MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
December 9, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)

The Special Called Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on December 9, 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 Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Senior 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)
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

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

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Old Business agenda items for tonight’s Special Called Regular Commission Meeting and stated there were no New Business items to be referred to Committee for action.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER
A. Pastor Keith Watson – New City Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAP Students, Kennedy McDuffie (Mount de Sales Academy) and Chase McCard (Howard High School)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on November 18, 2014
B. Regular Commission Meeting on November 18, 2014
C. Special Called Meeting on December 1, 2014 (Re: TAD Bond Resolutions and Kumho Pilot Agreement)

INVITED GUESTS

A. Presentation of Proclamation to Frank Austin in recognition of “Austin Center for Development Day”
B. Presentation of Resolution by Senator David Lucas to Martha Blue in recognition of 50 years of service to the Macon-Bibb County Department of Family and Children Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Mayor Reichert reminded Committee Chairs 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

New Alcoholic Beverage License for the following establishment:

A. Haddock Properties, LLC d/b/a 20’s Pub & Sub located at 3076 Riverside Drive, Suite 1200

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2ND READING – Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix II, Division A of the Macon-Bibb County Pensions and Retirement System (1972 GA. Laws, Page 3152) of the Code of
Ordinances, Macon-Bibb County, Georgia 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)

B. 2ND READING – Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix III, Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System (1969 GA. Laws, Page 2801) of the Code of Ordinances, Macon-Bibb County, Georgia 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)

C. Ordinance to revise Chapter 26, Article V imposing license fees and taxes on insurance and premiums

D. Resolution to adopt the Fourth Amendment of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 so as to establish the Pension Trustee Board, to designate the composition of the Board and to grant the newly designated Board those powers formerly granted to the Macon-Bibb County Commission under Section 13.03; repealing Section 13.04

E. Resolution to amend the Master Statement of Investment Policy to allow for immediate termination of under-performing investment managers

F. Resolution to authorize and approve the purchase of residential garbage carts and recycling carts for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of $84,989.89 from Toter, Inc.

G. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Due South Investments, LLC for office space in the BB&T Building to be occupied by the Public Defender’s Office

H. Resolution in support of Senate Bill 2891 and House Bill 4726 of the 113th Congress, jointly known as the Innovation in Surface Transportation Act of 2014; authorizing the Mayor and Commission to execute a Letter of Support to the Congressional Delegation

I. Resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce Legislation during the 2015 Session of the Georgia General Assembly for the purpose of amending Section 23 of the Charter to reduce the total budget reduction required by Fiscal Year 2019 be reduced from a total of 20% to 10% of the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget

J. Ratification of vested retirement of Marilyn Morris for eleven (11) years and three (3) months service

K. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Tourism Product Development Grant in the amount of $4,645 awarded to the Mayor’s Office

L. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of The Christmas with a Deputy Grant in the amount of $2,500 awarded to the Sheriff’s Department

M. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for the Georgia Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for $100,000 from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to construct a portion of the Connector Trail between Amerson Waterworks and the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail
N. Resolution in support of the Macon Arts Alliance’s efforts to seek grant funding via the National Endowment for the Arts in support of an Arts Village in East Macon

O. Ordinance authorizing a one-time suspension of the Holiday Pay Schedule as designated in Section 5.04 of the Macon-Bibb County Government Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the 2014 Christmas Holiday and amending the date of recognition for Christmas Eve

P. Resolution to appoint Dominique Johnson to fill a vacant seat on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Q. Resolution to appoint the Superintendent of Bibb County Board of Education or his/her designee to serve on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

R. Resolution reappointing Mike Gardner and Reverend Evans Brown to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

S. Resolution to confirm Mayor Reichert’s appointment of Mary Hicks Wimberly to the Macon-Bibb County Fire Civil Service Board

T. Resolution authorizing the Sheriff to complete the required Department of Public Safety Application to continue to utilize the speed detection devices in Macon-Bibb County for law enforcement purposes

U. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with LaKay Enterprises, Inc. to provide services on a water distribution system near Level Acres Drive

V. Resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the donation of Greenspace between East Buford Road and West Buford Road to create a Passive Park known as Randall Heights Park

W. 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

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission