

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 1, 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, May 1, 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 (in at 5:03), Commissioners Norman Davis, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, and Diane Hopkins.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Invocation led by, Marc Hawkins, Director of Community Improvement

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

Dr. Earl Martin, 902 Elizabeth Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Dr. Martin, spoke briefly on the fire damaged property in his neighborhood that is still their and is a poor reflection of the neighborhood.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. Bid# FY23-11 Zero Turn Mowers

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda.

B. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

C. Privilege Licenses: n/a

D. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of an Unopened Alley in Block 72 of South Deenwood Subdivision; To Authorize a Quitclaim Deed to the Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

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E. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Loan Agreement for GEFA Loan Number CW2021041, and for Other Purposes.

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F. City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Rick Currie spoke briefly on the need to set a Public Hearing for June 6, 2023, at 4:45 on the Home Occupation Zoning Code.

G. City Manager's Report:

City Manager, Ulysses Rayford, spoke on his plans for the city's transparency and inclusion initiative.

1. Department Report: James Smart, Public Works Director

Mr. Smart presented his departmental report to the commission.

2. Retreat Discussion Topics

The City Manager spoke on topics of discussion for the Annual Retreat.

H. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

Commissioner Davis- No last call

Commissioner Bennett- Thanked all for coming out, also those who came and participated in district 2's townhall meeting.

Commissioner Felder- Thanked all for coming. She also thanked the City Manager for all the hard work he has done to show the citizens and city commissioners his plan on the importance of inclusion and transparency.

Commissioner Hopkins- Thanked all for coming out and complimented the City Manager on his great work and diligence in his preparations and commitment of generating inclusion and transparency.

Commissioner Strickland- Thanked all for coming and participating in our townhall meeting and the commission meetings. He asked for patience as the commission moves forward with plans to implement improvements for our city.

I. Adjournment

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was given by Commissioner Hopkins and seconded by Commissioner Felder. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

