



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 5:00pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Henry Strickland, Sheinita Bennett and Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins

A. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Public Works Director, James Smart.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

A. City Manager-

Rick Currie informed the Commission that a vote was needed to either consider one of the three candidates for the City Manager position or vote to start the process over.

Commissioner Davis motioned to start the process over, Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins seconded, and the Mayor began a vote by districts.

District-1 Commissioner Davis - Start Over, District-2 Commissioner Bennett - Start Over, District-3 Commissioner Felder - Start Over, District-4 Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins - Start Over, and District-5 Commissioner Strickland - Start Over.

The motion passed to start the interview process over.

**III. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

A. City Manager's Report-

No report.

B. Mayor's Public Service Announcements-

The mayor asked Carlos Nelson to update the commission and the citizens on any voting information that they may be helpful with the upcoming election,

**IV. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

There were no remarks on official actions.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.) Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 4:45 P.M.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Special Called Meeting, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 8:00 A.M.; 3.) Waycross City Commission Called Meeting, Thursday, June 16, 2022, 4:00 P.M.; 4.) Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 2:00 P.M.; 5.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 5:00 P.M.; 6.) Waycross City Commission Called Meeting, Thursday, June 30, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

- a. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II. – City Commission, Division 1. – Meetings, Section 2-65 – Order of Business and Agenda, Section 2-66 – Decorum and Section 2-67 – Public Participation in Meetings of the City Commission; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Codification, Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.
- b. An Ordinances of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance Text; To Amend Article VI – General Provisions, Section 608 – Off Street Parking Requirements, Subsection 608.2 (U) – Number of Spaces Required and To Amend Subsection 608.8 – Off Street Parking Development Regulations, By Adding a New Subsection (H) (1) b – Requirements for Unpaved Parking; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Codification, Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. Bid # FY 22-35 Benefits Consulting and Broker Services

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid. Commissioner Strickland seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. Surplus Property WAYX 23-02, 2011 Chevy Impala

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the surplus item. Commissioner Strickland seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 34 – Taxation, Licenses, and Business Regulations, Article IV. – Occupational Tax, Section 34-91 and Article XII. – Yard Sales, Section 34-354, Pertaining to Religious and Charitable Organizations Exempt from Federal Taxation; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Strickland seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Award Contract to Award Contract to Five Points, A Gallagher Company of Franklin, Tennessee, for the City's Insurance Benefits, Consulting, and Broker Services; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Strickland seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare a Certain 2011 Police Vehicle to be Surplused Property; To Provide for Its Sale on govdeals.com; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Hold the City Commission Work Session Set for the Monday Before the First Tuesday in the Month of September 6, 2022, on September 6, 2022; and of Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize Execution of a Managed Security Change Order to the Contract with VC3, Inc. for Enhanced Anti-spam Protection, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Include City Employees Who are Eligible for Retirement Benefits after July 1, 2022, to also Receive City's Health Insurance Benefit, and for Other Purposes.

There was a brief discussion by Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins, inquiring of the HR Director Marissa Hendricks to see when the employee handbook will be updated. Mrs. Hendricks stated she is currently working on it now. Commissioner Davis expressed his appreciation for all the hard work she puts in.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Davis seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**I. GUESTS:**

Tim Peacock, 906 Euclid Ave, Waycross Ga,  
Spoke on how close it was deciding what to do concerning employee insurance and that they should do better. He also gave his opinion of the constant talk of more needing more voter precincts.

Michael Hargrove, 2012 Alice Street, Waycross Ga,  
Gave his opinion on the discussion the commission had on yesterday regarding the Armory and the authorization of funds he believes were allocated to it.

Anthony Bryant, 701 Magnolia Street, Waycross Ga,  
Expressed his dissatisfaction with all the commissioners for not supporting Patrick Simmons for the City Managers position.

**VII. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:

  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk