

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025, | 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
*(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)*

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners Shawn Roberts, Alvin Nelson, Katrena Felder, and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett

A. Invocation: Commissioner Felder

Invocation was led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. GUESTS:**

Mr. James Thomas 520 S. Crawford Street, Waycross- talked about needing sign placement and plumbing issues on his street.

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

**IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION \*\*\*SEE DISCUSSION NOTES\*\*\***

**A. Discussion Items:**

1. Bids:

- a. Vactor Truck for Public Works
- b. Purchase of 3 trucks for Comm. Imp. and Fire Dept.

There was a consensus to place on Tuesday agenda.

- 2. Take Home Vehicles
- 3. Infrastructure Updates
- 4. Blighted Properties
- 5. The Appointment to the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission
  - a.
  - b.
- 6. The Appointment to the Housing Authority
  - a.
  - b.

**C. Privilege Licenses Renewals: n/a**

**D. Privilege Licenses:**

1. WAWA, P. Valentino, 1725 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.

**E. Proposed Ordinances: n/a**

**F. Proposed Resolutions:**

1. A Resolution To Approve City of Waycross Budgets For Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 Through June 30, 2026.

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**G. City Attorney Report:**

**H. City Managers Report:**

**I. Last Call**

**J. Adjourn to Executive Session**

There was a motion made to enter into executive session by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:10pm.

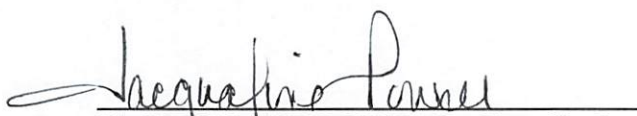
**K. Adjournment**

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:

  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk



Section 6.00.02 –Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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MAYOR: At this time, we look to our city clerk for our guest tonight.

CITY CLERK: Uh, Mr. Mayor, we have one guest, Mr. James Thomas. Mr. Thomas, if you'll step to the podium, please, and we request that you state your address and your name For the record. Mr. Thomas is here speaking on the street sign and plumbing.

GUEST: Yes, my name is James Thomas. I live at 520 South Crawford Street, Waycross, Georgia. It's good to see all the council again. I pray God bless you and lead you and guide you. Um, that's how much there which has been a long while going on. I apologize because I've had some difficulties. Um, they were stated there was a sign on each end across the street with no heavy trucks allowed. There's none there. Um, also, the plumbing was told. I was told last time that I was on the pavement and plumbing list, which has not been done, and so I'm just coming to check on that. Basically, see when that's going to get done. Because you can when you have problems, you can actually go to a room, might clean out it and backed up into the road. So, you know, it's in the road. So, we just find out when is this going to get done. Because we can't you know, no disrespect, man. No, the only madness, man. You know, we're just tired of having have this issue. And the other thing is that blue stuff that come up out of the ground, um, that y'all said was tree sap can kill one puppy and made one sick, um, one little puppy through it. So, the other one is, um, getting better. Um, but whatever it is, is hurting the animals, and we need to find out what's causing that. And, um, and that's the other thing I meant to mention. I apologize so greatly, um, that we need to find out what's in that that's actually hurting animals. I mean, because I got one little brown puppy for three weeks old that I gave a medicine, no matter what they did, didn't die. The other one is my other dog, which is like four years old. He has still got a little bit of the issue, but he is getting better. So, we need to actually take and get a sample of that, and please send it someplace where they can thoroughly check it and find out what in God's green earth is hurting the animals. You know what I mean? Because every time my dog could get around it and get the taste up that wind up in the bed office, so we know something's in it. And I'm not trying to. Please, don't y'all know me better than that? You know, I'm not trying to be ugly or disrespectful. And I thank you all for listening. And I graciously thank y'all for the time. Thank you.

Thank you, thank you.

MAYOR: So, at this time, we will turn this over to our city manager for the remainder of our time.

CITY MANAGER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. At this time, we do have, uh, travel and training schedule. Um, so, director directors, Was the commissioner. The mayor and I will be traveling to the GMA Conference in Savannah starting on the 19th and ending on the 24th. That's the total time frame of the conference. I know some of the commissioners and some of the directors will be leaving for that. That's a total time frame of the conference itself. I don't have to worry about the schedule. So, uh, next, Mr. Mayor, we move into the planning information session. The vision and the mission remain the same. City priorities remain the same. Services, quality of life. City workforce already explained, remain the same. I will highlight on this particular slide this time. Mr. Mayor, as far as the outreach programs, community engagement partnerships, we have police Junior Academy happened this past week or last week and it was well received by the citizens. We're thankful for Chief Cox putting that on, assisted by the rest of the directors and some of the key staff. It was a great event, but they had 100 kids, 100 children, and they had a great time out there. The plan remains the same. But we're coming to the midterm. Year 2.0. I would defer some of my time tonight with the senior Report for city updates and update. We'll talk about so many things that happened in his time. But. What a presentation all about. The finance department, the purchasing department of Public Works will be here for 40 minutes on two of the areas. And. We'll start with Jackson. Thank you.

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MATT ELWELL: Well, I'm not Miss Jackson but I'll fill in. Um, so we got two bids for the backdrop. Um, both are from the same company that we currently use for some of our other heavy equipment, which is EEG up in Atlanta, and they are a state contract bidder for heavy equipment such as sweepers or pack max um, and backdrops. 95% of these. The specs on this are exactly the same. One has some additional features that are the standard features, but they gave us a quote on some of the lesser features if we want to save a little extra money. So, the additional features that are included are the standard features. Um, for example, this has a rear camera. Uh, the upgraded version has 360-degree cameras for, you know, when you're moving the vehicle, it is a large vehicle for safety. It has more lighting on it as well. And the biggest thing is the rapid deployment boom on it. Uh, which the standard one just really quick. Um, it's a ten-foot telescoping boom. So, you got to be within ten feet of the storm or sewer cutout or whatever you're trying to clean. Um, and then you have to hook the tubes up manually. Whatever distance you're trying to get to. The telescoping boom has more arrangements. It rapidly deploys out and all the equipment is attached up to 15ft, so the first 15ft are already attached. There's nothing else to do. It's for ease of use, quicker setup, which is all right there. You can just pull up. If it's not within ten feet, you still have enough room to operate. So that's the major differences. And that's the increased, um, \$15,900 for the additional features on that truck. So the low bid there are the, uh, the standard truck is \$497,800, and the upgraded truck with the safety features and the rapid deployment boom, it's \$513,700. For the \$16,000, I would prefer I think that's a pretty reasonable increase for the extra safety of the cameras, as well as the ease of use for the operators to have that rapid deployment room when we get to a job site, and they can clean multiple saw boxes or stormwater boxes a day. So, it's a lot of extra manual labor that they are skipping. If we're going to have this, this truck for the next, you know, 15, 20 years, I think that additional increase would go a long way as far as ease of use and safety of that review. So, I would request consideration for the more expensive truck with the increased range and increased safety for I think that's a minimal increase for that.

Thank you.

CITY MANAGER: Mr. Mayor, before you pass it on. So, this is a six month build out. So, it's going to take about six months to build it out. And as we've discussed before, this is critically important that we have an addition on the on back foot. That's been one of my struggles for my two years here. Having one truck this year amongst our engineering department. Engineering firm. Um, and with hurricane season already upon us. And I know everybody's watching the news. They already had major floods up in West Virginia, Texas, those areas already. And we're really going to need it this year. I know. Um, listen, right now, in the six months since the fall time already, but, um, it could be late. It could be sooner. We're going to go ahead and purchase this this item as soon as possible. And that will move forward. Be adequately prepared for, uh, anything. Um, I keep saying hurricane, but it does have a day-to-day purpose as well.

MAYOR: So, we can move into some discussion regarding it before making things stick So what I will do is open the floor up for the commission to deliberate. And thank you for the readout. So, I'll start with district one. The questions concerning the topics.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Uh, sir, do we have a minor party.

CITY MANAGER: We do this coming out in 23 spots. We prioritize the list. This is one of the first items. It's actually the first item from the list. Let's say this is very important. This capability to move forward.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: How do you think. This will change.

I'm good with it. May I answer my questions? And also, Commissioner Roberts is on here. Thank you.

And Mr.

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No questions.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: And I understand your question, Commissioner Roberts. Additional cost.

MAYOR: To this rapid deployment from 16 is what you're saying. 16 and as you said 15 to 9 when the overall would be about 16. So yes, we will back to each one of the commissioners now to. Basically, find out what can I do with this. I'll start with history. Yes, sir. District two. Yes, sir. District three. Yes. And.

MAMIE JACKSON: Purchasing has to additional items. I told you, the first one is the request to purchase three trucks. Two would be for our coastal department and one would be for the fire department. Um, they would both be purchased on state. I'm sorry. All three would be purchased on state contracts, uh, for the community improvement department. It would be 26 Chevy, Colorado and priced at 36,844. A piece of that total would be \$73,638. Uh, they are using it to start cycling out the older, uh, code enforcement trucks. Um, it's just time to swap them out. Uh, the third truck would be a 2025 Chevy Silverado. It is for the fire department. It would be used, um, as a storm response truck, uh, also for their chainsaw team, after storms or anything happens, and they need to go out. Um, and when it's not being used for storm responses, it would be a spare truck for our fire chief and battalion chiefs in the event that one of their trucks have to go out for service. Um, and that truck is priced at \$43,027. As I said, all three of them would be purchased on a state contract. The total to purchase all three trucks would be \$116,715, and they're asking the conditions of approval to move forward with these purchases.

MAYOR: So, we will move to deliberation for consent, and we'll start with district one. Yes, sir. Any questions or comments? No comment. And in addition to the questions. Concerns. No. No, sir. Okay. We'll come back. Just one. Will you come, sir? Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Yes. Sir. Yes, sir.

MAMIE JACKSON: And the additional item that we have is for property. With the city manager's permission, I would like to request an executive session to discuss that property. Thank you. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER: And, Mr. Mayor, just for general knowledge, the three trucks there, the older trucks, we're going to repurpose those trucks and they'll be given to public works. Um, some cases we'll be happy to use the word camera, but I don't use that word. They'll be repurposed. Uh, they can be. So, we won't just be thrown away. Possibly on a life span has exceeded lifespan, but it should be used until they can't run anymore. So, we should. Uh, next, Mr. Mayor, we'll move into the next special item. Again, by the public works director in the frame. Um, so we had a discussion about some of our, um, pretty much at work utilization performances. Um, a lot of calls, um, on the weekends, um, for assistance. And we're trying to cut that down because it is, um, the whole time, um, the certain personnel and I talked to the director about trying to figure that out a better way. And then a lot of cases, the person on call does not have, um, authority and sometimes experience to make certain calls, and you get to bring folks in, um, depending on what the issue is. Uh, so what we're doing now, um, I would like to allow um, and it's going to be a supervisor on salary. Correct? Yes. On salary. Um, so you won't get no overtime charges, but they'll be allowed to take one home on a nightly basis. It'll be street glued to that vehicle. Um, much like some of the other vehicles in the police force and some fire, and they'll take them home. And which, like I said, Bill gates, some of our workforce concerns. I know there's been times when we get an afterhours call and we can't get the person if they don't have a vehicle, and it's been an issue for a long time now. Um, we think it's going to save money and again, make us more efficient in those afterhours calls and different on the weekends. And a lot of our citizens, uh, need more assistance. So, um, so that's the day is just to allow us to start doing that process. Like I said, you already have a take home process, you know, policy. Um, we just wanted to call on the commission right now, and this will be put in place Did he say anything? Not all the questions.

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MAYOR: Thank you. I'll open up to the commission and find out if you Have any questions, concerns or comments. Then just one. Yes, sir. Mr. Mr. Mr. Two. Yes, sir. Mr. Two second. Mr. Yes. Mr. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Which means that the consent of the commission, uh, next to.

CITY MANAGER: An infrastructure Update And again, I know I do have some feedback on the small one. This is a major problem. The major projects I just wanted a quick follow up. Nothing has changed as far as the wastewater treatment plant and Square Street reporting. I want to highlight today is since we've updated that new transponder and, um, on the tower, we have an additional 500m<sup>2</sup>. So that puts us right under about 800 left. Um, I'm pretty sure once we get those two pills in and those working repeaters, uh, once those in, they should fix our problem. Uh, once the problem was fixed, um, we do have to work on the campaign strategy. The communication strategy is outlined, and we do work now, so citizens have to be aware they will begin their real charges and not the base rates or fixed rates. Um, we have done in the past, uh, this is a great story regardless, because, as you know, the meetings have been an issue for some time. So, kudos to the team. They're not here right now, but we want to thank um, ESG and for Mark, more public works. Everybody involved. Everybody involved in getting this matter resolved. I think 14 years total of going through this. Um, so the good thing about this as well, um, we wanted to replace a lot of the meters, um, as we had thought we would play some music, but now that we know what the problems seem to have been, the transponder and then repeaters now, uh, saves a lot of money to bring in the extra what we needed. And everybody can't see these right now, because I know it's going to be frustrating for people to start getting their real needs. But over time, this will allow us to, um, all our requests and uptake in the, uh, utility rates. Um, it won't have to be so significant now because we have that real revenue. And this will allow us with our new grant program, our grant writers, that we have to have that seed money to put in for those grants that we need for water and water sewer. So, about a year now that we're here to see all this, because that money can go directly to those departments. So is the revenue coming in. It's going to be multiplied going out. And then we should be able to get a little more progress on some of our major water and sewer projects. And I kind of start there. Any questions on. Yeah of course.

MAYOR: Any questions. Comments. So. Mr. No, sir. Mr. No.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: And yes. Um, so when there were all the relays come on board, they could possibly be a better Bachelor of Mediums that are good.

CITY MANAGER: But so right now It Probably wasn't on the meters to begin. I mean, some of the music they had, they had batteries, and they were placed over the last couple days. But it looks like now it was more of a, a, a signal backbone situation where they could not transmit over areas. And now that that speaks out here in town, the at the top of the north side. They just kind of bought everything online. And then that started working because we had two bags that were working. I feel like all the leaders, I mean, you got some bad news to cover that age. They've been there probably like ten years old now, but for the most part they still fix all of those. So, we were budgeted at first to fix those ones that were. Yes, now they're better than we have to. Yes. It's going to do a lot of cost saving for us overall. I'm about to come back to the commission once I get a good sense that all the meetings are actually working. We'll come back to the body and just kind of talk about this again. There are some things we still won't be like just because of the age of the meetings, like about ten years old, they have reached their life cycle. So, do we still need to do some meeting replacement? But that's a different discussion. But like I said, good news story that increased revenue on that real revenue. Um, plus coming in we can put right back out into the into the to the citizens and get some things done. We couldn't do before. Uh, next, Mr. Mayor? Um, the pass completion, um, on schedule. Um, right now, we did have a few, uh, setbacks, but they picked it back up. Uh, the one thing we did discover, and this is this is more of a policy issue, and I'm bringing it to the commission. Now, you still have time to deliver what you want to do. Uh, initially, we did the bathrooms, and this is my, um, my slip. I didn't really think about when they should be open to close and having discussions with the directors and some concerns with the police. Um, we

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need to have a policy. Um, and right now I'm thinking that maybe, um, the bathroom was the only unlocked for planned events. Permitted events? Any other time, they should be locked. Um, just need a lot of studying. There might be some issues there. Just always open. Um, we are going to get the time locks on them, uh, for that purpose. And I think some of them will have cameras. Uh, but at the same time, I'm just telling y'all. Now, I know some of these citizens might be upset about that because they won't be open all the time. But we got to think about safety first. Um, so we kind of come to that conclusion. I will bring a potential policy to the next meeting, but I want to give the commission time to think about it if they want to add something to it right now. Just let me know. We'll kind of make sure we have the best possible. But it is about safety. So, I know that again, if there is a permit, put in an event put in, of course the bathrooms will be open. I'm not positive. Any concerns about that, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR: Just before I open to the commission, I just wanted to say that's a wise decision for safety purposes. Noticing that if we don't have a policy at this point, we will possibly need one in order to have backup. Certain things might be things that we do not. So, I'll open it up to the commission to have some comments, concerns, questions. I'm good. Mr. Smith. Mr. Two I'm all for it. And district three.

COMMISSIONER FELDER: I think we need to explore all options, considering that a lot of time and thought has been put into these parks for our citizens. And also, we don't want to take away the value and the purpose of having the parks renovated and upgraded for our citizens by limiting their access to the bathroom. So, I really think that there are other options to be considered, and not just having a tunnel vision or a black and white view of this. Thank you.

MAYOR: And you

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Yes sir

CITY MANAGER: Thanks, mayor. Um, next update, Mr. Mayor. Um, so it says that 3/5 of capital canal trouble areas have been mitigated. So once again, special, um, kudos to the public works Department. They cleaned out some areas of the canal that have never been cleaned out. Um, so. And this is really, uh, made the capacity there much, much larger. So, it did start in the downtown area, um, cleaning that out first. We still got a few other things to do. Uh, and Main Street, clean that out as well. Um, we then moved over to Duke Street, another trouble spot. Um, we did get the access to that land, and we had to go in and clean that out as well. Uh, we did speak to some of the private owners of the rest of the land has kind of been giving us issues. But at that discussion and discovery learning, we kind of figured out that that wasn't the problem as well. Uh, they should be cleaned out, you know, that's not preventing the water coming through. So, we did find another trouble spot, one of the culverts on, um, kind of on plant-on-Plant Avenue there. That's one of the big sticking points now that we understand the whole dynamics. Uh, the good thing about this is that, uh, tomorrow we will have the engineers here, and they're going to do a thorough walkthrough, um, to show us on policy and considerations of not just that particular area, but also on some of the challenges we have with some of the deterioration of some of the canals. So, I think some of you will be a part of that process. Um, we'll make sure to document it and hopefully they give us some recommendations. We'll be able to fix some of our smaller corporate areas that, uh, it's kind of hard to fix them because they, like, they serve as bridges. And, um, it's going to cost a lot of cost a lot. Um, but um, it's going to probably be a slight headache for our citizens, but I think right now we have two areas. We'll find out more tomorrow where the Cobras need to be enlarged. And because they're tied to a bridge, that might be a slight issue, but we'll figure it out tomorrow. Uh, still a great story, because I think now that we've kind of hit all the trouble spots as far as functionality, uh, we can go back and look at those areas as far as, like, cutting the grass down, things like that. Um, but the team did a great job, uh, getting out here. Um, also thank the commission for the extra, um, award that we had. Without that, we couldn't do anything. It's double our capacity to clean out canals. So, I'm really thankful for the team. And, uh, with Matt's leadership, he's really been getting that. These problems with the canal. So, we'll do another follow up with the commission once we do



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the walk through with the Corps of Engineers. And they give us some recommendations and, um, additional funding areas that we might take a part in. Um, as far as, um, like I said, the deterioration of the canals and stuff like that. So, looking forward to that. Tomorrow is at 10:00. We'll be here in the second-floor conference room. We're about a 30-to-45-minute presentation discussion, and then we'll move on from there and we'll hit five areas. Um, we'll be on plants. We'll actually we'll start downtown. Then we'll go to Memorial to look at the back of some of those business owners, uh, where the canal is falling in. And then we'll go, uh, to Dewey Street on that area. And there's a couple more areas that the engineering team wants to look at as well. So shouldn't take more than 3 or 4 hours, but it's going to be some, some, well, blessed hours. And then I think once we figure all that out and make that mitigation, we should have our canal problem pretty much solved at this point in time. And I pause there. Any questions on that?

MAYOR: Yes. Sounds commendable. 60% of the canal is mitigated. That's sounds. Good. Oh yeah. About 41%. I'll open it up to the commission. Commissioner. District one.

District two.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Okay, let's go back to the park. Yes. And nothing against what Commissioner Felder said. It's a good idea. But if we have to, we need to. The bathrooms open throughout the day or the weekend. Would that be overtime for them to clean up for the city workers to go and clean up? And how would that work?

CITY MANAGER: So, we are looking at potentially hiring somebody for that for that job. Okay. I mean, if y'all recall, we had a discussion about the auditorium, how it's clean thinking about combining that position. That person would be the auditorium and maintain auditorium, and then they would maintain all the parks.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: So how many days would they be out the week? How many days would they go clean the park bathroom?

CITY MANAGER: Well, we have to kind of get a, I guess, a benchmark and see how often. I mean, they probably go every day until we figure that out, how it looks. Um, but I'm thinking during the week, and we don't really see a strong use of the park during the week. I mean, outside of those parks, it will have a splash pad. So those two definitely have more traffic than the rest of the parks. But that's something we got to look at. And like I said, we're looking at maybe hiring somebody to do that. And back to Commissioner Felder's point told the commissioner felt as well. We just don't make sure we got it right. I hate for something to happen. Uh, maybe the time locks will be the right thing to do. And the cameras and all those things. But you just never could tell us something like that. So, they're trying to figure all this out. Like I said, we were doing the putting all this together. It never crossed my mind. I said, I own this, never crossed my mind about how much effort will be required to mitigate the bathrooms. To your point, that's going to be an ongoing thing, and we're trying to figure that out.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: And back to the hand. I'm good. Thank you, mayor. Thank you. No questions.

MAYOR: Thank you. And district five.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Well, the original. I forgot what.

MAYOR: And this is basically commenting on the canals and the mitigation. I know that there's going to be the Army Corps is going to be coming in tomorrow about 10 a.m. and just making comments and just making us aware of what we have.



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CITY MANAGER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We're moving to discussion is divided properties discussion. Um, I know we're getting a lot of calls from the commission about blighted properties. I know we had a plan for using these fliers, 20, 23, uh, to cover that. You see that there is \$550,000. Knows what I want to do today. I'm not expecting a decision. I want to make sure everybody is aware of the problem set with the, um, with the properties of our citizens so they know, um, this is a quite huge problem, and it's just not here in Waycross. It's everywhere right now. Um, everybody's struggling to figure this out. I did speak with some other city managers last week about this and see if they had any ideas. We all are kind of in the same boat right now. Um, but regardless of that, I just covered a few things here and then provide a couple recommendations. We talked about this before, but we just try to think outside the box right now. So, for the audience who might be listening, um, when I talk about blighted properties. So one, we're talking about structures, um, houses, um, stuff like that. Buildings, abandoned buildings, abandoned houses, unkept houses. We're also talking about overgrown vegetation, so must be knocked the house down. Um, getting that lot there. And the trees grow, and vegetation grows, and it becomes a battle pretty much again. So, mitigation for that. Um, as far as knocking down the house and depending on the location, the size of the house, it could be as small as \$3,000 or as much as \$30,000. It is taxpayer funded. Um, and of course, it does lower the property value, um, depending on where the house is located. When you knock it down. Um, we did put that again, this class, uh, \$550,000. Um, you can do the math right there about how many houses that might actually cover, um, which won't be many. Um, so we got to make sure we use it properly. And then demolition is completed by the city staff, which is another issue that we have. Um, so currently right now the city is working around about 300 cases. And again, that those cases could be, um, an abandoned house, um, abandoned business building or just the property itself. And that goes through the office of City Attorneys. And, um, I think we have 20 going to court. The court already this month is going to court.

