

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Mayor Pro Tem Henry Strickland, John Threat, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins.

Mayor James offered the opening Invocation. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting City Clerk, China Agu read the decorum.

Executive duties included the presentation of a Proclamation observing Domestic Violence Month, and Retired Educators Day.

City Manager's Report:

Tonya reminded everyone that this week is Georgia Cities Week and encouraged everyone to participate. She spoke about the drawings that some of the students have done, and she also announced the schedule for the duration of the week. Tonya also spoke a little about the soft opening of the City's new Splash Pad located in Pernel Park.

Mayor's Public Service Announcement:

Mayor James announced that the Meet the Candidates Forum is being held tonight at the C.C. McCray City Auditorium.

There are no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by Acting City Clerk, China Agu for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes:

- 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, August 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m.;
- 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk read the following ordinances as second readings:

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverage, Article I. – In General, By Amending Section 6-7. – Consumption Upon Public Ways, Public Street or Highway, Public Property or Public Places; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross Requesting Protection for the Okefenokee Swamp; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines moved to approve a Joint Resolution between the City of Waycross and Ware County in Support of Protecting the Okefenokee Swamp. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made a second.

Acting City Clerk, China Agu read the Resolution as a Joint Resolution.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve FY 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement for the Waycross Police Department; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Guests: Stephanie Adams, Bethesda Recovery, 1010 Mary Street – Ms. Adams spoke briefly about the upcoming Faith In Blue Event in the Pernel Roberts Park.

Tim Peacock, 906 Euclid Avenue – Addressed the importance of decorum and being professional during the City Commission Meetings.

Commission Solomon-Gaines responded to Mr. Peacock, stating that he was correct and that each Commissioner has the right to raise a point of order. Commissioner Hopkins chimed in stating that it is inappropriate to walk out while someone is speaking.

Michael Hargrove spoke about visibility. The information getting out to the citizens.

During Last call, Commissioner Threat thanked all the guest who came out to the Dialogue with our City's Youth. Solomon-Gaines announced that the Delta Theta Sigma Sorority has workshops coming up about redistricting. Commissioner Hopkins continued about the issue of redistricting. Commissioner Henry Strickland thanked Bethesda Recovery and the Retired Educators for coming out. Mayor James also appreciated the Retired Educators and the ladies from Bethesda Recovery for coming out. He went on to talk about unity in our community, and in closing, Mayor James addressed Mr. Peacock's concerns about the decorum.

After the last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor James adjourned the meeting.



CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

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CHINA AGU, City Clerk