

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present Commissioners Norman Davis, and Henry Strickland.

There were no votes taken on official actions due to the absence of a quorum.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Katrena Felder

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

David White, 1419 Marion Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr. White spoke on the continued need for a light at the intersection of Corridor Z and Blackwell. He made the comment that DOT should be at these meetings to hear citizens complaints to offer suggestions for a resolution on this issue. City Manager, Ulysses Rayford asked Mr. White if he could stay after the meeting.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. WAYX 23-16 – Surplus Weight Machine

There was a consensus to place this on Commission Meeting Agenda

B. Discussion: Engineering – Trey Gavin/Robbie Cheek

1. Highway 55 Development Water Main Relocation on Memorial Drive

Mr. Cheek spoke on the need to consider sharing the cost to relocate a water line with Highway 55 Restaurant. Mr. Cheek at the recommendation of the commission will go back and ask if they can come down on the cost by \$300.00 so as not to have a resolution. If they don't agree, he will bring back before the commission.

C. Discussion: Scheduling Budget Meetings – Greg Smith

Greg discussed having the budget as a topic at the Retreat

D. Discussion: Deputy City Clerk

Mayor James discussed the need to have this position created, because of all the specific duties allocated to the City Clerk.

E. Discussion: Chief of Staff

Mayor James discussed the need to pursue this position, as the duties of the City Manager will grow as the city grows.

F. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

G. Privilege Licenses: n/a

H. Proposed Ordinances: n/a

I. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize and Approve a Standard Utility Agreement – Contract Item Agreement, with the Georgia Department of Transportation for State Road 38 Bridge Project; and for Other Purposes.
2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchase of Body Armor for the Waycross Police Department; and for Other Purposes.

J. City Attorney’s Report:

K. City Manager’s Report:

The City Manger spoke on the Giving Weeds Program. He spoke about the number of alleys the city currently has with the possibility of closing some and returning the others back to the property owners. He also discussed the text-my-gov software and the advantage of having it for transparency and communication for the citizens and the city.

1. Schedule Retreat – May 19-20, 2023
2. Department Report: Greg Smith, Finance Department

Greg Smith, gave a report on plans for the budget.

L. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

Commissioner Davis - thanked the public works department for the handicap ramps.

Commissioner Strickland - thanked all the employees and all those people who had a hand in putting together a great Swamp fest for the city.

Mayor James - thanked the City Manager for moving in the community in the manner that he has. The citizens know who he is. He also acknowledges the WFD for their Come In from the Rain, production in awareness of suicide and PTSD.

M. Adjournment

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was given by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Strickland. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

