

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY NOVEMBER 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 Monday, November 20, 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.

- A. Invocation: Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett
Invocation 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. Bid #FY24-11 Cargo Van
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. WAYXL-24-01 Surplus Land, 1011 Johnson Avenue
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. Computer Software Presentations
Tyler Technology and BS & A, presented to the commission their software that is being considered for purchase. After presentations and discussion, a vote was brought forward to place Tyler Technology on the Tuesdays Agenda for a vote.
Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

2. ARPA Application Extension Vote

The City Manager discussed the need to extend the deadline for ARPA Grant by 50 days. The last day would be January 5, 2024, at 4:00 pm with an understanding that consideration may need to be made if the Holidays affect completion of the process.

3. GDOT Update

The City Manager talked about the meeting he had with GDOT about the highways in the city. Also, there will be another meeting on December 5, 2023, to discuss raised medians throughout the city.

4. City Retreat Requirements and Date

The City Manager requested an extension to be placed on a final date for the Mini Retreat. There is a need because of Roads, Charter, and Finance. Time to be announced later. He wants someone to come in and look at the accounts. He plans to talk with our current auditors regarding some inconsistencies.

5. Commission Dashboard Presentation

The goal is for each commissioner to see what is going on in live time in the city. This is for each commissioner to be better transparent with the citizens regarding their concerns in their community. His goal is to have this up by February.

C. Privilege Licenses Renewals:

1. Georges Liquor Store, R. Patel, 2401 ½ Plant Ave. Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor package sales only.
2. Petro Station, H. Bawa, 1001 S. Ga. Parkway East, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
3. DeliciousDuo LLC, A. Smith, 215 Pendleton Street, Ste 231, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
4. 1ST Stop Foods, R. Patel, 709 Brunel Street, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
5. Corner Stop, J. Patel, 2401 Plant Ave., Waycross, Ga 31501, Beer, package sales only
6. Wiley's Top Shelf, D. Wiley, 409 Alice Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
7. Stop-N-Save, V. Patel, 500 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
8. Crossway Convenience Store, A. Patel, 385 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine package sales only.
9. Traffic Light, S. James, 650 Oak Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
10. EDD's Package Store, P. Collins, 608 S. Ga. Parkway East, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, package sales only.
11. Two Guy's Beverage and Tobacco, J. Fowler, 2100 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, package sales only.
12. CVS, C. Goode, 1800 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.

D. Privilege Licenses: n/a

E. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 6 of South Northside Subdivision; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds to the Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; 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 Purchase of a Cargo Van for the City Warehouse; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve a Loan Agreement with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, to Rehabilitate and Improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve a Loan Agreement with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Administered by Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, To Install Water Well; 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 Certain Real Property Located at 1011 Johnson Avenue as Surplus Property; To Authorize Sale to Highest Responsible Bidder; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

G. City Attorney's Report:

H. City Manager's Report:

He discussed early closings for the Holidays. He reminded all about the Breakfast, coffee and donuts for the city employees, on December 1, 2023, at 8:00 am. He discussed a handout regarding the EPA inspection. City employees will do cleaning at the building before the Thanksgiving Holidays.

I. Last Call

J. Adjourn to Executive Session

Adjourned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation. Commissioner Strickland made the motion seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Benett. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

K. Adjournment

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