CITY ATTORNEY: They're going to court on the 30th of July. Actually.

CITY MANAGER: It would explain one court and since 2013 and you got you got to put some facts in here. You know, we had Covid, and a lot of things happened um, aftereffects of Covid, but the city has still demolished about 200 properties. I know it doesn't seem like a lot to everybody, but, um, what was going on and the current process, that's a lot of properties. Um, and so that means demolish. That's just the houses. So again, once we demolish the house, then we'll be the land. And that has to be kept up as well. So current estimates are about 1500 blighted properties. I'm going to say it's more than that. Um, because we're not really sure sometimes what the property lies, uh, lie. And it does include, like, the structures and the property itself. Uh, what time frame is around? About 12 to 14 months, uh, to get it to the court. And, um, and even once we get it to the court, like I say, after the house is knocked down, the lien is placed on the property. Um, could be that we have some cases of things. Been there for decades, and it's really not effective until the person sells the property. You can't. You can't coop the lien back until the person tries to sell the property. Um, so, um, some things, like the current fees, um, for unsafe structures. And this is a onetime fee. Uh, \$1,000, um, like \$690. Overgrowth, \$420. I want to make sure everybody understands that that's a onetime fee of 12-to-14-month process. Um, that most property owners just pay and they just, you know, just to get out of it. And then we got to start the whole process over. So does everybody kind of understand, um, that's not really a driving factor to improve. Um, so back to the conversation, talking to the city managers. And just, um, people do this and do this for a while. Uh, that that cost might go up and I hit that bottom. Um, but that even raising the cost because of our population last year, that's going to be as well, because as we know, many people can't afford, um, these numbers. Um, so it's a give and take. Uh, one thing I do want everybody to understand, and these are benchmarked stats as far as the public works and currently right now. And kudos to the public works again. Uh, because of doing our zone operations, we can cut weekly pretty much all the parks, all the right of ways, city owned properties, canal maintenance to a certain degree and still, um, demolish 1 or 2 um, projects or homes and that's maybe 1 or 2 a week and that's, that's pushing it. If everything else, everybody shows up to work and it's not a super big house. Um, so if we were to add again, uh, these other properties that would quadruple the workload, uh, the public works, and that

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would mean that something will not get done monthly. So just ask everybody to understand that it's not a simple problem. Just go out and abandon properties because people start that. Like I say, the parks, which everybody uses, that's probably like every couple of months at that point in time. I know that's not going to be I know going to be able to do that. But I need everybody to understand the problem set, you know. So, um, do the discussion, uh, with that, like I said, just, uh, doing some research, um, and just trying to think outside the box. Of course, we could do lean increase the lean cost. I'm not sure that's going to push anything. Uh, as many owners don't stay here. Um, they're not from where their descendants of property owners, they don't really stay here. Um, increase the code violation fees. Um, we probably do that anyway, but that's more for the other areas. Um, as far as, like, overgrowth, but not necessarily for, uh, the blighted areas as far as the unsafe the instructions and stuff like that. Uh, introduce monthly maintenance charges. Tax. I know before some years ago stamps and additional tax on the properties. I have not talked to the city attorneys about this yet. I didn't want to throw this all on them until we had a good plan. Um, as far as researching that other cities do that, um, this hasn't been really effective again, so, uh, not sure about that at the end of the domain. Uh, I know that's a slippery iceberg that we put down that road. Um, so I will tell everybody just so when everybody says, hey, take over those properties, um, we can't take a property, then legally sell it, you know, on my behalf. And we already have our own properties we're trying to maintain. And, um, we could take a property from somebody, somebody else, and be the same problem. They won't manage it when they try to hold on to the land because everybody's taught. And, um, money management plan to buy land. Buy land by land. Just hold on to it for somebody want to buy from you. So that's part of the problem. So, I just wanted to lay that out there for everybody. I did do a quick update on it last week just to kind of start the conversation. Um, this is a very tough problem. And our theory if we got 550,000 K. That might get us 20 more homes this year. Maybe that's with smaller homes. But then again, we still have the problem of how we take. Extra vegetation? Um, now I'm about to say some things, and this is just, um, we're kind of looking at maybe the worst case, not worst-case scenario. Like I said, just out of the box. I have watched some cities use, uh, additional spray for vegetation to kill all the vegetation. Not sure that's safe doing here because of our water table. But I got I got to research that, um, back to that, that maintenance charge tax. Maybe that could be used to add a few extra personnel to the workforce, and that be their sole purpose? Um, but then again, we'll need the equipment. So, like I said, we're looking at everything. I just want the commission to understand. And definitely the citizens I know get calls about something looking unsightly next to them. Um, I understand that, um, I understand that. But like I said, it would quadruple the workload of the current city workforce, and they just can't. They can't do it, right. Um, so I will pause there. Um, Mr. Mayor, once again, I don't expect any decision tonight. I want to make sure that y'all are aware of kind of how we're seeing this. And like I said, I'm going to sit down. Uh, me and Matt, um, um, fire chief. Um, couple of key directors, and just hopefully we can brainstorm a different way ahead on this. Um, and at the same time, like I said, we always take recommendations from anybody else that might have a way to fix this. Um, We're not a close mind. So, if anybody's in the audience listening, uh, feel free to stop by. And if you got some, uh, maybe you come from another city somewhere where they were they kind of figure this out. I haven't found one yet, but if you have, please stop by and let us know. Um, pass it on. Uh, you don't have to talk to me necessarily. You can talk to public works director, uh, any other directors, and they'll pass it on to me as well. And I apologize, Mr. Mayor. Any questions for Recreation Commission?

