

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 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, December 18, 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 Katrena Felder and Henry Strickland and Diane Hopkins (in at 5:18)

**A. Invocation:** Commissioner Felder

Led by Chief Eddins, WFD

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. GUESTS:**

There were none

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

**IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**

**A. Bids:**

1. **WAYXL FY24-02 Surplus Property 721 S. GA Pkwy (Old Garage)**

Dist-1 Norman Davis, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

2. **WAYX 24-04 Surplus Vehicles**

Dist-1 Norman Davis, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

**B. Discussion Items:**

1. Travel Voucher (finance brief)

City manager, asked that everyone traveling from this day forward, complete the travel voucher completely for the city's records.

2. Roads and Streets way-ahead
3. Parks Rendering (District 1,2,3).
4. GDOT Meeting Summary

There is a meeting coming up either the 9<sup>th</sup> or the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 to discuss certain highways here in the city. He will let the commission know when they confirm the date. The discussion will include raised medians starting at Walmart through parts of Corridor Z.

5. Jogging/Biking/Golf Cart Ordinance (Discussion Only)

The city manager spoke on safety concerns he has with this group of people. He wants to investigate some Ordinance changes to address laws and age limits when use of motorized vehicles while addressing the bike lanes here in the city.

6. Inclement Weather Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

When the temperature gets to 40 and below, the city manager wants to open certain buildings for use to help those citizens who are without power and the homeless.

7. Monitoring Requirements
8. Inframark EPD Findings Update Response
9. Tattoo Studio Zoning Concern
10. Pet Ordinance (New Animal Chip Registration)
11. Yard Trash Truck Repair

Mr. James spoke on the need for the repair of the

12. Chip Grant

City manager asked that this be removed until a later date.

13. Mayor's Advisory Council

**C. Privilege Licenses Renewals:**

1. Shell City, R. Patel, 507 City Blvd, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
2. Om Food Mart, R. Patel, 935 Tebeau Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
3. Dollar General Market, H. Joaxsom, 1803 Knight Ave. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
4. Walgreens, M. Smart Sr., 1740 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
5. Kroger, W. Tompkins, 1606 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.

D. Privilege Licenses: n/a

E. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Appendix B – Municipal Fees, by Amending and Adding Fees and Charges for Permits for Use of Right of Ways and for Due Compensation for Use of Right of Way; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; **To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading**; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

F. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve State Fiscal Year 2024 Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Declare Certain Real Property Owned by the City and Located at 721 South Georgia Parkway as Surplus Property; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Declare Certain Police Vehicles to be Surplused Property; To Provide for Their Sale on GOVDEALS.COM; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare a Vehicle Awarded by the Court to the Waycross Police Department to Be Surplus Property; To Provide, After Due Notice to the Public, For Its Sale by Any Commercially Feasible Means; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Submit an Application to Obtain FY 2024 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Improvements.

**\*\*\*The City Manager removed this until a later date\*\*\***

G. City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Rick Currie spoke on the need to have a

H. City Manager's Report:

I. Last Call

Commissioner Davis- nothing currently.

Commissioner Bennett -thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She also welcomed Commissioner Hopkins back after a long absence due to illness.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked the citizens and the staff. She stated she was happy to be back, and that while out recovering from her personal illness, she lost a brother and wanted everyone to continue to keep her and her family in prayer.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out. He also welcomed Commissioner Hopkins back.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He thanked the staff and directors and all who kept his family in prayer during his family's loss. He welcomed Commissioner Hopkins back as well.

J. Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion to adjourn to go into executive session for real property, litigation and personnel was made by Commissioner Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The time adjourned was 6:20 p.m.

K. Adjournment

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

