MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
April 7, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Commission Chamber)

The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on April 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at Government Center.

Commission Members Present:
Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Elaine Lucas
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.
Commissioner Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent:
Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III

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 Co. Mgr. Public Affairs
Keith Moffett – Director of E-911 Center
Wanzina Jackson – Manager ECDD
Charlotte Woody – Asst. Dir. of Community Development
Steve Layson – Asst. Co. Mgr. (Infrastructure)
Charles Coney – Asst. Co. Mgr. (Operations)
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Kevin Barrere – Public Affairs
Trae McCombs – Public Affairs
Karen Durham – E-911 Center
Yvonne Vicks – E-911 Center
Terry Bizzell – Municipal Court Clerk
Kevin Barkley – Director of Solid Waste

Guests in Attendance
June Parker, Executive Director - Macon Housing Authority
Debbie Vance – Pres. GA Chapter Assoc. Public Communication Officers
Sarah Hunt
Craig Ross
Alfreda Lockett
Bud Fletcher
Dr. Lindsay Holliday

News Media Present
Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Malcolm Johnson – WGXA FOX 24
Ron Wildman – 58 WPGA
CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

The prayer was rendered by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on March 17, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on March 17, 2015

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on March 17, 2015 were approved as presented.

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

INVITED GUESTS

E-911 Center Director Keith Moffett along with other staff members were presented the Georgia 911 Center of the Year Award from the Georgia Association of Public Safety Communications Officers and the Georgia Chapter of National Emergency Number Association by Ms. Debbie Vance President of the Georgia Chapter and Mayor Reichert.

Janice Ross, Assistant Clerk of the Bibb Commission, was recognized and presented the United Way, first ever, Lt. Randy Parker Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award by Mayor Reichert. It was noted that Ms. Ross was the first recipient of the award which was created to recognize an Outstanding United Way Coordinator. The award was named in honor of Macon-Bibb Firefighter, Lt. Randy Parker, who heroically gave his life in the line of duty and previously served as a United Way Loaned Executive. Under the leadership of Ms. Ross, who served as the Macon-Bibb United Way Campaign Coordinator for 2014, Macon-Bibb County employees pledged over $60,000, nearly doubling its contributions to United Way over the previous year.

Wanzina Jackson and Charlotte Woody were presented a Proclamation by Mayor Reichert in recognition of National Community Development Block Grant Week of the Economic and Community Development Department. Several sub-recipient were in attendance and spoke on the need and benefit of the Community Development Block Grant Funds to their agencies – Reggie Bell-Homefirst, June O’Neal-Mentors Project, Cathy Snook-Boys and Girls Club, Charles Hines-Loaves and Fishes, Sister Roberta Treppa and Jeff Nicklas-Family Advance Ministries, Frank Mack and James Davis-Family Counseling Center, Debra Rollins-Rebuilding Macon, Dee Simms and Suzanne Palmer-Crisis Line and Safe House, Sarita Hill and staff-Economic Opportunity Council, and Gwana Cabiness-River Edge.
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Robert Curry spoke on the Filmore Thomas Park Development Plans, and the Log Cabin Road SPLOST.

Mr. Merritt Johnson, Jr. spoke on the Resolution approving the Designs and Renovations for the Filmore Thomas Recreation Area.

Mr. Harold Thomas, son of the late Mr. Filmore Thomas, thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their efforts in making the Filmore Thomas Recreation Area a reality. He stated this had been an ongoing effort by his father and others to bring recreation to the citizens of the Bellevue community.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Gary Bechtel reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 considered and/or approved the following:

- An agreement to purchase roll off/on truck body with hoist from Middle Georgia Freightliner in the amount of $141,555.00
- An agreement with Dmaero, LLC for the lease of office space at 2168 Flight Line Blvd. located at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport for $4,000 per month on a month to month basis
- An agreement with Middle Georgia Truck Repair, Inc. d/b/a Middle Georgia Freightliner – Isuzu, for the purchase of a 2015 Sewer Vac Truck (2015 114SD Freightliner with combination sewer cleaner) for use by the Public Works Department in the amount of $307,500.00 to be paid from budgeted funds
- A Resolution authorizing the exchange of property owned by Macon-Bibb County located at 1283 Adams St. for properties owned by the Corporation of Mercer University located at 1470 Telfair St., 1217 Second St., 1239 Second St., 806-818 Edgewood Ave., 834 Edgewood Ave., and 606 Hazel St. in Macon-Bibb County, GA pursuant to the requirements of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances 19-12 and O.C.G.A. 36-37-6(C); and providing that an additional $712,000 in SPLOST Project Funds be allocated to the new Senior Center Corridor SPLOST Project
- A Resolution to approve the selection of Elite Flooring Contractors, Inc. as the supplier of flooring for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of $57,899; authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase agreement to be paid from Middle Georgia Regional Commission budget funds
A Resolution to support a Request for Proposals be issued regarding a Naming Rights Partner for the Macon Centreplex and the Macon City Auditorium

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant in the amount of $4,000 awarded from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation to the Public Defender's Office

An Ordinance to appropriate $377,000 from Fund Balance to Noble Management Group for operation of Macon Coliseum and Auditorium

Economic and Community Development Committee

Committee Chairman Larry Schlesinger reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 and considered and/or approved the following:

- The Resolution to recognize the month of April 2015 as “Safe Digging Month”
- The Resolution to approving the design features and renovation plans for the Filmore Thomas Recreation Area
- The Committee approved the reduction of the annual fee of twenty dollars ($20.00) charged to Seniors for the use and enjoyment of the Macon-Bibb County Senior Center to ten dollars ($10.00), and the reduction of the fee for golf cart rental at Bowden Golf Course by four dollars ($4.00) for Seniors on Tuesdays.
- The Committee heard an update on Blight and the new Senior Citizens Center

Public Safety Committee

Committee Vice-Chairman Virgil Watkins, Jr. reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 and considered and/or approved the following:

- The Committee authorized the County Attorney to draft a Resolution to be presented at the next meeting in regards to forming a committee to deal with the problem of traffic fatalities

Facilities and Engineering Committee

No Report

Mercer Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Elaine Lucas reported that the Mercer Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee met on March 31, 2015 and selected the following students to receive the $2,000 scholarship award to attend Mercer University for the 2015-2016 school term:
CONSENT AGENDA

A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Satsank Shubodh LLC d/b/a Bi-Lo Mart located at 2510 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206

B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Jay Lakshmimaa d/b/a R & D Food Mart #2 located at 36 Spring Street, Macon, GA 31201

ACTION:


OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of Roll Off/On truck body with Hoist from Middle Georgia Freightliners in the amount of $141,555

   • Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a roll off/on truck body with hoist from Middle Georgia Freightliner in the amount of $141,555.00; and for other purposes.

   ACTION:


B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Dmaero, LLC for the lease of office space at 2168 Flight Line Blvd. located at Middle GA Regional Airport in the amount of $4,000 per month on a month-to-month basis

   • Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Dmaero, LLC for the lease

Alternates Selected – Hiyam Yacout and Oluwatoyin Olagunju of Central High School, and Anna Jones of Howard High School
of office space at 2168 Flight Line Blvd located at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the amount of $4,000.00 per month on a month to month basis; and for other purposes.

**ACTION:**

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

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Middle Georgia Truck Repair, Inc. d/b/a Middle Georgia Freightliner - Isuzu, for the purchase of a 2015 Sewer Vac Truck 2015 114SD Freightliner with combination sewer cleaner for use by the Public Works Department in the amount of $307,500, to be paid from budgeted funds

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Middle Georgia Truck Repair, Inc. d/b/a Middle Georgia Freightliner - Isuzu, for the purchase of a 2015 Sewer Vac Truck (2015 114SD Freightliner with combination sewer cleaner) for use by the Public Works Department in the amount of $307,500.00, to be paid from budgeted funds in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and for other lawful purposes.

**ACTION:**


D. A Resolution to approve the selection of Elite Flooring Contractors, LLC as the supplier of flooring for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of $57,899; authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase agreement to be paid from Middle Georgia Regional Commission budget funds

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the selection of Elite Flooring Contractors, LLC as the supplier of flooring for the Middle Georgia Regional Commission in the amount of fifty-seven thousand eight hundred ninety-nine and 00/100 dollars ($57,899.00); authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase agreement to be paid from Middle Georgia Regional Commission budget funds; and for other lawful purposes.

**ACTION:**


E. A Resolution authorizing the exchange of property owned by Macon-Bibb County located at 1283 Adams Street for properties owned by the Corporation of Mercer University located at 1470 Telfair Street, 1217 Second Street, 1239 Second Street, 806-818 Edgewood Avenue, 834 Edgewood Avenue, and 606 Hazel Street in Macon-Bibb
County, Georgia pursuant to the requirements of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances §19-12 and O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6(C); and providing that an additional $712,000 in SPLOST Project Funds be allocated to the new Senior Center SPLOST Project from the Second St. Corridor SPLOST Project

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the exchange of property owned by Macon-Bibb County located at 1283 Adams Street in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia for properties owned by the Corporation of Mercer University located at 1470 Telfair Street, 1217 Second Street, 1239 Second Street, 806-818 Edgewood Avenue, 834 Edgewood Avenue, and 606 Hazel Street in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia pursuant to the requirements of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances §19-12 and O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6(c); and providing that an additional $712,000 in SPLOST Project Funds shall be allocated to the new Senior Center SPLOST Project from the Second Street Corridor SPLOST Project; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


F. A Resolution to support a Request for Proposals be issued regarding a Naming Rights Partner for the Macon Centreplex and the Macon City Auditorium

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to support a Request for Proposals be issued regarding a Naming Rights Partner for the Macon Centreplex and the Macon City Auditorium; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


G. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant in the amount of $4,000 awarded from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation to the Public Defender's Office

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant in the amount of $4,000 awarded from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation to the Public Defender's Office; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

H. An Ordinance to appropriate $377,000 from Fund Balance to Noble Management Group for operation of Macon Coliseum and Auditorium

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Commission of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia to appropriate $377,000 from Fund Balance to Noble Management Group for operation of Macon Coliseum and Auditorium

- **Approval by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman. Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr. voted NO.**

I. A Resolution to recognize the month of April 2015 as "Safe Digging Month"

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to recognize the month of April 2015 as "Safe Digging Month"; and for other purposes.

**ACTION:**

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

J. A Resolution approving the design features and renovation plans for the Filmore Thomas Recreation Area

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving the design features and renovation plans for the Filmore Thomas Recreation Area; and for other purposes.

**ACTION:**

- **On motion by Commissioner Al Tillman, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas to amend the Resolution to add that upon the opening of the Filmore Thomas Recreation Area, a bench be erected and dedicated to honor Charlie Brundage, Merritt Johnson, Jr., Juanita Lee, Ronnie Mays, Sr., Glorious Nixon, and Emma Watson for their contributions and dedication to this project, and was carried unanimously.**

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

K. A Resolution to reduce the annual fee of twenty dollars ($20) charged to Seniors for the use and enjoyment of the Macon-Bibb County Senior Center to ten dollars ($10)

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to reduce the annual fee of twenty dollars charged to seniors for the use and enjoyment of the Macon-Bibb County Senior Center to ten dollars; and for
other purposes.

ACTION:

- Commissioner Mallory Jones, III voted NO.

L. A Resolution to reduce the fee for golf cart rentals at Bowden Golf Course by $4.00 for Senior Citizens on Tuesdays

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to reduce the fee for golf cart rentals at Bowden Golf Course by four dollars for Senior Citizens on Tuesdays; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Approval by Commissioners Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.
  Commissioners Gary Bechtel and Mallory Jones, III voted NO.

M. A Resolution rescinding the Resolution which adopted the Fourth Amendment to the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 so as to provide the Macon-Bibb County Commission with the opportunity to review the performance of the Plan's newly selected investment consultant

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission rescinding the Resolution which adopted the Fourth Amendment to the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968 so as to provide the Macon-Bibb County Commission with the opportunity to review the performance of the Plan’s newly selected investment consultant; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION:

- On motion by Commissioner Mallory Jones, III, seconded by Commissioner Elaine Lucas to Table the Resolution and refer back to Operations and Finance Committee.

- Approval by Commissioners Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman.
  Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. voted NO.

N. An ordinance to impose a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new building, construction, and development related permits in the boundaries of the area formerly known as Payne City

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to impose a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new building, construction, and development related permits in the boundaries of the area formerly known as Payne City, and for other purposes.
ACTION:


NEW BUSINESS

A. An Ordinance amending Article VI of Chapter 2 Code of Ordinances of Macon-Bibb County to create and establish a Pedestrian Fatality Review Board

_Referred to the Public Safety Committee_

B. A Resolution to support a Request for Proposals be issued requesting a Feasibility Study be conducted to determine the economic impact of obtaining a professionally affiliated Minor League Team in Macon, Georgia

_Referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee_

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Ricketson spoke on the need for a re-evaluation of the Civilian Review Board

Patricia Faye Ivy Brown spoke on her need for freedom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and on motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.


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Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission