The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on November 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber 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 Scotty Shepherd  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.  
Commissioner Al Tillman

**Commission Members Absent:**

Commissioner Ed DeFore was absent due to attending a Macon Water Authority Retreat in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Staff Present:**

Dale Walker – County Manager  
Judd Drake – County Attorney  
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney  
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney  
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney  
Chris Floore – Asst. to County Manager  
Keith Moffett – E-911 Director  
Kevin Barrere – Public Affairs  
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission  
Steve Layson – Asst. Co. Mgr – Infrastructure  
Jean S. Howard – Asst. Clerk of Commission  
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator  
Trae McCombs – Public Affairs  
Dr. James Bumpus – Dir., Small Business Affairs

**Guests in Attendance**

Exchange Students - Kurobe, Japan  
Sponsors and Host Families  
Bibb County Retirees  
Brittney Childs – Industrial Authority  
Sheriff David Davis  
Susan Welsh – Museum of Arts & Sciences  
Andy Galloway, Medical Center/Navicent Health  
Rick Jones, Macon Transit Authority  
Billy Pitts  
Starr Purdue  
Andy Ambrose – Tubman Museum

**News Media Present**

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph  
Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA  
Kristen Swilley – 13 WMAZ
Macon-Bibb County GCAPS Students:
Faith Engle    Malik Thomas
Deep Patel    Anthony Haugabrook

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

The prayer was rendered by Reverend Paul Little, II of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by GCAPS students Faith Engle of First Presbyterian Day School and Deep Patel of Stratford Academy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Called Meeting on October 21, 2014 (Resolution adopting the Master Statement of Investment Policy)
B. Pre-Commission Meeting on October 21, 2014
C. Regular Commission Meeting on October 21, 2014

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Special Called, Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on October 21, 2014 were approved as presented.


Mayor Reichert stated tonight’s agenda needed to be amended to add an action item (approved during today’s Pre-Commission meeting) which is a Resolution approving the request by Urban Development Concepts, LLC to draw approximately $150,000 in Bond Funds from the $5,000,000 Development Authority of Bibb County Revenue Bonds Series 2012 for the acquisition and closing costs on the former Goodwill Store on Poplar Street.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the agenda was amended to add Item R to tonight’s agenda for action.

Commissioner Bert Bivins, III voted No.

INVITED GUESTS

Reverend Paul Little, II of Mt. Zion Baptist Church was invited to render the prayer for tonight’s Regular Commission Meeting.

Kurobe, Japan Sister City Exchange Students were presented Macon-Bibb County lapel pins, along with certificates of Honorary Citizenship by Mayor Reichert. The Mayor was presented gifts, along with a letter of greeting from the Mayor of Kurobe, Japan. The students were accompanied by Jessica Clark, sponsors and host families, who were recognized by Mayor Reichert.

Knight Cities Challenge Grant - Beverly Blake gave an overview of the $5 million dollar Knight Cities Challenge Grant of which Macon is one of 26 cities that can receive a share. The grant is offered to groups and organizations for projects to help a city attract talent, expand economic opportunity, or create a culture of civic engagement. She stated the deadline for applying is November 14, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Dr. James Bumpus, Director of Small Business Affairs, announced a Reverse Vendors Fair would be held on Friday November 14th at the Macon Terminal Station to inform and assist local and minority vendors on the process and procedure on how to do business with Macon-Bibb County.

Rev. Sharon Horner, invited by Commissioner Lucas, was recognized at being the first female minister at Gray Chapel AME Church and was commended for her accomplishments and service to the Church and community. She was accompanied by Rev. Madison, Associate Minister.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Marie Williams spoke on the need for street lighting at the intersection of Hightower Road and King Street and presented a petition signed by residents requesting street lighting in said area to make it more pedestrian friendly.

Wade Harden stated cuts to health insurance for retired employees would hurt those who need insurance coverage the most. He also stated retirees gave a large portion of their lives to their respective governments working for benefits, including post employment healthcare and that the County had taken very good care of its retired employees and the Consolidated Government was taking away those benefits.

Jan Beeland spoke in favor of the Resolution requesting the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation to provide for a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Macon-Bibb County Commission should levy a mil of ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional revenue for the support of cultural arts services and museum facilities which enrich the lives of both children and adults and would provide a stable funding mechanism if approved.
Andrew Galloway, Medical Center/Navicent Health, spoke on the need for funding Indigent Health Care that would be covered in the Non-Binding Advisory Referendum and its importance in ensuring everyone receives high quality medical care. He encouraged aggressive support when the legislation appears on the ballot.

Rufus Holmes thanked those Commissioners who have supported the retention of benefits for Bibb County retirees and urged Commissioners not to tarnish their image by taking away promised benefits to retirees.

Michelle Ward stated her opposition to any funding by Macon-Bibb County to Mercer University for a pedestrian bridge and stated the money could be better used by helping those less fortunate.

Rick Jones stated paratransit funding represented in the Resolution calling for a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum by Local Legislative Delegation would be a great benefit to the community and it would help the Transit Authority meet non-funded mandates by the Federal Government.

Dr. Lindsay Holliday requested that the intersections of Forest Hill Road and Wimbish Road, Forest Hill Road and Lokchapee Drive, and Forest Hill Road and Northside Drive be added to the list of intersections being reviewed for safety.

Judge William Self (Retired Bibb County Probate Court Judge) stated Bibb County’s retirees were dedicated and loyal employees and many were paid below their market value. He urged Commissioners not to renege on the benefits set forth at the time of their retirement. He further stated it was morally wrong for those benefits granted upon retirement to be taken away.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

Committee Chairman Gary Bechtel reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 and considered and/or approved the following:

- An enabling Resolution to approve a plan of finance for issuing certain Tax Allocation District Revenue Bonds and restructuring, and financing certain outstanding obligations. The Resolution will finance the following:

  A. General County Bond Projects:
    - General County blight removal - $100,000,000
    - Beall’s Hill sidewalks, lights and paving - $2,000,000
    - Wise Avenue blight removal for athletic fields - $2,000,000
  
  B. TAD Revenue Bond Projects:
    - Pedestrian Bridge at Mercer - $2,200,000
    - Second Street Connector - $2,000,000
    - Remove blight in TAD - $1,000,000
    - Mid-City Square - $2,500,000
    - Bridge super structure, Second Street - $1,000,000
  
  C. Bibb Mill Center TAD Project:
    - Site preparation and infrastructure improvements - $500,000
D. Renaissance TAD Project:
Ground water remediation, site preparation and infrastructure improvements - $500,000

- A Resolution amending the department of Business and Development Services Administration Procedures.

- A Franchise Agreement with Atlanta Gas Light.

- A Resolution requesting the Local Legislative Delegation to provide for a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Macon-Bibb County Commission should levy a dedicated Mil of Ad Valorem Tax for the purpose of additional revenue to support of the cultural arts services, museum facilities, economic development, indigent health care, and paratransit services.

- A Resolution changing the Macon-Bibb County Group Health Plan including design, eligibility and premium contribution changes, but deleted the DOSE Optimization option, deleted the premium contributions and deleted the recommendation to make retirees who work elsewhere be ineligible for health benefits and deleted removing the spouses of active employees and/or retirees who are working elsewhere and have group health benefits available to them be ineligible for health benefits.

- A Resolution to establish and provide a summary of the Health and Life Insurance Retirement Benefits currently available to former Bibb County employees, former City of Macon employees and Macon-Bibb County employees hired on or after January 1, 2014 and to adopt an amendment to the Macon-Bibb County OPEB Trust Agreement providing that these Retirement Benefits may be funded by Macon-Bibb County under the Trust Agreement.


**Economic and Community Development Committee**

*Committee Chairman Larry Schlesinger* reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 and approved the following:

- The Resolution to erect a Memorial Sign in honor of Reverend Jacob Parker to be located on Elm Street near Ebenezer Baptist Church.

- The Resolution authorizing the acquisition and expenditure of Revenue Bond Allocation in the amount of $10,000,000 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.

- The Resolution to authorize the Mayor to transfer a portion of the parcel of property at 485 Coliseum Drive to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority to be marketed and sold for the benefit of the County.
• Received an update from the Recreation Department who had been studying options for a new Senior Citizen Center.

• Received an update on the evaluation of the Freedom Park swimming pool from Oasis Consulting Services.

**Public Safety Committee**

Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd reported the Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 and considered and/or approved the following:

• The appointment of Louie Hargrove, Rick Hutto, Clifford Rushin, and Walter Timley to the Fire Civil Service Board. There is one vacancy left to be filled that the Committee hopes to fill at the November 25, 2014 meeting.

• The Ordinance to require patrons to be 21 to enter a bar which was soundly defeated.

**Facilities and Engineering Committee**

Committee Chairman Al Tillman reported the Facilities and Engineering Committee met on October 28, 2014 and considered the following:

• The Committee heard a report from the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office and the Facilities Management Office regarding the deaths from pedestrians crossing the street at night. Nigel Floyd, Traffic Engineer, stated that many of the roads mentioned were State roads and the Georgia Department of Transportation would have to approve any lighting changes. The Administration will continue to evaluate street lighting and take immediate action on lighting improvements and report back when these improvements are completed.

• The Committee heard a report on how Peachtree City utilizes motorized carts. The Committee will continue to investigate the use of motorized carts on several streets downtown.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. New Alcoholic Beverage License for the following establishments:

1. Ocmulgee Traders Macon, LLC - located at 455 Poplar Street
2. Get Your Fix, LLC d/b/a Doughboy Pizza - located at 518 Cherry Street
3. C & F Convenient Food Store - located at 2475 Houston Avenue
4. City Lights - located at 1715 Shurling Drive

**ACTION:**

*On motion of Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the Alcoholic Beverage License Applications were approved as presented.*

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution requesting that the Facilities Management Department and the Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department review street lighting and safety precautions currently in place for intersections where pedestrian accidents have occurred and other high volume traffic areas and institute recommended changes

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission requesting that the Macon-Bibb County Facilities Management Department and the Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering Department review street lighting and safety precautions currently in place for intersections where pedestrian accidents have occurred and other high volume traffic areas and institute recommended changes; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

• On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Tillman, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was amended to add the intersections of Forest Hill Road and Northside Drive, Forest Hill Road and Lokchapee Drive, Forest Hill Road and Wimbish Road, and Hightower Road and King Street to the list of intersections being reviewed for lighting and safety precautions

ACTION:


B. Resolution amending the Department of Business and Development Services Administrative Procedures for the enforcement of the Georgia State Minimum Standards Codes

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission amending the Department of Business and Development Services Administrative Procedures for the enforcement of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION:


C. Resolution to approve a Plan of Finance (1) issuing certain Tax Allocation District Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, (2) Restructuring and Refinancing certain outstanding obligations of Macon-Bibb County incurred either directly by the City of Macon pr Bibb
County or through the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority or the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, (3) Issuing Obligations to finance certain Capital Outlay Projects of Macon-Bibb County; to authorize certain officers and agents of Macon-Bibb County to retain professional services and take certain actions consistent with the purposes and intents of this Resolution

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve a Plan of Finance (1) issuing certain Tax Allocation District Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, (2) Restructuring and Refinancing certain outstanding obligations of Macon-Bibb County incurred either directly by the City of Macon or Bibb County or through the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority or the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, (3) Issuing Obligations to finance certain Capital Outlay Projects of Macon-Bibb County; to authorize certain officers and agents of Macon-Bibb County to retain professional services and take certain actions consistent with the purposes and intents of this Resolution; and for other purposes.

Discussion: Commissioner Jones stated he was not opposed to blight removal but felt a comprehensive plan was needed before money is allocated. Mayor Reichert stated Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager, was in the process of meeting with several departments to come up with a plan. Commissioner Tillman stated the requested allocation would benefit the entire Macon-Bibb County area. Commissioner Bechtel stated before any funds were allocated enabling legislation would have to come back to the Commission for approval. As such, he asked the Commission move ahead with the approval of the Resolution in order for the Tax Allocation Districts to be completed by the end of the year.

ACTION:

- Commissioner Jones made a motion to amend the Resolution to remove the $10,000,000 allocation for blight removal. The motion failed due to lack of a second.


  Commissioner Mallory Jones, III voted No.

D. Resolution to authorize the acquisition and expenditure of bonds funded pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement in the amount of $10,000,000.00 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

- This item was removed from the agenda because was deemed redundant of Item C.

E. Resolution to erect a Memorial Sign in honor of Rev. Jacob Parker to be located on Elm Street near Ebenezer Baptist Church
• **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to erect a Memorial Sign in honor of Reverend Jacob Parker to be located on Elm Street near Ebenezer Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

**ACTION:**

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

F. Resolution authorizing the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency to submit an application to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for a 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant Response and Recovery Award

• **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency to submit an application to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for a 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant Response and Recovery Award; and for other purposes.

**ACTION:**

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

G. Resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce Legislation during the 2015 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide for a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Macon-Bibb County Commission should levy a dedicated Mil of Ad Valorem Tax for the purpose of realizing additional revenue for the support of Cultural Arts Services and Museum Facilities, Economic Development, Indigent Health Care, and Paratransit Services

• **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce Legislation during the 2015 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide for a Non-Binding Advisory Referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Macon-Bibb County Commission should levy a dedicated Mil of Ad Valorem Tax for the purpose of realizing additional revenue for the support of Cultural Arts Services and Museum Facilities, Economic Development, Indigent Health Care, and Paratransit Services; and for other purposes.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Lucas stated unintended consequences could result as legislators could possibly change the legislation in a way that may be unacceptable for the local governing body, and citizens may view the legislation as a tax increase and vote against it. Commissioner Jones stated it was a positive and he supports it because it would allow people to voice their opinion.

**ACTION:**

  Commissioner Elaine Lucas voted No.

H. Resolution confirming Mayor Robert Reichert’s appointment of Louie Hargrove, Rick Hutto, Clifford Rushin, and Walter Timley to the Fire Civil Service Board

  • Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission confirming Mayor Robert Reichert’s appointment of Louie Hargrove, Rick Hutto, Clifford Rushin, and Walter Timley to the Fire Civil Service Board; and for other purposes.

  ACTION:


I. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to transfer a portion of the parcel of property at 485 Coliseum Drive to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority to be marketed and sold for the benefit of the County

  • Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to transfer a portion of the parcel of property at 485 Coliseum Drive to the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority to be marketed and sold for the benefit of the County; and for other purposes.

  ACTION:


J. Resolution approving changes as amended in Macon-Bibb County’s Group Health Plan, including design, eligibility and premium contribution changes

  • Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving changes in Macon-Bibb County’s Group Health Plan, including design, eligibility and premium contribution changes, attached as Exhibit A; and for other purposes.

  ACTION:

K. Resolution to establish and provide a summary of the Health and Life Insurance Retirement Benefits currently available to former Bibb County employees, former City of Macon employees, and Macon-Bibb County employees hired on or after January 1, 2014, and to adopt an Amendment to the Macon-Bibb County Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Agreement providing that these retirement benefits may be funded by Macon-Bibb County under the Trust Agreement

• Clerk read by caption:  A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to establish and provide a summary of the Health and Life Insurance Retirement Benefits currently available to former Bibb County employees, former City of Macon employees, and Macon-Bibb County employees hired on or after January 1, 2014, and to adopt an Amendment to the Macon-Bibb County Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Agreement providing that these retirement benefits may be funded by Macon-Bibb County under the Trust Agreement; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

• Approval by Commissioners Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.

Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, and Scotty Shepherd voted No.

L. Ordinance granting to Atlanta Gas Light Company, a Georgia Corporation, hereinafter designated as “Company” its successors and assigns, the Right and Franchise to use and occupy the Streets, Avenues, Roads, Public Highways, Alleys, Lanes, Ways, Parks, and other public places of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, for constructing, maintaining, renewing, repairing, and operating a Gas Works and Gas Distribution System, and other necessary means for manufacturing, transmitting, distributing and selling of manufactured, natural or commingled gas within and through Macon-Bibb County, Georgia; and fixing the terms and conditions of such grant; to provide provisions governing the franchise fee calculation

• Clerk read by caption:  An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, granting to Atlanta Gas Light Company, a Georgia Corporation, hereinafter designated as “Company”, its successors and assigns, the Right and Franchise to use and occupy the Streets, Avenues, Roads, Public Highways, Alleys, Lanes, Ways, Parks, and other public places of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia, for constructing, maintaining, renewing, repairing, and operating a Gas Works and Gas Distribution System, and other necessary means for manufacturing, transmitting, distributing and selling of manufactured, natural or commingled gas within and through Macon-Bibb County, Georgia; and fixing the terms and conditions of such grant; to provide provisions governing the franchise fee calculation; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

• Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins,
M. Ordinance to appropriate $12,000 from Fund Balance to Non-Departmental to cover employee parking contract

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Commission of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia to appropriate $12,000 from Fund Balance to Non-Departmental for employee parking.

ACTION:


N. Ordinance to appropriate $17,000 from Fund Balance to the Economic and Community Development Office to cover Main Street expenses including Christmas Lights

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Commission of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia to appropriate $17,000 from Fund Balance to the Economic and Community Development Office.

ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Tillman, and carried unanimously, the Ordinance was amended to include Christmas decorations at Ingleside Village


O. Ordinance to appropriate $23,000 in the Commissary Fund to operating equipment general

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Commission of Macon-Bibb County to appropriate $23,000 in the Commissary Fund.

ACTION:


P. Ordinance to appropriate $60,000 from Fund Balance to the Economic and Community Development Office from a repayment that should be placed in ECD fund

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Commission of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia to appropriate $60,000 from Fund Balance to the Economic
ACTION:

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

Q. Ordinance to appropriate $2,264,489 from SPLOST Fund to FY 15 SPLOST Budget

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Commission of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia to appropriate $2,264,489 from SPLOST Fund to FY 15 SPLOST Budget.

ACTION:

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

R. Resolution approving a request by Urban Development Concepts, LLC to draw approximately $150,000.00 in Bond Funds from the $5,000,000.00 Development Authority of Bibb County Revenue Bonds (Newtown Macon/Urban Development Concepts Project) Series 2012 for acquisition and closing costs of the former Goodwill Store property located 555 Poplar Street

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving a request by Urban Development Concepts, LLC to draw approximately $150,000.00 in Bond Funds from the $5,000,000.00 Development Authority of Bibb County Revenue Bonds (Newtown Macon/Urban Development Concepts Project) Series 2012 for acquisition and closing costs of the former Goodwill Store property located 555 Poplar Street; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- **Approval by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.**

  Commissioner Bert Bivins, III voted No.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the donation of Green Space between East Buford Road and West Buford Road to create a passive park known as Randall Heights Park

  **Referred To:** Facilities and Engineering Committee
B. 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 11/49 and US 41 at Liberty Church Road

Referred To: Facilities and Engineering Committee

C. Ordinance to revise Chapter 26, Article V of the Code of Ordinances, Macon-Bibb County imposing License Fees and Taxes on Insurance and Premiums

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

D. Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix II, Division of the Macon-Bibb County Pension and Retirement System of the Code of Ordinances, so as to comply with IRS Notice 2014-19, relating to the Supreme Court Decision in the Windsor Case overturning the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

E. Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix III, Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System of the Code of Ordinances, so as to comply with IRS Notice 2014-19, relating to the Supreme Court Decision in the Windsor Case overturning the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Henry Ficklin, former Macon City Councilman, spoke on the need for a new senior center for senior citizens as approved in the SPLOST. He stated the Frank Johnson Center was not a good choice and would neither fit the needs nor accommodate senior citizens throughout Macon-Bibb County. He further stated the new center needed to be in a central location to serve all demographics of the community in a safe and comfortable environment. Dr. Ficklin also stated the elimination of basketball at some recreation centers needed to be re-evaluated as this eliminated one more activity for the youth of this community.

Dr. Lindsay Holliday requested Commissioners attend the Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) meeting on tomorrow where changes to the MATS Bylaws are being considered, and stated the Citizens Advisory Committee needed to be strengthened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission