



**MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 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 Tuesday, March 21, 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 and Henry Strickland.

- A. Invocation:
Invocation was led by Ms. Lala Humphrey
- 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 the amended agenda to include the addition of the Public Hearings, for South Deenwood Subdivision and Northside Subdivision was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

- A. Schedule Public Hearing:
 - 1. To Consider Rezoning of WA0607 220 (Bailey Street)
Scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 4:15 P.M.
 - 2. To abandon and close a 10 foot wide alley in Block 72 of South Deenwood Subdivision
Scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 4:45 P.M.
 - 3. To abandon and close a 10 foot wide alley in Block L of Northside Subdivision running
northwesterly from Charlton Street to Clough Street
Scheduled for May 2, 2023 at 4:45 P.M.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager, Ulysses Rayford, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve.

B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

The mayor recognized April as being designated for Child Abuse Awareness Month. He thanked the Divine 9, for their attendance and recognized them for all of the services they provided our community continually throughout the year.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, March 6, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
- b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 4:45 P.M.
- c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

B. Privilege Licenses:

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

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

C. Bids:

1. WAYX 23-13 Surplus One (1) Extractor Washing Machine

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

D. 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.

There was a motion to approve the ordinance by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Resolutions:

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis- keep in prayer those who have loss their loved ones. He was happy to see the Divine 9, and he thanked them all for coming out. He also thanked all people who care and look after the children.

Commissioner Felder-thanked all for coming out. She gave condolences to her mother for the loss of her brother. She thanked the Divine 9 for their presence here and in the community.

Commissioner Strickland- gave his condolences to Commissioner Felder for her loss.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, gave condolences to Commissioner Felder on the loss of her uncle.

Mayor James- thanked all commissioners, and reminded all about the sold out Swampfest and his excitement about that. He extended condolences to the Felder, Merritt, and Hill families for the loss of their loved ones. He congratulated the City of Waycross for being Certified City of Ethics.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Commissioner Davos and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. And the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

