

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
July 15, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on July 15, 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 Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Crystal Jones – Senior Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
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
Elise Brown – 13 WMAZ
Sean Franklin – 41 WMGT

Visitors Present

Attorney Duke Groover
John F. Kennedy – State Senator-Elect
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 discuss and approve the three Alcoholic Beverage Licenses on the Consent Agenda for tonight's Commission meeting. The Mayor also stated that in addition to reviewing tonight's Regular Meeting Agenda, there would be an Executive Session at the end of this meeting.

Mayor Reichert asked Crystal Jones, Senior Assistant Attorney, to give an overview of the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses being considered for approval tonight.

Ms. Jones stated the new Alcoholic Beverage License for Harvey's Supermarket #1664 located at 1605 Shurling Drive was a previously permitted location with a change of ownership; the Alcoholic Beverage License for Shell Food Mart located at 2700 Riverside Drive, near the S&S Cafeteria, is a new application; and the Alcoholic Beverage License for Dollar General Store #2168 located at 3824 Pio Nono Avenue is a new license for an existing location.

ACTION:

- ***Commissioner DeFore motioned to approve the three Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger.***

Discussion: Commissioners Jones and Bivins had questions as to whether there was a moratorium or set number of alcoholic beverage licenses established for specific areas. Mayor Reichert asked Crystal Jones, Senior Assistant County Attorney, to provide information on the licensing process and governance guidelines for Alcoholic Beverage licensing for Macon-Bibb County.

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Pastor Chris Dorrity of Grace Point Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on July 1, 2014
B. Regular Commission Meeting on July 1, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

- A. Ms. Eleanor Castellaw and Mr. Walter Wilson, former members of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Health

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Reichert asked Committee Chairs to be prepared to give their Committee Reports tonight.

- 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 Harvey's Supermarket #1664 located at 1605 Shurling Drive
- B. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Shell Food Mart located at 2700 Riverside Drive
- C. New Alcoholic Beverage License for Dollar General Store #2168 located at 3824 Pio Nono Avenue

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Retirements of Earlean Lewis – Finance Department (20 years and 5 months) and William Reid – Sheriff's Office (20 years and 11 months)
- B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 40 ft. insulated hydraulic telescopic bucket truck from O. G. Hughes and Son, Inc.
- C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement of extension with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for the lease of office space located at 175-C Emery Highway
- D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Bi-Party Agreement for the funding and operation of the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority
- E. Ordinance amending Chapter 4 Article II of the Alcoholic Beverage Section of the Code of Ordinances to comply and conform to the distance requirements for retail package sales imposed by State law

- F. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to convey the paved parking lot at 412 New Street to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority for the purpose of selling a portion of it to the American Cancer Society for future development
- G. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to write a letter of endorsement on behalf of the Macon-Bibb County and the Middle Georgia Region in support of the application for funding related to the economic diversification from the Office of Economic Adjustment in the United States Department of Defense
- H. Resolution appointing Jeffery Monroe as Chairman of the SPLOST Advisory Committee
- I. Resolution reappointing Dr. Steven E. Corkery to the Board of Directors of the River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board
- J. Resolution appointing Macon-Bibb County Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins to fill a vacant position on the Board of Directors of the River Edge Behavioral Health Community Service Board
- K. Resolution appointing Eric P. Manson to fill the unexpired term of David Danzie on the Macon Housing Authority
- L. Resolution appointing Christopher C. Tsavatewa to the Bibb County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Walter Wilson
- M. Resolution appointing Ethel Cullinan to the Bibb County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Eleanor Castellaw
- N. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant in the amount of \$387,384 from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that has been awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court
- O. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Third Judicial Administrative District of Georgia for \$79,688.77 for administrative services provided to the Macon-Bibb County Drug Court and to employ a qualified individual to serve as administrator of the Macon-Bibb County Drug Court
- P. Resolution approving the Bibb County Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Plan for 2014
- Q. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the transfer of the Terminal Station building to the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority contingent upon approval by the Federal Transit Authority
- R. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amended agreement with Correct Health Bibb, LLC to provide continued physical health services for inmates and detainees of the County

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 pending litigation, attorney-client privileged, and acquisition of real estate in consultation with Attorney Duke Groover.

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried unanimously, the Commissioners 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 Al Tillman.

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Schlesinger and carried 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 Al Tillman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 P.M.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission