The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on July 21, 2015 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 Ed DeFore
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.

**Commission Members Absent**

Commissioner Al Tillman

**Staff Present:**

Julie Moore, Asst. to the County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Asst. County Attorney
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Asst. Clerk of Commission

**Guests in Attendance**

June Parker – Exec. Dir., Macon Housing Authority
Dr. John Swing
Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis
Former Bd. of Ed. Member - J. C. Postell
Sam Macfie, President, Macon Arts Alliance
Jean Bragg, Macon Arts Alliance Board Member
Charise Stephens,
Bud Fletcher, Fire Civil Service Board Member
Merritt Johnson, Bellevue Neighborhood Association

**News Media Present**

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph
Anita Oh – 13 WMAZ
Noell Saunders – WGX A Fox 24

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PRAYER**

The prayer was rendered by Reverend Ted Goshorn of Vineville United Methodist Church.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 6 Commissioner Ed DeFore.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on July 7, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on July 7, 2015

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings held on July 7, 2015 were approved as presented.


INVITED GUESTS

As there were no Invited Guests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Michael Ryan spoke of his concerns regarding the use of CDBG dollars to repair damage to homes from the Mother’s Day tornado and these funds were used for the Dannenberg Project.

Mayor C. Jack Ellis congratulated the Commission on finding the funds to address blight in the community but was concerned that the plan to spend the funds was ill conceived. He then addressed the purchase of drones for the community. Mayor Ellis stated that he believed the money could be spent on other items for the community.

Ms. Frankie Lewis spoke on the South Macon Community Association who has changed their name to “SMART” which is South Macon Arts, Revalorization and Technology. She thanked Commissioner Schlesinger for attending all their meetings and for his support. She asked for a playground in South Macon so that the children would not have to cross busy streets.

Ms. Annie Gibson spoke on the South Macon Neighborhood and their needs.

Ms. Sarah Hunt spoke on South Macon Neighborhood and the plans that the neighborhood had designed for their improvement. She asked the Commission to support the Neighborhood.

Mr. Terry McGee spoke on the planned purchase of drones. He believed the money could be spent on improvements to the E911 System and to help the Fire Department maintain their Class One rating. He also spoke on blight in Macon and would like to see work done on the property located along Mercer University Drive.
Dr. Lindsay Holliday spoke on the T-SPLOST and the Citizen Advisory Committee of MATS.

Mr. Robert Curry spoke on his concerns regarding the purchase of drones and fighting blight in Macon. He continued that he would like to see recreation brought to the Bellevue area.

Mr. J. C. Postell spoke on the streets in Old Ward 4 which are not cut to go straight through a neighborhood. He also would like to see more recreation brought to the community.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

Committee Chair Gary Bechtel reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on July 14, 2015 and considered and/or approved the following action:

The Committee approved the following agreements:

- The agreement with Jones Lang Lasalle, Inc. in the amount of $29,000 for the second phase of real estate services related to the potential development of the Will C. Hill Government Center Annex Building located at 682 Cherry Street

- The agreement of extension with the Houston County Board of Health WIC Program for the lease of office space located at 456 Oglethorpe Street for the annual lease amount of $21,215

- The independent contractor agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc. in the amount of $847,650 of Home Investment Partnership Program Funds for construction of supportive housing units to be known as Bayside Homes at 3575 Fulton Mill Road

- The agreement with MECO of Atlanta/Macon Inc. in the amount of $65,354.13 to provide and install fleet and fuel management key readers and software at six (6) fuel service locations in Macon-Bibb County

The Committee approved the resolution requesting commencement of Regional T-SPLOST proceedings pursuant to the transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB-170).

The Committee approved the appointment of Reginald Rex Moore to Post 2 of the Retirement Committee of the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems, Davison A for the remainder of the unexpired term of retiring member Neal Davis

The Committee approved issuing Employee Identification Badges to all retired personnel of Macon-Bibb County in order for retired personnel to continue to receive benefits and discounts in the same manner as a regular employee.

The Committee approved the following changes to the Code of Ordinance:

- Chapter 24 entitled and related to streets and sidewalks was revised
• Chapter 4 of the Code to regulate distance requirements from the sale of alcoholic beverages near churches, schools and other sites

• Chapter 11, Section 12, Article 2 of the Code was amended to clarify the penalties allowable for violation of the Flood Plain Ordinance

• The Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County was re-adopting in the form required for publication by the Municipal Code Corporation. The Code is now available on the Macon-Bibb County Web Page.

The following Grants were approved:

• The Sheriff’s Office was authorized to apply for the FY 15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for $66,240 from the Department of Justice

• The acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Supplemental Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Adult Drug, Mental Health and Veterans Courts in the amount of $19,860 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

• The acceptance of the 2015 CHAMPS Grant in the amount of $6,800 from the Macon Safe Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia

The Committee approved the following Budgets for the Recreation Projects

• Sub-South Recreation Center (Phase 1) - $7,633,250

  The Center will received baseball fields, soccer fields, six tennis courts, recreation center, playground, small play area, sidewalks, landscaping, walking trails, an outdoor pool, baseball pavilion building and parking lots

• Central City Park (Phase 1) - $4,168,000

  Central City Park will see the demolition of the two long buildings, the construction of an expo hall / recreation center, an education amphitheater, rose garden, a skate park, a small and large playground, a new restroom building, multi-use recreational fields, a picnic area, a baseball concession and restroom building and renovations and improvements to several ball fields and the entrance to the Park will be moved.

• Memorial Recreation Center - $2,099,441.39

  The Center’s improvements include a new entry, new multi-purpose room, relocation of the game room, new computer lab, new lounge space, new weight room, improved security and upgrades in the electrical, mechanical and plumbing. In addition, the Center will have upgrades to be ADA compliant, the restrooms will be reconfigured, the kitchen expanded, the concession stand will be renovated and new finishes will be applied to the outside of the building

• Frank Johnson Recreation Center - $930,920.47

  The Center’s improvements will include a new entry, new multi-purpose room, new computer lab, new lounge space, improved security, a new roof, upgrades to the electrical, mechanical plumbing, work on the Center to meet ADA compliances, the
restrooms will be remodeled, the kitchen will be expanded and the outside of the building will have new finishes and be pressure washed

- Rosa Jackson Recreation Center - $3,800,070.77

The Center will receive an improved playground, Splash Park, a new entrance, expanded parking, upgrades to electrical, mechanical, and plumbing and work at the Center to meet ADA compliances.

The Committee also approved transferring $500,000 from the SPLOST Fund for renovations and improvements to the Courthouse Facilities.

**Economic and Community Development Committee**

Committee Chair Larry Schlesinger reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on July 14, 2015 and took the following action:

- The Committee heard a presentation from Ted Lindsley, CEO of Olaeris, on the use of drones to decrease response time of the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. Olaeris will establish their manufacturing and maintenance hub in Macon-Bibb County bringing jobs to the community. The Committee approved the Memorandum of Understanding with OLAERIS for an emergency, first response Unmanned Aerial System (IAS) to provide enhanced emergency response capabilities in Macon-Bibb County and to help establish Macon-Bibb County as a Regional Ariel Electric Visual Assistant (AEVA) Manufacturing and Maintenance Hub.

- Stephen Adams, Madison Brown, Matt Hudson, Dr. Curtis Jones, Dr. Samantha Murfree, and Beverly K. Olson were appointed to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission

- The Committee approved the Master Plans for:
  - Memorial Recreation Center
  - Frank Johnson Recreation Center
  - Rosa Jackson Recreation Center

- The Committee voted to demolish structures located at 782, 806 and 818 Lynmore Avenue using Blight Remediation Funds.

**Public Safety Committee**

Committee Chair Scotty Shepherd reported that the Facilities and Engineering Committee met on July 14, 2015 and took the following action:

- Postponed a presentation by Volunteer Macon on Social Host Ordinance.
• Fire Chief Marvin Riggins gave a review and update on the June 23, 2015 fire at God’s Power Church of Christ located at 1985 Cedar Avenue. He reported that the investigation is ongoing at this time and investigators have identified the origin of the fire. Preliminary investigations and evidence is not leading them to believe the fire was set with a malicious intent.

**Facilities and Engineering Committee**

Committee Chair Mallory Jones reported that the Facilities and Engineering Committee met on July 14, 2015 and took the following action:

• Received an update from County Engineer Dave Fortson on the South Monroe County/North Bibb County Bicycle-Pedestrian Project.

• Approved a resolution to rename College Station Drive to University Parkway. A Public Hearing on the name change and there were no objections.

• Approved an ordinance to establish and constitute the area located on Wilson Road, Brookhaven Road, and Massey Road extending from Presidential Parkway to Columbus Road as Street Lighting District 5197.

• Received an update from County Engineer Dave Fortson on Log Cabin Drive Project.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Lucky One 4 Ever d/b/a Food Mart located at 4381 Mercer University Dr., Macon, GA 31206

B. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Lucky Boy, LLC d/b/a Quick Serve located at 3465 Mercer University Drive, Macon, GA 31204

C. A new Alcoholic Beverage License for YEC Enterprise, LLC d/b/a MI Preferida located at 3631 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206

D. Billard and Pool Hall Application for Amy Pour House located at 5630 Houston Road, Macon, Ga. 31216

**ACTION**

• On motion of Commissioner Larry Schlesinger, seconded by Commissioner Ed DeFore, and carried unanimously, the consent agenda items were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. in the amount of $29,000 for the second phase of Real Estate Services related to the potential development of the Willie C. Hill Government Center Annex Building located at 682 Cherry Street.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. in the amount of $29,000 for the second phase of Real Estate Services related to the potential development of the Willie C. Hill Government Center Annex Building located at 682 Cherry Street; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

- Passed six to two with yes votes cast by Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. and no votes cast by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III and Elaine Lucas.

B. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Extension with the Houston County Board of Health WIC Program for the lease of office space located at 456 Oglethorpe Street for $21,215.00 annually.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Extension with the Houston County Board of Health WIC Program for the lease of office space located at 456 Oglethorpe Street for $21,215.00 annually; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


C. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an independent contractor agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc. in the amount of $847,650.00 of Home Investment Partnership Program Funds for construction of supportive housing units to be known as Bayside Homes at 3575 Fulton Mill Road

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute an independent contractor agreement with Georgia Behavioral Health Services, Inc. in the amount of $847,650.00 of Home Investment Partnership Program Funds for construction of supportive housing units to be known as Bayside Homes at 3575 Fulton Mill Road; and for other lawful purposes.
ACTION:

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

D. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with MECO of Atlanta/Macon Inc. in the amount of $65,354.13 to provide and install fleet and fuel management key readers and software at six fuel service locations in Macon-Bibb County

- **Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with MECO of Atlanta/Macon Inc. in the amount of $65,354.13 to provide and install fleet and fuel management key readers and software at six fuel service locations in Macon-Bibb County; and for other purposes.**

ACTION:

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

E. A Resolution requesting commencement of Regional T-SPLOST proceedings pursuant to the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB-170)

- **Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission requesting commencement of Regional T-SPLOST proceedings pursuant to the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB-170); and for other lawful purposes.**

ACTION:

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

F. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Reginald Rex Moore to Post 2 of the Retirement Committee for the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems, Division A for the remainder of the unexpired term of retiring member Neal Davis

- **Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission confirming the Mayor's appointment of Reginald Rex Moore to Post 2 of the Retirement Committee for the Macon Pensions and Retirement Systems, Division A for the remainder of the unexpired term of retiring member Neal Davis; and for other purposes.**
ACTION:


G. A Resolution to distribute employee identification badges to all retired personnel to receive benefits and discounts in the same manner as a regular employee of Macon-Bibb County

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to distribute employee identification badges to all retired personnel to receive benefits and discounts in the same manner as a regular employee of Macon-Bibb County and for other purposes.

