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Brittney Childs, Industrial Authority
Bud Fletcher

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole to take action on the contract with Sam Hall & Sons for the Tobesofkee Marina Pavement Rehab Project that needed to be added to tonight's Agenda (as item "W") for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$314,036.04 for Tobesofkee Pavement Rehabilitation

Discussion: Dave Fortson, County Engineer, gave an overview of the 90 day paving contract with Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. to be completed in December for repaving the existing Tobesofkee Marina parking area. He stated the contractor needed to get started in order to take advantage of as much good weather as possible to complete the work on time. He also stated bond funds approved by the former Bibb County Commission prior to Consolidation would be used to pay for the project. In addition, the low base bid was \$350,000 and the contract was with Sam Hall and Sons for \$314,036.04 with a \$15,000 cushion. Mr. Fortson also stated Bibb County owns the land on which the Marina is built and leases the property to the Marina, who owns the building.

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved for consideration at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.***
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, and Scotty Shepherd.***

The Mayor reviewed the agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Rabbi Larry A. Schlesinger - Temple Beth Israel and District 2 Commissioner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on August 19, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on August 19, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

Rev. Marlette Gilbert retiring Pastor of Grants Chapel AME Church and retired educator

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Reichert asked Committee Chairs to give their Committee reports.

- A. Operations and Finance Committee
- B. Economic and Community Development Committee
- C. Public Safety Committee
- D. Facilities and Engineering Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for JBK Southern, Inc. d/b/a Lazy Dog Growler located at 488 First Street
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for RARE Hospitality International, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse #5027 located at 3072 Riverside Drive
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Recess located at 469 Broadway

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the 2011 SPLOST Intergovernmental Contract
- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a payment in lieu of rent agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Georgia Department of Human Services for \$1,247,145 for office space located at 456 Oglethorpe Street
- C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 2014 Wheel Loader with a bucket attachment for use by the Public Works Department
- D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 2015 Crew Cab Patch truck for use by the Facilities Management Department
- E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to purchase two 2015 F-250 trucks with SWAB Animal Transport Body for use by the Animal Welfare Department in the amount of \$75,300 to be paid from SPLOST funds
- F. Resolution to amend the Macon-Bibb County Government Policies and Procedures Manual's Section 6.12, Macon-Bibb Consolidated Government Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Policy

- G. Resolution to appoint Derrick M. Catlett, Jean M. Bragg and Valerie R. Bradley and to re-appoint Martha E. Carter, Helen M. Weathers, Charles A. Jay, Diane A. Newton, Melinda D. Robinson-Moffett, Theresa L. Robinson, Mark A. Stevens, Charlotte Woody, and Carolyn M. Crayton to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission
- H. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Macon Area Habitat for Humanity to deconstruct and demolish a blighted residential structure in Macon-Bibb County for \$9,000

Commissioner Larry Schlesinger stated he would recuse himself from voting on the Resolution as he serves on the Habitat for Humanity's board.

- I. Resolution authorizing the investigation of the feasibility for the marketing, sale, and/or participation in a Public-Private partnership involving the Government Center Annex for the purpose of creating a Mixed Use Development Project
- J. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement of extension with the Houston County Board of Health WIC Program for the lease of office space located at 456 Oglethorpe Street
- K. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement of extension with River Edge Behavioral Health Center for the lease of office space located at 175 Emery Highway
- L. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with NewTown Macon, Inc. to facilitate a concert at 448 Mulberry Street
- M. Resolution to authorize and approve the selection of State Court Probation as the provider of Probation Services for the Macon-Bibb County Municipal Court
- N. Ordinance to revise Chapter 7, Section 2, Division II of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances regarding the requirements of an alarm company to obtain a business license and penalties related to the operation thereof
- O. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 22 (also known as Eisenhower Parkway) and Knoxville Road
- P. Resolution accepting the dedication of a public road known as Liberty Estates Drive located in the 4th Land District and to declare that said road shall be open for public use and maintained by Macon-Bibb County
- Q. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority for the transfer of ownership, interest and access rights to the property located adjacent to the Terminal Station building, commonly known as the Causey Property
- R. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Extension with the State Properties Commission on behalf of the Department of Veteran Services for the lease of office space located at 653 Second Street

- S. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Extension with the Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. for the lease of office space located at 653 Second Street
- T. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Right-of-Way Encroachment Consent Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Georgia Power Company for the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail
- U. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to grant an encroachment to Epitome Real Estate, Inc. at 667 Arch Street totaling 3,402 sq. ft. for the Fair Market price of \$5.00 per sq. ft. or \$17,000
- V. Ordinance to revise Chapter 22, Section 22-103 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances regarding the requirements to obtain a landfill user permit
- W. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Sam Hall & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$314,036.04 for Tobesofkee Marina Pavement Rehabilitation

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor stated all New Business items would be referred to Committees for action.

Dale Walker, County Manager, advised the Commissioners that the documents in front of them pertained to the Macon-Bibb County Employees Retirement System and that as a result of Merrill Lynch giving notice that their firm will be canceling their contract for investment services with Macon-Bibb County he was asked to prepare an RFP for new investment consultants. A return date of August 8th was requested and nine (9) firms responded. The Commissioners were encouraged to review the RFPs and to offer their thoughts and/or recommendations. It was noted that the investment consulting firm selected will need to be approved by the retirement board, subject to confirmation by the Macon-Bibb County Commission. The County Attorney has opined that this process follows the ordinances established by the Macon-Bibb County Commission. The recommended timeline to get the transition completed is October 31, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission