**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING**
**MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION**
**September 1, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.**
**Government Center**
**(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on September 1, 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.

**Commission Members Absent**

Commissioner Al Tillman

**Staff Present**

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Ben Hubbard – Director of Human Resources
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 – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Asst. Clerk of Commission
Judge Robert Faulkner – Municipal Court

**News Media Present**

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ
Eric Mock – WGXA TV

**Visitors Present**

Mr. Greg Williams

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 convene as the Board of Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan for approval of seven retirements, and to add one new alcoholic beverage license to the agenda.

A. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968, to accept the retirements of seven employees

- Retirees: Harry Colbert, III, Sheriff's Office -19 years; Albert Hogan, Sr., Vehicle Maintenance - 29 years; David W. Holliday, Sheriff's Office - 24 years; Marla Lampley, Sheriff's Office - 8 years; Chief Deputy Russell Nelson, Sheriff's Office - 35 years; Judy

D. Reynolds, Tax Assessors Office - 19 years; and Thomas W. Tedders, Jr., Macon-Bibb County Tax Commissioner - 29 years

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Mahadev 2014, Inc. d/b/a Quick Zip #1 located at 3518 Jeffersonville Road, Macon, GA 31217

**ACTION**

- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.***

## *REVIEW OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA*

**CALLED TO ORDER**

**PRAYER**

The prayer to be rendered by Dr. James Bumpus

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

GCAPS students Sarah Kate Sellers of Stratford Academy and Malik Thomas of Howard High School will lead the pledge at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Reichert stated there were thirty-five students in this year's program with nine returning from last year. He stated there is one from Central High School, four from First Presbyterian Day School, eight from Howard High School, seven from Mount de Sales, five from Northeast High School, four from Stratford Academy, two from Westside High School, and one home school student. He stated the GCAPS program allowed students to learn about state and local government leaders. He further thanked Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins and Assistant County Manager Charles Coney for their assistance in making this program a success.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**INVITED GUESTS**

Warren Selby of Warren and Associates who will be presenting two awards awarded by the Association of General Contractors of Georgia, Inc. for construction of the Thomas Jackson Juvenile Justice Center and the renovation of the Central City Park "Band Stand and Round Building."

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

Economic and Community Development Committee

Public Safety Committee

Facilities and Engineering Committee

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Mahadev 2014, Inc. d/b/a Quick Zip #1 located at 3518 Jeffersonville Road, Macon, GA 31217

## OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to recognize the month of September 2015 as "National Preparedness Month"

B. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968, to accept the retirements of seven employees

***Retirees***: Harry Colbert, III, Sheriff's Office -19 years; Albert Hogan, Sr., Vehicle Maintenance - 29 years; David W. Holliday, Sheriff's Office - 24 years; Marla Lampley, Sheriff's Office - 8 years; Chief Deputy Russell Nelson, Sheriff's Office - 35 years; Judy D. Reynolds, Tax Assessors Office - 19 years; and Thomas W. Tedders, Jr., Macon-Bibb County Tax Commissioner - 29 years

**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 the Mayor to execute an independent contractor agreement with Macon Area Habitat for Humanity Inc. in the amount of $120,902.00 of Home Investment Partnership Program Funds for construction of single family low income housing units at 4149 Dorothy Avenue and 4161 San Carlos Drive

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute two contracts on behalf of the Coroner's Office with Right Now Removal and Daniels Removal and Transport Services for transportation of cadavers

E. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Northeast Concrete Company for the amount of $281,241.48 to perform services on the drainage infrastructure located on Lower Poplar Street

F. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with AIOS Group LLC for consulting services to audit and assess the current technology infrastructure of MBC for $15,000

G. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Infinity Network Solutions, Inc. for Professional Information Technology Services for $11,100

Discussion: County Attorney Judd Drake stated the agreement needed to be amended to add an additional $6,000 to meet State mandated reprogramming changes used to assess fees.

**ACTION:**

- On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, to amend the contract to add an additional $6,000 to meet State mandated fee changes to be in compliance with State Law which requires reprogramming software that assesses the fee for a total of $17,100.

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

H. A Resolution approving the alteration of the Friends of Tattnall Square Park Plan to improve Tattnall Square Park to include a Peace Fountain

I. A Resolution to adopt the Macon-Bibb County Five-Year Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvements Element Update

J. J.A Resolution to authorize and approve the purchase of residential garbage containers for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of $303,523.20 from Toter, Inc.

K. An Ordinance adopting the First Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance for the Blight Bond Funds by designating $450,000 of the $9,000,000 in Blight Bond Funds previously appropriated for each Commission District be divided equally between the nine Macon-Bibb County Commission Districts to be used for the demolition of blighted structures as ordered by the Macon-Bibb Municipal Court in accordance with the administrative process presently utilized for the demolition of such structure

Discussion: County Attorney Judd Drake stated he consulted Jim Pannell, the Bond Attorney, and also stated he had provided a memo to Commissioners about using Blight Funds to tear not structures on private property is not a legal expenditure of Blight Funds. He suggested adapting reuse partnering with the Land Bank Authority using in rem foreclosure to acquire properties for a capital outlay project and to ensure the funds in a legally accepted manner. He also recommended a review from our auditors. Attorney Drake also recommended the in rem foreclosure be done by the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority to acquire properties that could then be used for capital outlay projects. Mayor Reichert asked if it was the will of the Committee to remove the item from tonight's agenda and refer back to Operations and Finance to be reviewed and amended at next Tuesday's meeting. Commissioner Watkins, the sponsor,

agreed to motion for the Resolution to be referred back to Committee during the Regular Commission meeting for additional work.

L. An Ordinance to appropriate up to $25,000 from Fund Balance for Operation Cease Fire Midnight Basketball League – the Ordinance was amended in Operations and Finance contingent upon an acceptable budget to be prepared by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion: Commissioner Watkins gave an overview of the goals and objectives of the program stressing that the program involved educational objectives and other life-enriching processes for participants in the program in addition to basketball. He also stated he had spoken with several members of the community and law enforcement officials for input and participation in the program as in years past.

M. A Resolution requesting the assistance of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to incorporate a specific plan for Blight reduction in the Urban Development Plan which includes certain identified blight redevelopment projects, as well as general methodology for residential and commercial blight reduction, utilizing data driven models and studies as documentation of findings supporting the creation of the plan and the identification of certain projects

N. A Resolution authorizing a request be sent to the Local Legislative Delegation requesting modifications of State Law regarding minimum bid price of property being sold due to Ad Valorem Tax Foreclose; the period of time a person may redeem real property after an Ad Valorem Tax Foreclosure Sale

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**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.

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

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Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission