The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on April 16, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at Government Center.

**Commission Members Present:**
- Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert
- Commissioner Gary Bechtel
- Commissioner Mallory Jones, III
- Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
- Commissioner Virgil Watkins
- Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III
- Commissioner Ed DeFore
- Commissioner Elaine Lucas
- Commissioner Al Tillman

**Commission Members Absent:**
- Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

**Staff Present:**
- Judd Drake – County Attorney
- Crystal Jones – Asst. County Attorney
- Kevin Barrere – Public Affairs
- Trae McCombs, Public Affairs
- Ben Hubbard – Dir. of Human Resources
- Julie Moore, Asst. to County Manager
- Marvin Land – Public Works
- Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
- Steve Layson – Asst. Co. Mgr - Infrastructure
- Justin Crum, Public Affairs
- Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator
- Cliff Howard – Public Works

**Guests in Attendance**
- Dr. Lindsay Holliday
- Adah Roberts
- Steve Pettis
- Rev. James Bumpus

**News Media Present**
- Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
- Shonti Tager – FOX 24 WXGA
- Charles Richardson, The Telegraph
- Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA
- Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ

**CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert.

**PRAYER**
The prayer was rendered by Rev. Evans Brown, Truth Faith Church of God in Christ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Gary Bechtel, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on April 1, 2014 were approved as presented.


INVITED GUESTS

Rev. Evans Brown, Truth Faith Church of God in Christ, was invited to render the prayer for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

Loretto Grier Cudjoe Smith, Legislative Chair of the St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women.

Ms. Cudjoe-Smith requested that the Commissioners support the Saint Peter Claver Council on Catholic Women's Event entitled “Bring a Child to Church Sunday on May 18, 2014”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. William A. Fickling, III, addressed the Commission regarding the appointment of the Animal Welfare Director. He requested that a task force be formed to address issues of concern.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

- Commissioner Gary Bechtel reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on April 8, 2014. The Committee discussed and recommended adoption of the following items:
  - An Ordinance for a Franchise to Tri-County EMC
  - An Ordinance for a Franchise to Flint Electric
  - An Ordinance for a Franchise to Central Georgia EMC
  - A Resolution of Amendment to OPEB Trust Agreement
  - A Resolution to authorize the selection of Independent Portfolio Consultants
  - An Ordinance to amend the Investment Policy
  - A Resolution to designate Mauldin and Jenkins as Auditors for Macon-Bibb County for FY 2015
  - A Resolution approving Supplier for lighting at various recreation centers
  - An Ordinance appropriating funds to District Attorney for witness fees for trial
- An Ordinance appropriating funds to pay the State EPD fine related to the Walker Road Landfill

**Economic and Community Development Committee**

- In the absence of Committee Chairman Schlesinger, Commissioner Tillman reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

- For information only, the Committee heard the following presentations:
  
  - The Academy for Classical Education, a Charter School that will be opening in Macon-Bibb County in August 2014.
  
  - Macon Charter Academy, a Charter School that will be opening in Macon-Bibb County in August 2014.
  
  - A report on the current programs and plans for the future of the Senior Citizens Center by Recreation staff. There was discussion and suggestion of a resolution for a new or renovated building for Senior Citizens. It was requested that the matter be placed on the next agenda for a more in-depth discussion.
  
  - The John Drew Tennis Center building design. It was requested that information related to fees and economic impact be provided at the next meeting.

- The Committee had on the agenda an update on the Eisenhower Community Improvement District. The item was not discussed due to the fact that Mark Stevens had to leave for another meeting. A handout was provided to each member of the commission for perusal.

- The Committee discussed and recommended adoption of a Resolution for a GEMA grant for manuals, equipment and supplies.

- The Committee discussed and recommended adoption of a Resolution for a GEMA grant for a law enforcement response vehicle.

- The Committee discussed and recommended adoption of a Resolution for a GEMA grant for K-9 Unit goods and services.

**Public Safety Committee**

- Committee Chairman Scotty Shepherd reported the Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

- The Committee discussed a Substitute Ordinance to establish the Fire Civil Service System.
• No Formal Action Was Taken.

Facilities and Engineering Committee

- Committee Chairman Al Tillman reported the Facilities and Engineering Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

• The Committee discussed and recommended adoption of Resolution to execute an Amendment to Contractor Agreement with Rumcreek Enterprises for SPLOST Management Services. The services of Len Hindsman, previous Bibb County SPLOST Project Coordinator, ended March 31, 2014.

• The Committee received an update on the Macon-Bibb County Walker Road Landfill from Larry Dunning of Public Works.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New 2014 Alcoholic Beverage License for Arshaj LLC Located at 3590 Riverside Drive

**ACTION:**

*On motion of Commissioner Gary Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore, and carried unanimously, the above stated alcoholic beverage license.*

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. An Ordinance for Franchise to Tri-County EMC

• Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Granting A Franchise To Tri-County EMC; And To Provide For Other Lawful Purposes

**ACTION:**

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

B. An Ordinance for Franchise to Flint Electric

• Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Granting A Franchise To Flint Electric Membership Corporation; And To Provide For Other Lawful Purposes
**ACTION:**

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

C. An Ordinance for Franchise to Central Georgia EMC

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Granting A Franchise To Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation; And To Provide For Other Lawful Purposes

**ACTION:**

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

D. A Resolution of Amendment to and Adoption of OPEB Trust Agreement

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission To Adopt The Amendment To And Restatement Of The Macon-Bibb County Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Agreement; And For Other Purposes.

**ACTION:**

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

E. A Resolution to Authorize and Approve the Selection of Independent Portfolio Consultants

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission To Authorize And Approve The Selection Of Independent Portfolio Consultants, Inc. (IPC) As The Financial Consultant For General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Project Funds, Internal Service Funds, And New Funds; And For Other Purposes.

**ACTION:**

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

F. An Ordinance To Amend Investment Policy
• Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission To Amend The Investment Policy Section For Non-Retirement Assets Of The Financial Policies For Macon-Bibb County By Replacing Said Section In Its Entirety With A New Investment Policy Section For General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Project Funds, Internal Service Funds, Enterprise Funds, And New Funds; And To Provide For Other Lawful Purposes.

**ACTION:**


G. A Resolution to Designate Mauldin and Jenkins as Auditors for Macon-Bibb County for FY2015

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Designating Mauldin And Jenkins, LLC, As The Official External Auditor For Macon-Bibb County, Georgia For Fiscal Year 2015; And For Other Purposes.

**ACTION:**


H. A Resolution To Approve Supplier for Lighting At Various Recreation Centers

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission To Authorize And Approve The Selection Of Energy & Environment, LLC, As The Supplier Of Recreation Center Lighting For Bloomfield Center, Rosa Jackson Community Center, East Macon Park, Frank Johnson Community Center, Memorial Gymnasium, North Macon Park And Freedom Park (Boxing) In The Amount Of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand And 00/100 ($192,000.00) To Be Paid From SPLOST Funds; And For Other Purposes.

**ACTION:**

An Ordinance To Appropriate Funds to District Attorney for Witness Fees for Trial

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to Appropriate $10,200 from FY2014 General Fund Budget to District Attorney to Fund Witness Fees for Trial.

**ACTION:**


I. An Ordinance To Appropriate Funds to Pay the State EPD Fine

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to Appropriate $70,000 from the FY2014 Solid Waste Management Fund Balance to the Landfill Division to Pay EPA Fines.

**ACTION:**


J. A Resolution for GEMA Grant for Kits, Manuals, Equipment and Supplies

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Mayor And Macon-Bibb County Commission, Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Sub grant Agreement In Substantially The Same Form As Attached Hereto As Exhibit “A” For Acceptance Of A Grant Of $4,055.00 From The Georgia Emergency Management Agency For The Purchase Of Various Kits, Manuals, Equipment, And Supplies; And For Other Purposes.

**ACTION:**


K. A Resolution for GEMA Grant for Law Enforcement Response Vehicle

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Mayor And Macon-Bibb County Commission, Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Sub grant Agreement In Substantially The Same Form As Attached Hereto As Exhibit “A” For Acceptance Of A Grant Of $52,240.00 From The Georgia Emergency Management Agency For The Purchase Of One Law Enforcement Response Vehicle; And For Other Purposes.
ACTION:


L. A Resolution for GEMA Grant for K-9 Unit Goods and Services

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Mayor And Macon-Bibb County Commission, Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Sub grant Agreement In Substantially The Same Form As Attached Hereto As Exhibit “A” For Acceptance Of A Grant Of $3,000.00 From The Georgia Emergency Management Agency For The Purchase Of Various Goods And Services For K-9 Unit; And For Other Purposes.

ACTION:


M. A Resolution to Execute An Amendment to Contractor Agreement with Rumcreek Enterprises for SPLOST Management Services

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Mayor And Macon-Bibb County Commission, Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Amendment To and Restated Independent Contractor Agreement with Rumcreek Enterprises LLC for SPLOST Project Management Services on all City of Macon and Bibb County Projects; and For All Other Purposes.

ACTION:


N. Confirmation of three Department Heads: Animal Welfare Director, Public Works Director and Small Business Affairs Director

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution Of The Macon-Bibb County Commission Approving And Confirming The Mayor’s Appointment Of Department Heads For Small Business Affairs, Public Works And Animal Welfare; And For Other Purposes.

ACTION:
Commissioner Jones motioned to remove Sarah Tenon from the list. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Elaine Lucas, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman. Commissioner Jones voted No. The vote was 7-1.

Commissioner Tillman expressed concerns regarding Animal Welfare and department heads not answering their telephones.

NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to Amend The ECD Budget Supplement Regarding Demolition of 37 Houses

Referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

B. A Resolution Regarding Continuation and Acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant

Referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

C. A Resolution Approving Selection of IPC as Consultant for OPEB Trust and Approving Master Investment Policy for OPEB Trust

Referred to: Operations and Finance Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Shirley Adams spoke on the need for street lights on Wilson Road. She stated that because of the dark street crime is an issue. She presented a Petition from the residents of Wilson Road requesting lights be placed on said road.

Dr. Lindsay Holliday – Dr. Holliday stated that at the MATS meeting, Mayor Reichert announced that he has hired Moreland-Altobelli to create new traffic projections for the southern section of Forest Hill Road nearest Vineville Avenue. Dr. Holliday expressed his concern that Moreland-Altobelli had been hired once again to create new traffic projections for Forest Hill Road. Dr. Holliday provided a handout to the Commission.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Lucas stated that she would like to see a Resolution drawn up by the County Attorney for the formation of a Task Force. She continued that many people’s feelings had been hurt during the process of hiring a Director of Animal Welfare and her hope is that by forming a task force the healing process could begin.

Commissioner Tillman concurred that there have been a lot of hurt feelings during the process of hiring a Director of Animal Welfare. He believe the piece that is missing is the education of the children and general public on the welfare and health of the pets. He encouraged Animal
Welfare to start an educational program within the school system, both public and private, as soon as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, and on motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Tillman, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.


Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission