

Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority
Work Session Meeting
May 23, 2018

Presiding: Chris Sheridan, Chair

Members in Attendance: Kathryn Gerhardt, Shannon Fickling, Rick Hutto, Carey Pickard, Loretta Thomas, Jr., Blake Sharpton

Members Absent: Gene Dunwody

Others Present: Chris Goodson, Stephen, Isaiah, and Ben Steffen

Staff Present: Alex Morrison, Slayten Carter

Media Present: N/A

Location: Morris M. Cohen conference room, Room 400, Terminal Station 200 Cherry St Macon, GA 31201

Time convened: 12:00 p.m. Time Adjourned: 1:47 p.m.

- I. Update from Lanier on Parking Management Program
 - A. McKay delayed the remaining shipment to June 8th. McKay will not come to Macon until all of the meters and equipment have arrived.
 - B. Alex Morrison displayed the prototype of the parking flyer that will be passed out and he provided a draft of the press release.
 - C. Alex Morrison suggested extending Shawn Stafford's contract to cover the installment of the meters as a back up plan. The board recommended that Alex get Bill Causey to price how much an extension would cost. It was decided that extending Shawn's contract would be the best option for meter installation in light of the Cherry Street improvements.
 - D. Alex Morrison explained the Passport Parking app, which is available for download, and explained parking payment.
- II. Dempsey Purchase Update
 - A. Blake Sharpton reported that the HUD application requests we get an answer in mid July in order to maintain our anticipated September/October closing date.
- III. General Operations Update
 - A. Carey Pickard inquired about the UDA's work with Jessica Lanier Walden, LLC, suggesting that our public relations campaign is falling short as we are not "controlling our story" as it is relayed to the public.
 - B. The board discussed the addition of a weekly email update from Slayten, which will be sent out every Friday. The update should be consistent and bulleted, detailing the work of Alex, Slayten, and the Authority throughout the week.
 - C. A formal request for withdrawal of the RFP for Mill Hill was put in my the board. Alex Morrison will withdrawal the request and will regroup with the board members to discuss a better plan.
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.