MAYOR: I know that we won't get a definitive answer tonight regarding anything, because there's so many various ways to approach this, but there is just one comment I want to make regarding the new law that just came out about persons who own properties. They are a part of a list that has to be reviewed. And if they're not on that list, of course that could cause some struggle for us, but at least they will have those persons who are in charge of the properties. List of those names, addresses, telephone numbers, contacts, and even systems that could possibly be called regarding these things. So, I'm not sure what that bill is, but if you could probably look into that and find out that we do have a list of persons who own properties and are not local, they live elsewhere.

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CITY MANAGER: So, when they take it to court, Mr. Mayor, we have a list. I mean, I mean, not all 1500, but we have a pretty good list. Uh, probably don't pay any property taxes, and they pay this onetime fee, but they ain't worth the squeeze to go after them. Um, so, like I said, it's no real forcing function. Um, like I said, we're going to brainstorm on this. I mean, I've been going to hurricane season and a few other things right now I'm trying to really focus on, but this will be continuing to get looked at and figure it out. Just want to make sure that I know the commission is aware of all this, but more that the citizens understand all this, um, much like the meters. I mean, a gentleman spoke on the roads. I mean, we kind of fixed those areas and this is one of those. One of the last areas is going to probably take a little bit more time than the rest of them.

That's good.

MAYOR: I'll open the floor to the commission to respond with any questions or comments,

CITY ATTORNEY: Mr. Mayor? Yes. May I comment before the commissioners respond? Just to add some additional information. Um, I am happy to have the new city attorney on board because that has lightened my load tremendously, or it certainly will. And working continuously, continuing my work in the code department as assistant City attorney. Our goal now is to take these cases to court at least every two months, rather than the 14-month window 12-to-14-month window that the city manager mentioned just a few minutes ago. So, we'll have more time now to, uh, to take more cases to court more often. And, uh, we should be able to be on a schedule, if not every other month, every two months, and that will help us move these cases along and get demolition orders so that the city can turn them down. Now that's the good thing, to have that in the toolbox. But the bad thing is that the city is going to spend more money tearing down these houses and putting more liens against the property that you won't be able to immediately collect until the property is sold, as the city manager said. The other thing that I want to bring to your attention is that we do have on the books a blighted property tax ordinance. This this commission passed some time ago. It should have been maybe about 21, 22 somewhere around that time frame, 2021, 22. And probably most of you know that that ordinance allows the city to tax the property owners at a higher rate because they have overgrown vegetation or the property's dilapidated. Um, and that tax remains that higher rate remains in place until such times as they remediate the problem. By tearing down the property and cutting the grass. So, I'm not aware that we've actually implemented that blighted property tax ordinance yet, but that is another tool in the toolbox that we may want to look at. So, we'll be getting with the city manager and just figuring out how we want to proceed in terms of having a, you know, a blast approach, not doing just one thing, but doing several things, get these properties taken care. Very good. All right. Thank you. At this time, I'll still look to the commission. I didn't know if they had comments or questions, but I'll look for district one.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: How do we know that. It's being fair. I mean, you know, these houses they're being judged on. The tear him down and take him to court. How do we know the system? Is this system really fair? I mean, what I'm saying, you don't understand what I'm saying, right? I have seen how this is getting torn down. That we're nowhere in the shape is some of the other houses is. And they're still standing. So, I'm saying, like, what is the is it a really fair process that goes along with judging these houses that get torn down?

CITY ATTORNEY: Let me begin to address that by saying that the city's ordinance provides that if it will cost more than 50% of the value of the property to repair it. Uh, then it is not fit for rehabilitation. And we've taken cases to court where the property was valued at \$20,000, maybe \$25,000. But the code officers come and testify that it would take \$50,000 to bring it up to code. And some people actually want to spend \$50,000, so they say, on a \$20,000 property. But Judge Gibson doesn't generally go along with that. So that's the first measure of whether or not the property meets the standard for, uh, the court issuing a demolition order. Will it cost more than 50% of its value to rehabilitate it? Okay.

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CITY MANAGER: So, my, my we had discussion before. So, my, my two years here and I got here I did try to work with citizens and I'm waiting on right now two years later for this instance we had a property, you know. So, it does get I won't say it's not a fair system if the commission wants to look at that. I mean, that's something we can do. Probably we could do anyway just to make sure if we got any misunderstandings or concerns with the system itself. Have there been times in the past were. They asked me how different. I would think so, but I'm not even so I talk about that. I'm not even talking about the current homes. I'm talking about the homes that have been knocked down right now. All those properties we got where it's just the vegetation that we can't really do anything about. So as the city attorney said, we can take him to court, we can knock it down and spend more money. Still leave that vegetation that the city will have to clean up still. And that's the bigger problem. You know, uh, we do encourage, um, anybody I say it again, if you if you're trying to rehab a home to stop by, uh, community improvement first, um, get your education on the property, because even right now, we got people who are not understanding the amount of money to get these older homes, you know, back up to code. So, um, that's probably a whole different discussion, Commissioner, if you want to have one about that part. I'm not trying to cut you off. Um, but maybe we do need to do some information sharing with our citizens before they do step into these properties. They don't have the money because that's the biggest problem. We have people that they start it, and they can't finish it. And if you're taking ten years to really not even get started, then that adds on to the problem.

MAYOR: Do you have a follow up question for City Manager?

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: I guess I'm all in. I'm all for the city to move forward. And I do understand that some of this property out here, we have snakes or whatever. But to another point, like, and I know you say that the code department is the judge of a whole lot of stuff, but I think, and I don't mean no harm, but are they really qualified?

