

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
August 19, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on August 19, 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
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Al Tillman

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)
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager - Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Bud Fletcher
Brittney Childs, Industrial Authority
Duke Groover, Attorney

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

The Mayor stated, in addition to reviewing tonight's Regular Commission Meeting Agenda, there would be an Executive Session with Outside Counsel to discuss real estate acquisition and pending litigation at the end of this meeting. Mayor Reichert further stated he anticipated a motion and vote on the real estate matter, depending on the results of the Executive Session, under Old Business (as item DD) at tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

Mayor Reichert asked Commissioner Bechtel, Operations and Finance Committee Chairman, to convene and Chair the third and final Public Hearing on the Tax Millage Rate as part of his Committee's Called Meeting scheduled at 6:00 P.M., and to call for a vote of his Committee for approval. The Tax Millage Rate would then be voted on at the beginning of Old Business at tonight's meeting.

The Mayor reviewed the agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Rev. Mike Fuller of Midway Baptist Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on August 5, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on August 5, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Reichert asked Committee Chairs be prepared 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 Riverside Food Mart located at 2840 Riverside Drive
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Bobby Food Mart II located at 845 Bowman Street
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Moe's Southwest Grill located at 6255 Zebulon Road

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pending approval of the Operations and Finance Committee: Ordinance for the establishment of Taxing Districts, providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia within such Districts for the calendar year 2014, and establishing millage rates for said purposes at 14.652 mills for the Macon-Bibb County Tax District and 4.85 mills for Macon City Tax District
- B. Approval of Retirements: Doug Furney – Tobesofkee (31 years and 4 months), Charles Martin – Public Works Department (22 years and 8 months), and Sergio Hardy – Sheriff's Department (22 years and 5 months).

Mayor Reichert asked the Commission if items C-Q, which were voted on as a group in the Operations and Finance Committee, could be voted on all together at tonight's meeting with only the amount and agency names being read for each item.

- C. Resolution to appropriate \$75,000 for FY 2015 in support of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame
- D. Resolution to appropriate \$95,000 for FY 2015 in support of the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission
- E. Resolution to appropriate \$96,000 for FY2015 in support of the Douglass Theatre
- F. Resolution to appropriate \$237,500 for FY2015 in support of the Museum of Arts and Sciences
- G. Resolution to appropriate \$633,400 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health
- H. Resolution to appropriate \$2,785,700 for FY2015 in support of the Middle Georgia Regional Library and \$10,000 of In Kind Services in support of the Bookmobile
- I. Resolution to appropriate \$171,900 for FY2015 in support of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- J. Resolution to appropriate \$2,751,000 (\$2,434,000 in support of the Transit Authority and \$317,000 in support of ParaTransit) for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority
- K. Resolution to appropriate \$425,000 for FY2015 in support of the River Edge Behavioral Health Center

- L. Resolution to appropriate \$67,500 for FY2015 in support of the Historic Hills & Heights Development Corporation
- M. Resolution to appropriate \$880,900 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission
- N. Resolution to appropriate \$237,500 for FY2015 in support of the Tubman Museum
- O. Resolution to appropriate \$202,400 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority
- P. Resolution to appropriate \$850,000 for FY2015 in support of the Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services
- Q. Resolution to appropriate \$424,600 for FY2015 in support of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority
- R. Resolution authorizing and directing the Administration to seek proposals to undertake a comprehensive Blight Study
- S. Resolution to authorize further necessary investigation and action to secure revenue bond allocations for the purpose of vacant lot maintenance, blighted housing demolition, and other infrastructure beautification in Macon-Bibb County in the expanded areas of the 2014 Urban Redevelopment Plan
- T. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$299,994 with funding from the Home Investment Partnership Program to construct a sustainable group home at 980-982 Schaffer Place
- U. Resolution approving continued participation in the “Heartbeat Incentive Program” whereby Mixed Used Developments may be granted reduced or eliminated property taxes
- V. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-12 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for offenses regarding the care and control of licensed or permitted animals, mandating court appearance for the third and fourth offenses under this section, and adding a fee to fund animal welfare education expenses
- W. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-13 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for the offense of abandoning a domesticated animal
- X. Ordinance to revise Chapter 5, Section 5-22 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County increasing the amount charged for the offense of tethering and transport, prohibited conduct
- Y. Resolution accepting the dedication of a public road located at or near Bloomfield Parkway and Eisenhower Parkway in the 4th Land District and to declare that said road shall be open for public use and maintained by Macon-Bibb County

The Mayor stated the road acceptance would be subject to final approval by the County Engineer's Office. Final approval by the County Engineer's office is contingent upon road repairs being made before acceptance.

- Z. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with C. W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. for road reconstruction and full depth road reclamation services
- AA. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Womack Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$65,076.45 for landfill entrance rehabilitation
- BB. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and the Macon Water Authority to serve as the County's agent for for the design, procurement, construction, and completion of storm water management projects and drainage improvements funded by SPLOST funds
- CC. Ordinance amending Chapter 29 Article VIII and Chapter 29 Article IX of the Drainage and Paving Districts Section of the Code of Ordinances to include guidelines for special sanitary sewerage districts and setting forth uniform procedures for the creation of said districts; to amend Chapter 29 Article IX to reflect the current water system ordinances; to add Chapter 29 Article X to reflect the current residential street lighting ordinances

NEW BUSINESS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition and pending litigation with Outside Counsel.

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Commission went into Executive Session at 5:20 P.M.

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

Commissioner Tillman was absent.

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried by unanimously, the meeting was re-opened.

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

Commissioner Tillman was absent.

ACTION TAKEN:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried by a 7-1 vote, the Commission authorized the purchase of property located at 656 Emery Highway in the amount of \$75,000, subject to a favorable Phase 1 Environmental Report.

Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. Commissioner Gary Bechtel abstained.

Commissioner Al Tillman was absent.

Mayor Reichert announced that he would need a motion to add an item to the agenda tonight as item DD under Old Business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission