



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 21, 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, and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett.

- A. Invocation:  
Was led by, Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett
- 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 agenda was made by Commissioner Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

**III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

- A. City Manager's Report  
The City's priorities remain connected to enhancing customer service and communication, community engagement & development, and economic growth. This week's Priorities are:
  1. Continuous evaluation of city processes and systems that lead to better efficiency and customer service.
  2. Community Clean up.
  3. Streets, Roads, and Projects update (priority) execution.
  4. Budget review execution.
  5. District Dashboard execution.
  6. GDOT Infrastructure way ahead execution.
  7. ARAP review and Grant process execution.
  8. Community interaction/engagement (5)

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

The Mayor announced that on First Friday, there will be lighting of the city Christmas Tree from 5-8pm in downtown Waycross. There will be a QR code for all vendors who wish to participate. He also announced there will be a 5k and 1 mile run in memory of Cindy Tanner on this day as well.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission and Information Session, Monday November 6, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
- b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 7, at 5:00 pm.

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

- a. An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-Zone the Property Described Herein Located on Dorothy Street From R-50 Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial; To Set an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and For Other Purposes.
- b. An Ordinance to Close Alleys in the City Block Created by the Boundaries of Mary Street on the South, Izlar Street on the West, Isabella Street on the North and Nicholls Street on the East; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
- c. An Ordinance to Close Right of Way and Alleys in the City Block created by the Boundaries of Never Opened Portion of Geary Street on the North, Garlington Avenue on the West, Ketterer Street on the South, and Never Opened Portion of Crawford Street on the East; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals:

- a. Georges Liquor Store, R. Patel, 2401 ½ Plant Ave. Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor package sales only.
- b. Petro Station, H. Bawa, 1001 S. Ga. Parkway East, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- c. Delicious Duo LLC, A. Smith, 215 Pendleton Street, Ste 231, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
- d. 1<sup>ST</sup> Stop Foods, R. Patel, 709 Brunel Street, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- e. Corner Stop, J. Patel, 2401 Plant Ave., Waycross, Ga 31501, Beer, package sales only
- f. Wiley's Top Shelf, D. Wiley, 409 Alice Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- g. Stop-N-Save, V. Patel, 500 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- h. Crossway Convenience Store, A. Patel, 385 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine package sales only.

- i. Traffic Light, S. James, 650 Oak Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- j. EDD's Package Store, P. Collins, 608 S. Ga. Parkway East, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, package sales only.
- k. Two Guy's Beverage and Tobacco, J. Fowler, 2100 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, package sales only.
- l. CVS, C. Goode, 1800 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.

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

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. Bid #FY24-11 Cargo Van

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

2. WAYXL 24-01 Surplus Land 1011 Johnson Avenue

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

D. 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.

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

E. 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve the Signing of An Engagement Letter with Attorney Charles A. Dorminey for Legal Representation in a Civil Lawsuit; and for Other Purposes.

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

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchase of Financial Software From Tyler Technologies of Lubbock, Texas, for the Governmental Financial Software; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

## **VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Bennett -thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out, also congratulated the employee of the month as well extended a belated happy birthday to Commissioner Bennett. He thanked the community and all who participated in the Butterfly Run, hosted by Hospice.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He encouraged everyone to stay safe during this Holiday Season. He reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade, First Friday Events and the 3k and 1k run that will be happening during the Holidays.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Strickland motioned for adjournment, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

*+ Michael Angelo James*  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Jacqueline Powell*  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

