



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Diane Hopkins, and Henry Strickland.

A. Invocation:

Invocation led by Mr. James Smart, Public Works Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Read by Acting City Clerk, Greg Smith

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Hopkins and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

There were none at this time.

**III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

A. Employee of the Month

Chief Brown, WFD, presented Mrs. Lisa Williams with the fire departments employee of the month.

B. Schedule Public Hearing:

1. To Consider Closure of Right-of-way and Alley

Attorney Rick Curry made it aware to the commission that a Public Notice needed to be set for the closure of the 60ft Right-of-way on North Dakota and also the ally that runs perpendicular for, March 7, 2023, at 4:45

C. Appointment: Ware County Board of Health

Barbara Miller's appointment to the Board has expired, and she wishes to remain on the Ware County Board of Health. There was motion to approve this appointment, by Commissioner Felder and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

- A. City Manager's Report
- B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

A. Consent Calendar:

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
  - b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 4:45 P.M.
  - c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
- 2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a
- 3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett and Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

- 1. WAYX 23-11 - Surplus Land Sale - 0.117 Acre Brunswick Avenue

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 2. WAYX 23-12 – Surplus Cellphones

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 3. WAYX 23-14 - Surplus Property – 80 Glock 22/27 Pistols

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. Bid # FY23-08 - Financing for Fire Truck

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 50 of Gilchrist Park Subdivision; To Authorize Quit Claim Deeds; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City Commission of Waycross, Georgia, To Appoint a City Manager for the City of Waycross; To Approve the Entry of an Employment Agreement Upon the Terms and Conditions Attached Hereto, The Same Setting Salary and All Other Terms of Employment; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett and. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Modification of Loan Agreement for GEFA Loan Number CW2020002, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Modification of Loan Agreement for GEFA Loan Number DW2020009, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

4. A Resolution of the City Commission of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Purchase of Glock Duty Weapons from ED'S Public Safety, Inc. of Stockbridge, Georgia; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Described Herein and Located Between Albany Avenue and Brunswick Avenue; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve Financing Terms for Newly Purchased Pierce Saber Fire Pumper Truck with Cogent Bank of Orlando, Florida; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed

7. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Increase in Contract Price for the Albany Avenue Resurfacing Project Awarded to East Coast Asphalt, LLC; and for Other Purposes.

City Attorney Rick Curry stated that since there was not a motion or a seconded, that this Resolution would be considered dead.

## **VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Davis-wanted to recognize the passing of his mother and the beautiful legacy he inherited from her humility, grace, wisdom and love from her friends and her community. She was 99 years of age.

Commissioner Felder- extended her sincere condolences to commissioner Davis on the passing of his mother and also the Wesley family for the loss of the sister. She also expressed her gratitude for all citizens coming out and sharing their concerns. She congratulated our New City Manager, Mr. Rayford, and with great enthusiasm welcomed him to our great city.

Commissioner Hopkins-extended her condolences to commissioner Davis for the loss of his mother. She expressed it doesn't matter the age our mother is still our mother. She congratulated Lisa Williams for being the employee of the month as well as Mr. Rayford for his new role as our City Manager.

Commissioner Strickland- wanted to expressly give his condolences for the loss of commissioner Davis mother.

Commissioner Bennett- extended condolences to commissioner Davis and the Coachman family for the loss of their loved ones. She congratulated the New City Manager, Mr. Rayford and the employee of the month, Mrs. Williams.

The mayor thanked all the commissioners for unity. He also gave condolences to commissioner Davis for the loss of his mother, he expressed he knows how that feels. He commended commissioner Davis for his strength to be present at the meeting during his grieving process. He went on to congratulate our now New City Manager and thanked Greg Smith for stepping in to fill the role of the city clerk during her absence. He thanked Chief Cox again and all department heads for stepping in to fill the role of Interim City Manager, he wanted them to know he appreciated it and they all did an outstanding job.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Felder. And the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.



**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY: *Michael-Angelo James*  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*Jacqueline Powell*  
**JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk**