The regular meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on January 7, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chamber at Government Center.

**Commission Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Dale Walker – County Manager  
Julie Moore – Asst. to County Manager, Strategic Planning & Budget  
Steve Layson – Asst. County Manager (Infrastructure)  
Charles Coney – Asst. County Manager (Operations)  
Judd Drake – County Attorney  
Stuart Morelli – Asst. County Attorney  
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission  
Jean S. Howard – Asst. Clerk of Commission  
Sam Hugley – Director of Vehicle Maintenance  
Wanzina Jackson – Director of ECD  
Richard Powell – Director of Public Works  
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator

**News Media Present**

Mike Stucka – The Telegraph  
Chase Ambrose – WGXA, Fox 24

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was rendered by Dr. Walter L. Glover of Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Georgia Civic Awareness Program Students (GCAPS) Chase McCard, a junior at Howard High School and Quincy Davis, a senior at Central High School.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ed DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the meeting held on December 31, 2013 were approved as written.


RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUESTS

Dr. Walter L. Glover and his wife, Dr. Beverly Glover of Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Donald Richardson, Jr. – Requested copies of the Georgia Power Franchise Agreement, Amerson Water Works Construction Agreement, and the Amerson Water Works Park Construction Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Richardson was asked to submit an Open Records Request to the Clerk of Commission’s office.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

None

The Committee of the Whole met at 10:00 A.M. and approved items for tonight’s regular meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Franchise Ordinance with Georgia Power:

• Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole adopting a Franchise Ordinance with Georgia Power.

• Clerk read by caption: An Ordinance of the Macon-Bibb Commission granting a franchise to the Georgia Power Company; and to provide for other lawful purposes.

B. Approve Amerson Water Works Contracts:

- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the construction of the Amerson Water Works Park.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the construction of the Amerson Water Works Park, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.


- Ratification of the action of the Committee of the Whole approving a Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the construction of the Amerson Water Works Park.

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb Commission authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the construction of the Amerson Water Works Park, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and for other purposes.


C. Resolution to reconstitute the Land Bank Authority under the Consolidated Government

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb Commission to reconstitute The Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority as provided by O.C.G.A § 48-4-60 et seq.; and for other purposes.


D. Confirmation of Appointments By the Mayor – Approval Required

- Macon Housing Authority (Margaret Hobes)

  A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission appointing Margaret Hobes to the Macon Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Tommy Barnes; and for other purposes.

• Macon Water Authority (Mayor Pro Tem Bivins and Commissioner DeFore)

A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission appointing Bert Bivins, III and Ed DeFore to the Macon Water Authority; and for other purposes.


• Planning and Zoning Commission (Ashok Patel)

A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission appointing Ashok Patel to the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Al Tillman; and for other purposes.


• Industrial Authority (Samuel F. Hart, Sr.)

A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission appointing Samuel F. Hart, Sr. to the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to fill the unexpired term of Jimmie Samuel; and for other purposes.


Confirmation of Appointments by the Mayor – Approval Not Required

• Macon-Bibb County Health Department - Commissioner Elaine Lucas and Commissioner Bert Bivins, III

• MATS Committee - Commissioner Scotty Shepherd, Commissioner Al Tillman, and Commissioner Mallory Jones, III

• Middle Georgia Regional Commission Board - Mayor Reichert will serve in the County position; Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins, III will serve as the Municipal Representative; Chuck O’Neal will serve in the Non-Public position; and Matt Rogers and Lonnie Miley will serve in the two associate positions

E. Resolution Designating the Macon Arts Alliance as the local arts agency to operate on its behalf (Sponsored by Commissioner Tillman and Commissioner Lucas)

• Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission designating the Macon Arts Alliance as its local Arts agency to operate on its behalf; and for other purposes.
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. Resolution to abolish the Macon-Bibb County Transition Task Force

- Clerk read by caption: A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Commission abolishing the Macon-Bibb County Transition Task Force; and for other purposes.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Latonya Lester of MG Alert addressed the issue of human trafficking in the Middle GA area and the call for action throughout the country. She invited everyone to attend and observe National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on Saturday, January 11 to be held in the Commission Chamber Conference Room along with Crisis Line and Safe House as sponsors. Mayor Reichert will present a Proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Macon-Bibb County Commission will hold a Work Session on January 14, 2014 in the small Conference Room at 5:00 P.M.

Commissioner Elaine Lucas announced the celebration activities commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. planned by the Martin King, Jr. Commission for 2014 and invited everyone to take part and participate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

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Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission