



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 – 5:00 PM**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Tuesday, January 3, 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, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Henry Strickland and Sheinita Bennett.

A. Invocation:

The Invocation was led by Dr. Carla Hardy

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Read by Jacqueline Powell

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner Strickland and seconded by Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

There were no comments on official actions

**III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

A. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore'

There was motion made by Commissioner Davis nominating Commissioner Bennett for Mayor Pro Temp for the year beginning 2023. Commissioner Strickland made a nomination as well for Commissioner Felder. Commissioner Felder although grateful for the nomination, thanked Commissioner Strickland, but declined at this time because of her current commitments. The motion for Commissioner Bennett, proceeded and was seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**B. Pronouncement of City Officers (Presented by Mayor and Confirmed by Commission)**

<i>City Attorney</i>	<i>Rick Currie</i>
<i>Assistant City Attorney</i>	<i>Huey W. Spearman</i>
<i>Official Organ:</i>	<i>Waycross Journal-Herald</i>
<i>City Depository:</i>	<i>Ameris Bank</i> <i>Waycross Bank &amp; Trust</i>
<i>City Auditor:</i>	<i>Mauldin &amp; Jenkins CPAs</i>
<i>City Engineer:</i>	<i>ESG Engineering</i>
<i>Municipal Court Judge</i>	<i>Judge Douglas W. Gibson</i>
<i>Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tempore</i>	<i>Adrienne Gibson</i>
<i>Insurance Agents:</i>	<i>Gallagher/Five Points</i> <i>Oakbridge Insurance Company</i> <i>Cigna Health, Anthem Vision, New York Life &amp; AD&amp;D</i> <i>Gallagher Insurance</i> <i>Travelers Liability &amp; Workers Comp</i>
<i>City Election Superintendent:</i>	<i>Ware County Board of Elections and Registration</i>

Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept these positions followed by a second from Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

**C. Appointment to Executive Positions (One-Year Appointments) Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by the Commission:**

<b>Waycross Ware County Development Authority:</b> <i>Asod Brown</i> <i>David Raffis</i> <i>Rusty Hall</i>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Library Board of Trustees:</b>	<b>Ex-Officio:</b> Commissioner Henry Strickland
<b>Mayor's Youth Council:</b>	Dallas Benefield Ja'Niyah Curry-Clerk Alecia Gardner Leo Gardner Jaylen McGauley Dasja Smith Jontasia White

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<b>Southern Georgia Regional Commission</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
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**Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee: Mayor**

**Ware County Health Board: Mayor**

**Downtown Waycross Development Authority: Mayor**

**Waycross-Ware Co Chamber of Commerce: Mayor**

*(Mayor and/or City Manager are Automatic Appointees to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Waycross-Ware Development Authority, Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee and Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Waycross Development Authority)*

*Pension Committee for Retirement Fund\* (Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by City Commission)(Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and Personnel Analyst & Risk Management Employee are Automatic Appointees:*

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| a. | Mayor             | Mayor Michael-Angelo James       |
| b. | City Manager      | Tommy Cox, Interim City Manager  |
| c. | City Attorney     | Rick Currie, City Attorney       |
| d. | Finance Director  | Greg Smith, Finance Director     |
| e. | City Commissioner | Diane L. Hopkins, Commissioner   |
| f. | Department Head   | Marissa Hendrix, Human Resources |

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to accept these positions followed by a second from Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

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

The mayor made announcements about all the great events going on in the city during the Month of January.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

- A. Consent Calendar:
  - 1. Approval of Minutes:
    - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, December 19, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
    - b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
  - 2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a

3. Privilege License Renewals:

- a. Qee's Company, J. Edwards, 670 Oak Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, Consumption on Premises.
- b. Dollar General, C. Sermons, 1803 Knight Avenue, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only.
- c. Aden's Minit Market, K. Batton, 2198 Brunel Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only.

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

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances: n/a

E. Resolutions: n/a

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

Commissioner Davis-

Stated how proud he was of the Mayors Youth Council, and he is excited to see what they have in store for the future. He thanked Dr. Carla Hardy for the wonderful Invocation served tonight. He asked James Smart to give an update on the progress of the Wi-Fi Stations for his districts park.

Commissioner Felder-

Thanked all the citizens for coming out and voicing their concerns. She also thanked all the Department Heads for all the hard work they do for the City of Waycross. She thanked Dr. Hardy for the beautiful invocation she blessed us with, and she praised the Mayors Youth Council on their decision to be apart of such a great organization. She expressed to them that they should be commended for their commitment, and she encouraged them to reach out to her and the other commissioners if they should ever have questions about anything.

Commissioner Strickland-

He spoke to Dr. Hardy, extending to her his deepest thanks for such a warm and wonderful invocation. He extended his excitement and complete happiness for the young people who make up the Mayors Youth Council. He shared Commissioner Felders sentiments of being available to them for anything they need to make this a success.

Mayor Pro Temp, Shenitia Bennett-

Thanked Dr. Hardy for her beautiful and heartfelt invocation. She extended encouraging words to the Mayors Youth Council, expressing to them to be the example to the community through their actions, there works and commitment. She also stated to them to never hold back in reaching out to the commission if they should ever need them.

Mayor James-

Gave a quote from "Footprints In the Sand" .... encouraging the young students that they have committed to a great task. And that he was very proud of them and the things they have planned. He congratulated them all and expressed excitement to be working together with them.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The mayor entertained a motion to adjourn. There a motion made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael-Angelo James  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