ACTION:


H. An Ordinance to revise Chapter 24 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia entitled and related to Streets and Sidewalks

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to revise Chapter 24 of the Inaugural Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia entitled and related to Streets and Sidewalks; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


I. An Ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to regulate distance requirements for the sale of Alcoholic Beverages near churches, schools, and other sites; to provide for repeal of conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission amending Chapter 4 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances to regulate distance requirements for the sale of Alcoholic Beverages near churches, schools, and other sites; to provide for repeal of conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other lawful purposes.
ACTION:


J. An Ordinance amending Section 12 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify the penalties allowable for a violation of the Flood Plain Ordinance

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission amending Section 12 Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify the penalties allowable for a violation of the Flood Plain Ordinance; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


K. An Ordinance re-adopting the Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia in the form required for publication by the Municipal Code Corporation in accordance with Georgia Law; providing for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; providing for the manner of amending such Code; providing when such Code and this Ordinance shall become effective

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission re-adopting the Code of Ordinances for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia in the form required for publication by the Municipal Code Corporation in accordance with Georgia Law; providing for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; providing for the manner of amending such Code; providing when such Code and this Ordinance shall become effective; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION:


L. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Supplemental Grant awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court in the amount of $45,669.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Supplemental Grant awarded to the Bibb County Juvenile Court in the amount of $45,669.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and for other lawful purposes.
ACTION

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

M. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Supplemental Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Courts in the amount of $19,860.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

- **Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of the State of Georgia Accountability Courts Supplemental Funding Grant awarded to the Macon Judicial Circuit Adult Drug, Mental Health, and Veterans Courts in the amount of $19,860.00 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and for other purposes.**

ACTION:

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

N. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2015 CHAMPS Grant in the amount of $6,800.00 from the Macon Safe Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, awarded to the Sheriff's Office

- **Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the acceptance of the 2015 CHAMPS Grant in the amount of $6,800.00 from the Macon Safe Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, awarded to the Sheriff’s Office; and for other purposes.**

ACTION:

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

O. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for Sub-South Recreation Facility

- **Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for Sub-South Recreation Facility; and for other purposes.**

ACTION:

- **Unanimous approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Elaine Lucas and Virgil Watkins, Jr.**
P. An Ordinance to appropriate $7,633,250.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One development of Sub-South Park in accordance with the design plans of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $7,633,250.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One development of Sub-South Park in accordance with the design plans of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


Q. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for Central City Park

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for Central City Park in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and for other purposes.

ACTION:


R. An Ordinance to appropriate $4,168,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One Improvements to Central City Park in accordance with the design plans of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $4,168,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One Improvements to Central City Park in accordance with the design plans of Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc.

ACTION:


S. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Memorial Park Community Center Recreation Facility

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for the Memorial Park Community Center Recreation Facility in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and for other purposes.
ACTION:


T. An Ordinance to appropriate $2,099,441.39 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Memorial Park Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc.

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $2,099,441.39 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Memorial Park Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


U. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Frank Johnson Community Center Recreation Facility

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for the Frank Johnson Community Center Recreation Facility in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


V. An Ordinance to appropriate $930,920.47 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Frank Johnson Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc.

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $930,920.47 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Frank Johnson Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

W. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Rosa Jackson Community Center Recreation Facility
• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for the Rosa Jackson Community Center Recreation Facility in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and for other purposes.

ACTION:

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

X. An Ordinance to appropriate $3,800,070.77 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Rosa Jackson Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc.

• Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $3,800,070.77 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Rosa Jackson Recreation Center in accordance with the design plans of WMA Architects/Planners, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A: and for other purposes.

ACTION:

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

Y. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the second amendment to the 2011 SPLOST Intergovernmental Contract to provide $500,000 in additional funds for renovations and improvements to the Courthouse facilities by decreasing the amount originally budgeted for the purchase of land for recreation by $500,000

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute the second amendment to the 2011 SPLOST Intergovernmental Contract to provide $500,000 in additional funds for renovations and improvements to the Courthouse facilities by decreasing the amount originally budgeted for the purchase of land for recreation by $500,000; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

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

Z. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Olaeris for an Emergency, First Response Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to provide enhanced emergency response capabilities in Macon-Bibb County and to help establish Macon-Bibb County as a Regional Aerial Electric Visual Assistant (AEVA) Manufacturing and Maintenance Hub
Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Olaeris for an Emergency, First Response Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to provide enhanced emergency response capabilities in Macon-Bibb County and to help establish Macon-Bibb County as a Regional Aerial Electric Visual Assistant (AEVA) Manufacturing and Maintenance Hub; and for other purposes.

Commissioner Jones stated that he was concerned about the cost and did not believe that the Commission had done it due diligence. He had received numerous calls from his constituents, none of who supported the idea of drones. Commissioner Watkins stated that he understood the MOU does not obligate the County as far as funds are concerned and that it is not a contract. He stated that he does still have some concerns as it relates to public safety. Commissioner Lucas stated that she is concerned about where the money will come from to pay for the drones. She continued that if the resolution passed that she would like frequent updates as to the progress of the project. Mayor Reichert stated that the MOU does not commit any money to the project. He continued that a contract would have to be negotiated and brought back to the Commission for approval.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel, the motion to table passed five to three with Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, Elaine Lucas and Virgil Watkins, Jr. casting yes votes and Commissioners Schlesinger, Bivins, and Ed DeFore casting no votes.

AA. A Resolution to appoint Stephen Adams, Madison Brown, Matt Hudson, Jr., Dr. Curtis Jones, Dr. Samantha Murfree, and Beverly K. Olson to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appoint Stephen Adams, Madison Brown, Matt Hudson, Jr., Dr. Curtis Jones, Dr. Samantha Murfree, and Beverly K. Olson to the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


BB. A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of Sylvia McGee to the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority

Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission confirming the Mayor's appointment of Sylvia McGee to the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority; and for other purposes.
ACTION:


CC. A Resolution to demolish structures located at 782, 806, and 818 Lynmore Avenue using Blight Remediation Funds

Commissioner Watkins offered a Floor Amendment adding the structures at 784 and 786 Lynmore Avenue to the demolition list.

- Clerk read by caption: A resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to demolish structures located at 782, 784, 786, 806, and 818 Lynmore Avenue using blight remediation funds; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION:


DD. A Resolution to rename "College Station Drive" to "University Parkway"

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to rename "College Station Drive" to "University Parkway"; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


EE. An Ordinance to establish and constitute the area located on Wilson Road, Brookhaven Road, and Massey Road extending from Presidential Parkway to Columbus Road as Street Lighting District 5197

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to establish and constitute the area located on Wilson Road, Brookhaven Road, and Massey Road extending from Presidential Parkway to Columbus Road as Street Lighting District 5197; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

FF. A Resolution approving the Urban Development Authority’s request to amend the County’s CDBG project related to the rehabilitation of the Dannenberg building into a 69 apartment complex, for the purpose of revising the loan to 476 Third Street, LLC

- Clerk ready by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving the Urban Development Authority’s request to amend the County’s CDBG project related to the rehabilitation of the Dannenberg building into a 69 apartment complex, for the purpose of revising the loan to 476 Third Street, LLC and for other purposes.

Commissioner Lucas stated that she could not support the resolution. She continued that she believed this was a misuse of taxpayers’ money; the CDBG money was to be spent on Disaster Relief. She stated that the Dannenberg building did not qualify as a disaster relief project. Commissioner Bechtel stated that this may not have been a good use of the funds, the money had been spent for the Dannenberg and the Urban Development Authority had the third note on the loan. If the Commission rejected the amendment then the County would be forced to come up with $7 million dollars to pay off the first two guarantees. He urged the Commission to vote for the amendment. Attorney Drake stated that the amendment had been approved by the Department of Community Affairs.

ACTION:

- The resolution was approved six to two with Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. voting yes and Commissioners Bert Bivins, III and Elaine Lucas casting the no votes.

GG. An Ordinance to adopt a budget for the Blight Remediation Bond Funds appropriating $9,000,000 of said funds equally between the nine Macon-Bibb County Commission Districts; appropriating $300,000 to community engagement initiatives and appropriating $700,000 to waste disposal activities

Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to offer a floor amendment. Commissioner Jones stated his amendment would divide $1,800,000 among the nine district, and would appropriate $7,200,000 to general blight remediation; appropriating $300,000 of said blight remediation bond funds to community engagement initiatives and appropriating $700,000 of the blight remediation bond funds to waste disposal.

ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel, the resolution to divide $1,800,000 among the nine districts failed six to two with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Larry Schlesinger, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. voting no and Commissioners Gary Bechtel and Mallory Jones, III casting the yes votes.

Mayor Reichert stated that he would like to offer a floor amendment. Mayor Reichert stated that his amendment would appropriate $9,000,000 of the Blight Funds to be divided equally between the nine Districts. The main point of difference is that the Commissioner of each district reserves the authority to reallocate funds to another district or to the general blight remediation fund to be used for Commission approved projects.
 ACTION:

- On motion of Mayor Reichert, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, the resolution to divide the funds among the nine districts and allow each Commissioner the authority to reallocate funds to another district or to the general blight remediation fund passed six to two with Commissioners Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Ed DeFore, Mallory Jones, III, Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. voting no and Commissioners Bert Bivins, III and Elaine Lucas casting the no votes.

 ACTION:

- On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bechtel, the resolution main resolution to allocate $9,000,000 to each Commissioner district passed seven to one with Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Larry Schlesinger, Ed DeFore, Elaine Lucas Scotty Shepherd, and Virgil Watkins, Jr. voting yes and Commissioners Gary Bechtel casting the no vote.

HH. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Rum Creek Enterprises, LLC to manage blight remediation efforts in the Wise Avenue area; to negotiate and execute an agreement with Historic Hills and Heights Development Corporation to manage blight remediation efforts in the Beall's Hill area.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Rum Creek Enterprises, LLC to manage blight remediation efforts in the Wise Avenue area; to negotiate and execute an agreement with Historic Hills and Heights Development Corporation to manage blight remediation efforts in the Beall's Hill area; and for other purposes.

 ACTION:


II. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968, to accept retirements of ten current retirements

Mayor Reichert stated that the retirees are as follows: Bonnie Smith from the Board of Elections, Dinah Day from the Superior Court, Dennis F. Adams from Vehicle Maintenance, Thomas H. Bates from Sheriff / Detention, Wanda Beck from Civil Court / Sheriff, Paula Buckley from Sheriff / Corrections D Squad, Zonteon Cotton from Public Works / Streets & Roads, Cynthia Graham from Sheriff / Investigation, Cheryl Whitehead from Superior Court and Louise Wiley from Sheriff / Corrections.

- Clerk read by caption: A resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, as trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968, to accept retirements attached hereto as Exhibit A;
**ACTION:**


JJ. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Georgia Power for the installation of L.E.D. lights to replace cobra head fixture lights in the former City limits of Macon, Georgia

- *Clerk read by caption: A resolution of Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Georgia Power for the installation of L.E.D. lights to replace cobra head fixture lights in the former City limits of Macon, Georgia and for other purposes.*

**ACTION:**


**NEW BUSINESS**

A. A Resolution appointing Jeffery McGee to the Macon-Bibb County Department of Business Development Services Construction Board of Appeals

*Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee*

B. A Resolution authorizing the Commission of a portrait to be completed by a local artist of former Macon, Georgia Attorney Thomas Jackson; authorizing a ceremony to be held at the Thomas Jackson Juvenile Justice Center to present said portrait

*Referred To: Economic and Community Development Committee*

C. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a one (1) year lease agreement with River Edge Behavioral Health Center for the lease of office space at 175 Emery Highway for $403,750.08

*Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms Patricia Faye Ivey Brown expressed her concerns __________________

Ms. Charise Stephens asked the Commission support of the Georgia Wellness and Fitness program and invited them to attend a press conference on August 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Reverend James Jackson asked the Commission for help in getting his neighborhood on Holt Avenue cleaned up. He spoke about the dirty streets and would like to see the street sweeper on the streets in his neighborhood.

Mr. Don Richardson read an article related to the Cotton State Exposition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission