

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 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 Tuesday, March 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, and Commissioners Norman Davis, and Henry Strickland.

**A. Invocation:** Commissioner Sheinita Bennett

Invocation was led by, Chief Eddins, WFD

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. GUESTS:**

Larry Lockey, 818 Sargent Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr., Lockey, spoke on the removal of the confederate monument that continues to stand even though it was voted by the commission that it should be removed. He wants to know what it will take to make that happen.

**III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS**

**IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**

**A. Bids:**

1. WAYX 23-12 Surplus One (1) Extractor Washing Machine

There was a consensus to place this on Commission Meeting Agenda

**B. Schedule Public Hearing:**

1. To Consider Rezoning of WA0607 220 (Bailey Street)

There was a consensus to place this on Commission Meeting Agenda

**C. Discussion: Homeland Security Grant Program –**

Chief Tommy Cox, WPD, spoke about the one grant that did not go through

**D.** Privilege License Renewals: n/a

**E.** Privilege Licenses:

1. Johns Game Room, J. Edwards, 668 Oak Street, Waycross Georgia, 31501, Beer, Consumption on Premises.

There was a consensus to place this on Today's Commission Meeting Agenda

**F.** Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Sixty Foot Wide Right of Way for North Dakota Avenue Running from Minnesota Avenue to Missouri Avenue; To Close and Abandon a Ten Foot Wide Alley Running from South Dakota Avenue to Glenmore Avenue; To Authorize Quit Claim Deeds to Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

**G.** Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Waycross, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for tomorrow's commission meeting

2. A Joint Resolution by the City of Waycross and Ware County, Georgia, Regarding Albany Avenue Project; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for tomorrow's commission meeting

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement for the Waycross Police Department; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for tomorrow's commission meeting

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize the Signing of a Utility Aid Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for A Project to Improve the Bridge on State Road 38(U.S. Highway 84) at the Satilla River; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for tomorrow's commission meeting

**H. City Attorney's Report:**

**I. City Manager's Report:**

City Manager, Ulysses Rayford, spoke to the commission and citizens explaining that he will be reviewing previous policies to update himself on where we were and where we are now as a city. He encouraged all citizens to bring others with them to these meetings because this meeting is for information purposes, and this is how we know what matters to our citizens whom we serve.

1. Department Report:

Chief Tommy Cox, WPD, gave a report on the progress of the Waycross Police Department.

**J. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session**

Commissioner Davis- asked James Smart to give an update on the progress of the basketball courts progress.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all the citizens who came out and reminded them that it helps the commission to be able to make better decisions when they can hear the concerns of the citizens.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett- thanked all the citizens for coming out also acknowledge Chief Cox and the WPD giving thanks for handling a situation professionally.

Mayor James- thanked all the citizens for coming and expressing their concerns especially to Mr. Lockey and Dr. Martin for sharing their concerns adding that it is necessary to make things happen. He thanked all the staff.

**K. Adjournment**

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, motion given by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Strickland. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:

*+ Michael-Angelo James*  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES,**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

