The Regular Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on August 18, 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 Larry Schlesinger  
Commissioner Gary Bechtel  
Commissioner Elaine Lucas  
Commissioner Mallory C. Jones, III  
Commissioner Ed DeFore  
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd  
Commissioner Virgil Watkins, Jr.  
Commissioner Al Tillman

**Staff Present:**

Dale Walker – County Manager  
Judd Drake – County Attorney  
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager  
Chris Floore – Asst. to Co. Mgr. – Public Affairs  
Crystal Jones – Sr. Asst. County Attorney  
Reggie McClendon – Asst. County Attorney  
Opie Bowen – Asst. Co. Attorney  
Jean S. Howard – Clerk of Commission  
Janice Ross – Asst. Clerk of Commission  
Don Druitt – EMA Director

**Guests in Attendance**

June Parker – Exec. Dir., Macon Housing Authority  
Mrs. Sarah Hunt  
Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis  
Wade McCord – Deputy Tax Commissioner  
Ms. Lucille Clark

**News Media Present**

Stanley Dunlap – The Telegraph  
Paula Rotondo – 13 WMAZ  
Eric Mock – WPGA FOX 24  
Claire Davis – 13 WMAZ

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PRAYER**

The prayer was rendered by Pastor Leroy Foster of Community Church of God.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

A. Pre-Commission Meeting on August 4, 2015
B. Regular Commission Meeting on August 4, 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 August 4, 2015 were approved as presented.


INVITED GUESTS

Pastor Leroy Foster of Community Church of God was invited to render the prayer for tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Former Mayor C. Jack Ellis spoke property in the South Macon area at Fairview Dr. and Antioch Road that was purchased with Green Space monies that could be used for recreation.

Mr. Bill Fickling thanked the Commission for taking the leadership role for Animal Welfare and urged approval of the resolution with Saving Animals Euthanasia for the outsourcing the adoption, spay, and neuter services for Animal Welfare.

Mr. Sam Martinez, Macon Tracks Running Club, spoke of his organization's desire to improve area located at Old Forsyth Road and Rivoli Dr. and urged approval of the resolution for their plan.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

Operations and Finance Committee

Committee Chairman Gary Bechtel reported that the Operations and Finance Committee met on August 11, 2015 and took the following action:

- Approved an agreement with Saving Animals From Euthanasia (S.A.F.E)
- Approved a Promotional Partnership Agreement with Macon Hockey to provide promotion for Bowden Golf Course
- Approved an Intergovernmental Contract with the Urban Development Authority for the issuance of up to $10,000,000 in Taxable Revenue Bonds
- Approved a Community Redevelopment Agreement with Hunt School Partners, LLC and In-Fill Housing for the redevelopment of the site formerly known as Hunt Elementary School and to provide a loan in the amount of $1,000,000 to Hunt School Partners

- Approved the appropriation of SPLOST Funds for the renovation of East Macon Park Recreation Center, Freedom Park Recreation Facility, and Gilead-Bloomfield Recreation Facility

**Economic and Community Development Committee**

Committee Vice-Chair Elaine Lucas reported that the Economic and Community Development Committee met on August 11, 2015 and recommended approval of the following:

- Approved the Resolution appointing Lynn Creech Murphey to the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority

- Approved a Resolution for the Macon Tracks Running Club to improve a County owned lot at the intersection of Old Forsyth Road and Rivoli Drive for the purpose of enhancing the lot’s use for parking

- Approved the resolution authorizing the lease of sixty golf carts for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of $126,921.60 from Textron, Inc. for 48 months and to trade in 60 golf carts for $83,700

- Approved the Master Plans for East Macon Park Recreation Facility, Freedom Park Recreation Facility, and Gilead Recreation Facility

**Public Safety Committee**

- No Report – The Committee did not meet

**Facilities and Engineering Committee**

Committee Chair Mallory Jones reported that the Facilities and Engineering Committee met on August 11, 2015 and took the following action:

- Approved a Resolution to authorize the mayor to accept the donation of 120 and 124 Dr. Betty Tolbert Way and to authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents

- Approved a Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a right-of-way consisting of 41,817 square feet (0.96 acres), more or less, as shown as 1307 Second Street of the Right-of-Way survey plat of the Little Richard Pennimon Connector
CONSENT AGENDA

- A new Alcoholic Beverage License for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC located at 120 Tom Hill Sr. Blvd., Ste. 100, Macon, GA 31210

ACTION:


OLD BUSINESS

A. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for East Macon Park Recreation Facility

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

ACTION:


B. An Ordinance to appropriate $250,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the East Macon Park Recreation Facility in accordance with the design plan of Triple Point Engineering, Inc.

- Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $250,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the East Macon Park Recreation Facility in accordance with the design plans of Triple Point Engineering, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


C. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Freedom Park Recreation Facility

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for the Freedom Park Recreation Facility 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, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.**

D. An Ordinance to appropriate $2,900,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Freedom Park Recreation Facility in accordance with the design plans of Sizemore Group, LLC

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $2,900,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for improvements to the Freedom Park Recreation Facility in accordance with the design plans of Sizemore Group, LLC 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, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.**

E. A Resolution to approve the Master Plan for the Gilead-Bloomfield Complex Recreation Facility

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to approve the Master Plan for the Gilead-Bloomfield Complex 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, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, Virgil Watkins, Jr., and Al Tillman.**

F. An Ordinance to appropriate $1,100,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One improvements to the Gilead-Bloomfield Recreation Facility in accordance with the design plans of Sizemore Group, LLC

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to appropriate $1,100,000.00 from SPLOST Funds for Phase One improvements to the Gilead-Bloomfield Recreation Facility in accordance with the design plans of Sizemore Group, LLC in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.
A. **ACTION:**


G. An Ordinance establishing a Millage Rate of 14.652 mills to be levied and assessed for the year 2015 upon taxable property in Macon-Bibb County and termination of the Macon City Tax District

- **Clerk read by caption:** An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission establishing a Millage Rate of 14.652 mills to be levied and assessed for the year 2015 upon taxable property located in the Macon-Bibb County tax district and providing for the termination of the Macon City Tax District; and for other lawful purposes.

**ACTION:**


Mayor Reichert asked for a “brief moment of Personal Privilege” to sign the Countywide millage rate Ordinance documents prior to presenting the signed documents to the Deputy County Tax Commissioner Wade McCord.

H. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a promotional partnership agreement with Macon Hockey, LLC to provide promotion for Bowden Golf Course

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute a promotional partnership agreement with Macon Hockey, LLC to provide promotion for Bowden Golf Course in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other lawful purposes.

**ACTION:**


I. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Community Redevelopment Agreement with Hunt School Partners, LLC and In-Fill Housing, Inc. for the redevelopment of the former Hunt Elementary School; to provide a loan of $1,000,000.00 to Hunt School Partners, LLC, to pay In-Fill Housing, Inc. a development fee of $1.00

- **Clerk read by caption:** A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to execute a Community Redevelopment Agreement with Hunt School Partners, LLC and In-Fill Housing, Inc. for the redevelopment of
the site formerly known as Hunt Elementary School in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; to provide a loan in the amount of one million dollars and no/100c ($1,000,000.00) to Hunt School Partners, LLC; to pay In-Fill Housing, Inc. a development fee of one dollar ($1.00); to allow for the execution of any necessary documents; and for other lawful purposes.


J. A Resolution authorizing Macon-Bibb County to enter into an intergovernmental contract with the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority and to take further actions as are necessary for the issuance of up to $10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Urban Development Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon–Bibb County Commission (the “Commission”) authorizing Macon-Bibb County (the “County”) to enter into an intergovernmental contract with the Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority (the “Authority”) and to take such further actions as are necessary for the issuance of up to $10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds (Urban Development Concepts, LLC Project), Series 2015 (the “Bonds”), to take such other actions as may be required for the Authority to issue its Bonds; to authorize the Mayor, the Executive Director, and other officers and officials of the County to take further actions as are necessary to provide for the issuance and delivery of the Bonds described therein; and for other purposes.

ACTION:


K. A Resolution approving and authorizing a contract with Saving Animals From Euthanasia, Inc. (S.A.F.E.) for the outsourcing of adoption, spay, and neuter services for Animal Welfare

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Saving Animals from Euthanasia, Inc. (S.A.F.E.) for the outsourcing of adoption and spay and neuter services for Animal Welfare; and for other purposes.

ACTION


L. A Resolution appointing Lynn Creech Murphey to the Macon-Bibb County Transit
Authority

- **Clerk read by caption**: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission appointing Lynn Creech Murphey to the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority; and for other lawful purposes.

**ACTION**


M. A Resolution authorizing Macon Tracks Running Club to improve a County owned lot at the intersection of Old Forsyth Road and Rivoli Drive

- **Clerk read by caption**: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Macon Tracks Running Club to improve a County owned lot at the intersection of Old Forsyth Road and Rivoli Drive for the purposes of enhancing the lot use for parking; and for other purposes.

**ACTION**


N. A Resolution to demolish a structure located at 3947 Log Cabin Drive using SPLOST Funds

- **Clerk read by caption**: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to demolish a structure located at 3947 Log Cabin Drive using SPLOST Funds; and for other lawful purposes.

**ACTION**


O. A Resolution to authorize the condemnation of a Right-of-Way consisting of 41,817 square feet as shown as 1307 Second Street of the Right-of-Way survey plat of the Little Richard Penniman Connector

- **Clerk read by caption**: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the condemnation of a Right-of-Way consisting of 41,817 square feet (0.96 acres), more or less, as shown as 1307 Second Street of the Right-of-Way survey plat of the Little Richard Penniman Connector; and for other lawful purposes.
ACTION


P. A Resolution to accept the donation of 120 and 124 Dr. Betty Tolbert Way

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the Mayor to accept the donation of 120 and 124 Dr. Betty Tolbert Way, Macon, Georgia; to authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documents; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION


Q. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission, as Trustees of the Bibb County Pension Plan of 1968, to accept retirements attached as Exhibit "A"

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission to authorize the condemnation of a Right-of-Way consisting of 41,817 square feet (0.96 acres), more or less, as shown as 1307 Second Street of the Right-of-Way survey plat of the Little Richard Penniman Connector; and for other lawful purposes.

ACTION


NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution approving an agreement with Georgia Probation Management, Inc. to provide offender supervision services for Bibb County Superior Court

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

B. An Ordinance adopting the First Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance for the Blight Bond Funds by designating $450,000 of the $9,000,000 in Blight Bond Funds previously appropriated for each Commission District be divided equally between the nine Macon-Bibb County Commission Districts to be used for the demolition of blighted
structures as ordered by the Macon-Bibb Municipal Court in accordance with the
administrative process presently utilized for the demolition of said structures

Referred To: Operations and Finance Committee

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Lindsay Holliday spoke on the MATS Committee’s non-compliance with the requirements of
an active Citizens Advisory Committee and volunteers available to assist with the use of drones.

Mr. Leroy Thomas spoke on Blight issues in Macon.

Mr. Robert Curry, Jr. spoke on use of Blight Funds, improvements needed for Log Cabin Dr.,
and recreation in the Bellevue area.

Sarah Hunt – spoke on Blight removal initiatives planned for Macon-Bibb County.

Mr. Donald Richardson – spoke on his reflections on social and economic in Macon-Bibb
County.

Mayor Reichert stated that on Tuesday, August 25th the Committee meetings would be
recessed at approximately 11:15 A.M. to allow Commissioners to attend the 100th Anniversary
of the Georgia Chamber and Congressional Luncheon at the Marriott City Center.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Al Tillman commended the Mayor for the termination of the Macon City Tax
District; thereby, eliminating Double Taxation for former City residents as one of the
requirements for consolidation was to have the same tax rate for all City-County residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was
adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

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

Jean S. Howard
Clerk of Commission