

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
July 21, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on July 21, 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 Mallory Jones, III

Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Al Tillman

Staff Present

Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager
Ben Hubbard – Director of Human Resources
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney

Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Asst. Clerk of Commission
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney

News Media Present

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ

Visitors Present:

Attorney Virgil Adams,
Bud Fletcher
Daryl Brown – GA Power, Regional Vice President

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 add a couple of new items to tonight's agenda including alcoholic beverage licenses, a pool and billiard license, retirements by the Board of Trustees of the Bibb County Pension, the approval of Sylvia McGee as the fifth member of the Land Bank Authority, and a proposal from Georgia Power to replace approximately 6,700 street lights in Macon and Bibb County that are owned by Georgia Power with the utility bill paid by Macon-Bibb County. The Mayor asked for a motion to add this item to the agenda for action to tonight as it is time-sensitive.

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, second by Commissioner Gary Bechtel, and carried unanimously, the agreement with Georgia Power to replace approximately 6,700 street lights with L.E.D. lights was approved.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Reichert asked to take the change the agenda to move the Executive Session with Outside Counsel, Virgil Adams to the next item of business on the agenda and asked for a motion to go into Executive Session with Attorney Adams to discuss pending litigation.

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:16 P.M.

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

On motion of Commissioner Mallory Jones, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened 5:25 p.m.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Lucky One 4 Ever d/b/a Food Mart located at 4381 Mercer University Dr., Macon, GA 31206
- B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Lucky Boy, LLC d/b/a Quick Serve located at 3465 Mercer University Drive. Macon, GA 31204
- C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for YEC Enterprise, LLC d/b/a MI Preferida located at 3631 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206
- D. Amy's Pour House d/b/a The Hangar Pool and Billiards Hall located at 5630 Houston Road, Macon, Ga. 31206

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the four (4) Consent Agenda items were approved as presented.***
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.***

Mayor Reichert also stated there were two new items take action on with one being a Resolution to confirm Sylvia McGee to the Land Bank Authority in order to participate in the new training being offered for the reconstituted Authority, and the change to L.E.D. lights by Georgia Power.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Bert Bivins, III, and carried unanimously, the four (4) Consent Agenda items were approved as presented.***
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.***

Mayor Reichert introduced Daryl Brown who is the Regional Vice President of Georgia Power. Mr. Brown stated that Georgia Power is in the process of replacing street lights throughout Georgia. The County currently has 6,263 lights in the former City of Macon. By replacing the lights with L.E.D. light the County should save approximately \$25,782.84 in electrical costs. He stated the new L.E.D. lights would be brighter. Mr. Brown stated that if the contract could be signed tomorrow, that Macon-Bibb County could be the second location in the State to receive the new lights with Savannah being first. Mayor Reichert stated it is cheaper to operate LED lights but the rate will remain the same. A map will be provided showing where all lights are located which will be provided by Georgia Power's network control which will also be able to regulate times of usage to control costs.

ACTION

- ***On motion of Commission Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Mallory Jones, carried unanimously, the agreement with Georgia Power for L.E.D. street lights was approved for action at tonight's meeting. This will be item JJ on the agenda.***
- ***Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.***

RETIREMENTS

Mayor Reichert stated that the retirees are as follows: Bonnie Smith from the Board of Elections, Dinah Day from the Superior Court, Dennis F. Adams from Vehicle Maintenance, Thomas H. Bates from Sheriff / Detention, Wanda Beck from Civil Court / Sheriff, Paula Buckley from Sheriff / Corrections D Squad, Zonteon Cotton from Public Works / Streets & Roads, Cynthia Graham from Sheriff / Investigation, Cheryl Whitehead from Superior Court and Louise Wiley from Sheriff / Corrections.

ACTION

- *On motion of Commission Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, carried unanimously, acting as the Board of Trustees the ten retirements were approved for action at tonight's meeting as item II.*
- *Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr.*

Mayor Reichert reviewed the agenda for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER

The prayer to be rendered by Reverend Ted Goshorn of Vineville United Methodist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on July 7, 2015
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on July 7, 2015

INVITED GUESTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Jones Lang LaSalle,

Inc. in the amount of \$29,000 for the second phase of Real Estate Services related to the potential development of the Willie C. Hill Government Center Annex Building located at 682 Cherry Street.

- B. A 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 for \$21,215.00 annually.
- C. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an independent contractor agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc. in the amount of \$847,650.00 of Home Investment Partnership Program Funds for construction of supportive housing units to be known as Bayside Homes at 3575 Fulton Mill Road
- D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with MECO of Atlanta/Macon Inc. in the amount of \$65,354.13 to provide and install fleet and fuel management key readers and software at six fuel service locations in Macon-Bibb County
- E. A Resolution requesting commencement of Regional T-SPLOST proceedings pursuant to the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB-170)
- F. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Reginald Rex Moore to Post 2 of the Retirement Committee for the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems, Division A for the remainder of the unexpired term of retiring member Neal Davis
- G. A Resolution to distribute employee identification badges to all retired personnel to receive benefits and discounts in the same manner as a regular employee of Macon-Bibb County
- H. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 24 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia entitled and related to Streets and Sidewalks
- I. An Ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to regulate distance requirements for the sale of Alcoholic Beverages near churches, schools, and other sites; to provide for repeal of conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date
- J. An Ordinance amending Section 12 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances to e clarify the penalties allowable for a violation of the Flood Plain Ordinance
- K. An Ordinance re-adopting the Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia in the form required for publication by the Municipal Code Corporation in accordance with Georgia Law; providing for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; providing for the manner of amending such Code; providing when such Code and this Ordinance shall become effective
- L. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Supplemental Grant awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$45,669.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- M. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts

Supplemental Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Courts in the amount of \$19,860.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

- N. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2015 CHAMPS Grant in the amount of \$6,800.00 from the Macon Safe Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, awarded to the Sheriff's Office
- O. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for Sub-South Recreation Facility
- P. An Ordinance to appropriate \$7,633,250.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One development of Sub-South Park in accordance with the design plans of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Q. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for Central City Park
- R. An Ordinance to appropriate \$4,168,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One Improvements to Central City Park in accordance with the design plans of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- S. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Memorial Park Community Center Recreation Facility
- T. An Ordinance to appropriate \$2,099,441.39 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Memorial Park Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc.
- U. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Frank Johnson Community Center Recreation Facility
- V. An Ordinance to appropriate \$930,920.47 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Frank Johnson Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc.
- W. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Rosa Jackson Community Center Recreation Facility
- X. An Ordinance to appropriate \$3,800,070.77 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Rosa Jackson Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc.
- Y. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the second amendment to the 2011 SPLOST Intergovernmental Contract to provide \$500,000 in additional funds for renovations and improvements to the Courthouse facilities by decreasing the amount originally budgeted for the purchase of land for recreation by \$500,000
- Z. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Olaeris for an Emergency, First Response Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to provide enhanced emergency response capabilities in Macon-Bibb County and to help establish Macon-Bibb County as a Regional Aerial Electric Visual Assistant (AEVA) Manufacturing and Maintenance Hub

- AA. A Resolution to appoint Stephen Adams, Madison Brown, Matt Hudson, Jr., Dr. Curtis Jones, Dr. Samantha Murfree, and Beverly K. Olson to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission
- BB. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Sylvia McGee to the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority
- CC. A Resolution to demolish structures located at 782, 806, and 818 Lynmore Avenue using Blight Remediation Funds
- DD. A Resolution to rename "College Station Drive" to "University Parkway"
- EE. An Ordinance to establish and constitute the area located on Wilson Road, Brookhaven Road, and Massey Road extending from Presidential Parkway to Columbus Road as Street Lighting District 5197
- FF. A Resolution approving the Urban Development Authority's request to amend the County's CDBG project related to the rehabilitation of the Dannenberg building into a 69 apartment complex, for the purpose of revising the loan to 476 Third Street, LLC
- GG. An Ordinance to adopt a budget for the Blight Remediation Bond Funds appropriating \$9,000,000 of said funds equally between the nine Macon-Bibb County Commission Districts; appropriating \$300,000 to community engagement initiatives and appropriating \$700,000 to waste disposal activities
- HH. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Rum Creek Enterprises, LLC to manage blight remediation efforts in the Wise Avenue area; to negotiate and execute an agreement with Historic Hills and Heights Development Corporation to manage blight remediation efforts in the Beall's Hill area

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution appointing Jeffery McGee to the Macon-Bibb County Department of Business Development Services Construction Board of Appeals

Refer To: Economic and Community Development Committee

- B. A Resolution authorizing the Commission of a portrait to be completed by a local artist of former Macon, Georgia Attorney Thomas Jackson; authorizing a ceremony to be held at the Thomas Jackson Juvenile Justice Center to present said portrait

Refer To: Economic and Community Development Committee

- C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a one (1) year lease agreement with River Edge Behavioral Health Center for the lease of office space at 175 Emery Highway for \$403,750.08A

Refer To: Operations and Finance Committee

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, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission