



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis, and Diane Hopkins.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Felder

Led by James Smart, Public Works Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Led by Jacqueline Powell, City Clerk

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

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

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. Approval to Publish: Public Notice of Intent

Attorney Rick Currie discussed the need to have the Notice of Intent advertised in the Waycross Journal Herald.

There was a census with the vote being, Dist-1 Norman Davis-Yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder- Yes, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins -Yes, and Dist-5 Henry Strickland- Yes.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager, Ulysses Rayford, announced the meeting with GDOT on January 9, 2024, at 2:30 pm.

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

The mayor announced that the Christmas Parade will start at 6:30 today, also the NAACP Banquet will be January 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the CC McCrae Auditorium.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes: n/a
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
 - a. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 34 – Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IV. – Occupation Tax, Section 34-90 By Adding Language that Other Business Locations in the City are Taxed for Gross Receipts; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes
3. Privilege License Renewals:
 - a. Shell City, R. Patel, 507 City Blvd, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
 - b. Om Food Mart, R. Patel, 935 Tebeau Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only
 - c. Dollar General Market, H. Joaxsom, 1803 Knight Ave. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
 - d. Walgreens, M. Smart Sr., 1740 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only
 - e. Kroger, W. Tompkins, 1606 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

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

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. WAYX 24-04 Surplus Vehicles

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

D. 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.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

E. 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.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

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.

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

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.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

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.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Contract With Pittman's Garage and Trucking, INC. For Emergency Repairs to A Yard Trash Truck; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Mailing of a Letter From The City of Waycross Water Department Project Manager To All City of Waycross Water Customers; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis – reminded everyone to remember and keep in prayer those who have lost loved ones. He wanted the City Manager to investigate the purchase of a bigger screen for presentations and the lights are too bright that are facing them.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. Announced her excitement of the entry of The Mighty Chessie Train built by CSX, that will be in this year's Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked all for coming out and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming and thanked all of the sitting commissioners for there service to the community.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He reminded everyone of the upcoming events happening in the city.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:


JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

