

**MINUTES OF PRE-COMMISSION MEETING
MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION
November 18, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
Government Center
(Large Conference Room)**

The Pre-Commission meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Commission was held on November 18, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room 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 Al Tillman

Commission Members Absent

Virgil Watkins, Jr.

Staff Present

Dale Walker – County Manager
Judd Drake – County Attorney
Reggie McClendon – Assistant County Attorney
Opie Bowen – Assistant County Attorney
Shelia Thurmond – Clerk of Commission
Charles Coney – Assistant County Manager (Operations)
Steve Layson – Assistant County Manager (Infrastructure)
Julie Moore – Assistant to County Manager – Strategic Planning & Budget
Chris Floore – Assistant to County Manager – Public Affairs
Jean S. Howard – Assistant Clerk of Commission
Janice Ross – Training & Events Coordinator

News Media Present

Jim Gaines – The Telegraph
Malcolm Johnson – WGXA FOX 24

Visitors Present

Cliffard Whitby – Chairman, Industrial Authority
Robbie Fountain – Vice-Chair, Industrial Authority
Kevin Brown – Attorney, Industrial Authority
Marlon Baldwin – Industrial Authority

Brittney Childs – Industrial Authority
Sheriff David Davis

The Pre-Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert. The Mayor stated the meeting was being convened as a Committee of the Whole to take action on several items of New Business that are time-sensitive for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting.

Mayor Reichert reviewed the Old Business agenda items for tonight's Regular Commission Meeting and stated New Business items would be referred to Committee for action.

AGENDA ITEMS

PRAYER

- A. Pastor Brandon Pitts – Covenant Church of Jesus Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GCAP Students, Ta'lareah Howard and Robert (Brandon) Wright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Pre-Commission Meeting on November 4, 2014
- B. Regular Commission Meeting on November 4, 2014

INVITED GUESTS

- A. Presentation of Proclamation to Robert "BJ" Shepherd, President-Bibb Association of Educators, in recognition of "American Education week"

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

- A. ***NO REPORTS – The Committees did not meet on Tuesday, November 11th due to the observance of Veterans Day.***

CONSENT AGENDA

New Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the following establishments:

- A. ALDI, Inc. #10 located at 4501 Log Cabin Drive

- B. Fountain of Juice, LLC located at 4123 Forsyth Road

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Kumho Pilot Agreement and approving the Kumho Pilot Payments Schedule

Discussion: Clifford Whitby, Chair of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, gave an overview of the Kumho Pilot Agreement and stated its impact economically and developmentally to Macon-Bibb County.

Attorney Kevin Brown, Attorney for the Industrial Authority, stated that originally Kumho planned to invest \$225 million to \$375 million, but has increased that amount to \$413 million to \$600 million. He also stated under the new agreement, one third of the payment in lieu of taxes will go to the Industrial Authority, one-third to the Bibb County School System, and one-third to Macon-Bibb County.

Mayor Reichert stated the agreement would be for 20 years instead of 10 years.

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved and will be considered for ratification at tonight's Regular Commission meeting under Old Business.***
- ***Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman.***

- B. Resolution to approve the exercise of Eminent Domain to acquire in Fee Simple the property commonly known as 430 Craft Street, 1806 First Avenue, and 1818 First Avenue

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Bivins, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved and will be considered for ratification at tonight's Regular Commission meeting under Old Business.***
- ***Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman.***

- C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with T. Y. Lin International, Inc. for the design of the Mercer University Drive Signature pedestrian bridge, approaches, and plaza

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously, the Resolution was approved and will be considered for ratification at tonight's Regular Commission meeting under Old Business.***
- ***Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman.***

D. Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix II, Division A of the Macon-Bibb County Pension and Retirement System of the Code of Ordinances, so as to comply with IRS Notice 2014-19, relating to the Supreme Court decision in the Windsor Case overturning the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

E. Ordinance to amend Charter Appendix III, Macon Fire and Police Employees Retirement System of the Code of Ordinances, so as to comply with IRS Notice overturning the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

Reggie McClendon, Assistant County Attorney, stated changes in some definitions and appendices to the Charter encompassed in Items D & E required they be read and approved at two consecutive meetings of the Commission.

ACTION:

- ***On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Tillman, and carried unanimously, the first reading of the Ordinances under items D and E were approved and will be considered for ratification at tonight's Regular Commission meeting under Old Business.***
- ***Approval by Commissioners Bert Bivins, III, Gary Bechtel, Larry Schlesinger, Elaine Lucas, Mallory Jones, III, Ed DeFore, Scotty Shepherd, and Al Tillman.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager, announced the annual Mayors' Christmas Motorcade had been renamed to Mayors' and Commissioners' Christmas Motorcade for the Macon-Bibb County Consolidated Government. Mr. Coney, Coordinator of the 2014 Motorcade, announced the Motorcade would take place on December 2nd to provide gifts and other needed supplies to patients at Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Georgia. He further stated this annual event was started in 1958 by the Georgia Municipal Association as a way of providing gifts for the patients at Georgia's mental health hospitals and was later expanded to support state and regional hospitals. Mr. Coney stated that without the Christmas Motorcade, many of the patients would not receive a gift for the holidays. He asked everyone to give generously.

Commissioner Tillman is leading the drive for Commissioners and has asked each Commissioner to contribute to his goal of \$500.00.

Mayor Reichert stated several Commissioners would be attending mandatory New Commissioner training in Athens, Georgia on December 2nd. He further stated the December

2nd Pre-Commission and Regular Commission meetings would be rescheduled to December 9th in addition to the regular morning Committee meetings.

Mayor Reichert announced that the first annual Macon-Bibb County Christmas Reception will be held on Tuesday, December 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Government Center.

Charles, Coney, Assistant County Manager for Operations, gave a brief report on the Reverse Vendors Fair held on November 14th at the Terminal Station. He stated that it was a good event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of Commission