CITY MANAGER: Well, they so they have a value. They got a relationship; they follow account outlines. Um, what to expect in the home. They're going by an inspection, not going by their opinion. So, kind of the general code book, the state book, they follow all those procedures, that kind of outlines the value of the home. But again if you want to sit down, you know, be honest and look at that. We can as well. I think sitting in my seat, like I say, is more difficult because people don't even, we try to help them out, but they don't even start. Like I said, I'm waiting on hundreds of people right now. It's been two years. So, you know, and you're talking about homes is over a hundred years old. In some cases, you're not going to be able to flip those homes and have a, you know, a working new home. But what we can do, Commissioner, if that's a concern, we can kind of sit down with the codes department. Um, and I'll have the director create a brief while he has tested properties, and we'll bring that to the commission the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Thank you, mayor. Okay. I just want clarification for those watching this. So, if the property. The house has already been torn down and they're not taking care of the property. Vegetation. So, we are responsible. Well, not. We're not responsible. We're going to maintain it and bill them. Or they need to. I'm just asking because this is a question that was asked to me. Or we're going to bill them. To, um, take care of that property. How they want a solution. And personally, I feel like they need to take care of their property. If they have, I'm just going to use the example my neighbor. And this is not true. I'm just use me as an example. If my neighbor um with anybody I'll just mention Commissioner Roberts. He's my neighbor, but he won't keep his property up. But he does not stay here. And its snakes, and everything is coming out. I need Shawn Roberts to come take care of that property. Although he lives out of town, and this is the stuff that people is coming to me. I need Shawn Roberts to come take care of that property. If not, what is going to happen? I need you to specify this so people can hear this.

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CITY MANAGER: So, one thing y'all call and say I'm sorry. Y'all call and say it's animals or citizen call. You still come out and catch us. We put traps out and catch a snake or raccoon or all these little animals that come around vegetation. We do typically, you know, fire sticks around home, not by canals. And it's like a lot of energy spent running around. And but we try to go out there and try to catch what we can catch. So, I want to confuse everybody. So, we do have property, but the grass is just high and it's a home there. I think that's different from you. Got five mature trees and multiple vines. They don't take care of. So, your kind of just and normally unfortunately when I don't say much about that person, uh, not take care of their property and you would take them in the court appointment process. You did get to work with the city, could come maintain it or cut it at one time. You know, I think we discussed this maybe last year, but again, we're talking thousands of properties trying to do that and it happens. Um, so the land goes on the property and that's where our cost is for the stuff. They pay onetime fee or what it is. Um, and then just take them back to court. Am I wrong when I say that's basically what it is?

CITY ATTORNEY: That is correct. Each time the city goes out to mow the grass to get rid of overgrown vegetation is put against that property, and the owner is responsible for paying that. At some point, even if they are, they live out of town. The absentee owners, they can either be taken to court or overgrown vegetation as well as their properties. There's also a procedure in the city code that allows the proper notice to be given to the owner, and it can be done administratively through, uh, through the city police department, but still only permit can be attached to the property.

CITY MANAGER: That is still a onetime fee. It's a onetime thing. And ultimately the city got a cutting. Everybody's outstanding back into their pocket. So that's what I'm saying. Now we have to come to a different understanding or a different trigger mechanism for some certain cities in the Bahamas and, and uh, so I'm not sure what it is right now. Like I said, it's pretty serious. It's pretty much everywhere. So, I'm really not sure. I'm just trying to do some foresight and city attorney missing that tax. I did look at look at that, um, very slippery slope to win. Who that applies to. Um, you know, that will turn into, um, on face value. So, I'll be able to do the same thing with a lot of systems, say just take it from them and use eminent domain. Just take it. But so, take it and do what exactly. And we just added to the inventory. So, a very complex problem. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER FELDER: Yes. Um, I have a question for you. It's based on what you said about the absentee owner, and they're responsible for paying the lean. Um, I listened to you as you discussed the process of how all this works. And, um, the owner of a blighted property or abandoned property is not being responsible. And it sounds like it's a continuous cycle that doesn't come to an end. So, my question is, legally, when does this come to an end? Because it sounds like we're just spinning around in circles. And also, as a mayor commission. We've discussed about moving this city forward and cleaning up the city. And how is this possible when you have a 34% plus population here in the city of Oklahoma City? And also, we have citizens, uh, homeowners that own these properties, whether they live in or out of, outside of this community. They've had decades of some a lot of them to repair, fix, remodel, renovate these properties. But it's clear to me that if they had a funding source of some sort to do that, you know, that would have been, I think, completely out of it. So, going back to my original question, when does this end? How can we move our city forward if we're constantly addressing the same issue of blighted properties and overgrown vegetation, vegetation on properties in the city?

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: Well, one way that it can end is that the city decides to. Enforce its lien in a way that that is done, is that the tax commissioner has the responsibility of selling the property the same as the tax commissioner does with delinquent property taxes. So, the tax commissioner has to tax the few times in the year that sale would include the lead that was assessed against these properties. And of course, it either goes to the highest bidder or the property owner if they want to come and redeem the property, and they can do so as well.

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COMMISSIONER FELDER: They do have a certain length of time to come in and build that property. If the highest bidder purchases that property.

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: Yes, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER FELDER: What is that.

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: 12 months

CITY MANAGER: And that's part of the 1214-month process. Are we saying that all more time. But again, we have some citizens who have done that and bought property and then sell them the same way. So, I mean, I think misuse, maybe addressing like a funding source for citizens can look into that. But, um, we have to help some citizens out. So that's one of their goals. They can find any resources out there for maybe a property owner, you know. Sure. I won't turn down something like that. Maybe they can do something with them. Um, in those cases, like I said, we've been working with Commissioner Roberts, and we tried our best. You know, we tried our best. I really tried the last two years to put anybody who was trying to help the city and stuff for this, um, and then a lot of people just not here. And then it's a onetime fee. It's a 12-month process. You know, we're doing other things. So, it's not the exact problem because we have other infrastructure problems. We got So it's tough feeling like right now I'm, I'm just really trying to make sure everybody kind of gets it because I know some of our citizens don't get it. Um, and again, it's mainly come down because I see a text now and again. If the city took their property, they would quadruple all workload. And although I think people feel their taxes pay for their taxes, not pay for that, and that would destroy our work, our public works. Um, and then you probably go on even matter because things definitely would get done in a place or less rotations. So, I got to hear about understand that that's got to be first. Um, first thing to understand. And again, we do come out. If somebody calls, if they see a snake or animal will blow that off, you know, over something. Safety. Um, we try our best to come play what we can clean. But like I said, we're talking thousands of properties in this community especially. We're talking decades, in some cases, century in some situations. of the property being neglected. And you got to think about trying to cut down five oak trees and roots and everything. So that becomes very expensive. So anyway, not to keep beating a dead horse. Um, like I said, we're going to keep on looking for other ways to address this. And then the city attorney mentioned about those taxes. I again, that's the only commissioner to decide if they want to do that. But that's a slippery slope and we know how it's going to possibly look. But that might be the only trigger mechanism that at this time. So, and then that's the court process too. So, it's not like it would happen in a couple of months. It'd be another year or two going through that point.

MAYOR: So, this thing that you read about the following question, that. He had a backup. Sometimes there. And during the Covid season, it seemed like everything slowed and stopped. And then We're trying to do that. But how would that work? Just not right to judge. The court, back when we had those cities where we had so many different things before the court and did not have it well doing it, the courts were closed. And so that created a backlog that all the city court, state court and superior court. And as Covid began to wane, the cases began to move a little bit. But the courts were still, you know, tremendously backed up with cases. And I think the courts is just beginning now, um, for about three years after Covid, to get back to some sense of normalcy so that that has contributed to the problem. Thank you. Mr.

COMMISSIONER FELDER: I just I think also this issue should be visited with Amanda as well. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: I was going to add but they cover everything. You did a great job beating a dead horse. The only thing I would say double the amount of the lien. Um. And make it more. Appealing to new buyers to tear it down. And the lot Is there to make it more appealing to buyers That's my solution.

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COMMISSIONER BENNETT: one question maybe city attorney can answer is the people that have, um, that you're going to take the lien out. What if they elderly? How do you work that out? What if they don't have somebody to oversee their property and they don't realize that these notices are coming out to them. So how do you go about that? Well, the.

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: Ordinance does not make a distinction based on a person's age.

COMMISSIONER BENNETT: Well, I know, but.

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: And, uh, the proceedings are proceeding against the property itself. So, uh, what we do is we, we post the property with the notice that the case, uh, there's a case against this property that's going to court at a certain time. And we also run an ad in the paper giving notice to that person, as well as anybody else connected to the property that, that the, uh, that that was the case against this property is going to court. And the third level of notice is that we send. A certified letter if we have a good address to the property owner, which may live somewhere else and was in a second letter to the property owner. So, all these forms and notices that the state law requires that we follow. And so. We do get responses from people who have gotten either the letters or they saw that the property was posted, or a neighbor saw the property was posted and told them about, okay.

CITY MANAGER: This has been the last agenda items and appointments. So, we have basically we have two appointments. I admitted putting the housing authority on here. I didn't follow up with the director on that. I think typically the mayor appoints the housing authority reps, if I'm not mistaken.

MAYOR: Right. There needs to be a letter from the Housing Authority as usually sent to me. I will bring it before you put on our agenda. Then once it's on the agenda, we vote on the names that were recommended from the Housing Authority. Okay.

CITY MANAGER: So, my apologies on that, Mr. Mayor, but we do have a planning Commission board. Um, so, um, the polls expire at the end of the month. Um, close to right now can be reaffirmed. I think that's Mr. Simmons. And then, um, it's actually post one, and I think you y'all have another package about who that was that needs to be, um, because rotating those needs to be voted on. So, you need a name for post one. If you don't want to reconfirm, Mr. Simmons, we'll need a name for post two.

MAYOR: Very good. So, if there are names from any of the commission that we're going to share with me, I can go ahead and bring those up tomorrow for a vote. Great. And then make certain that those persons will be included End of discussion. Good. Okay.

CITY MANAGER: And, Mr. Mayor, that ends the discussion. Items can be moved into. Uh. We have no previous license renewals. We have one privilege license. I'll turn this over to the city attorney for remarks on these areas.

MAYOR: Okay. Just before he does that, Commissioner Felder had a question or a follow up.

COMMISSIONER FELDER: Yes. Um, and this is directed to the city attorney. Um, if you would, could you explain to the citizens how these positions are appointed for these different commissions, such as the Housing Authority and the Waycross-ware County Planning Commission? I have been asked by several citizens about how are these individuals chosen? Do they need to reside in the city? Can they have a business in the city? And their names will be submitted, um, to be recommended for either of these committees. So just for, um, clarification.

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: They have to be residents of the city of Waycross. Um, I'm not really sure of all of the other requirements. I mean, I can look that up and get back to you, but I do know that



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there have to be residents of the city of red cross, and the commission included the mayor has an opportunity to vote on the selected person to be appointed.

MAYOR: And to add to the comment that was made there generally, and this is one of those things I have the privilege of choosing oftentimes, but I bring it to the commission because we generally vote on pretty much everything. There are a couple of things that I have the right to assign without having the commission vote, but I've chosen in the last few years to allow for the commission to vote on those things. But most times that's my personal appointment. Okay. Thank you.

CITY MANAGER: Moved to the US attorneys over to the city attorney. But like I said, we don't have any rules. We have one approved license. Um, no ordinances, code ordinances at this time. Uh, we have one resolution that'll be the budget. And I will turn it over to the city attorney for his remarks on his report.

CITY ATTORNEY SPEARMAN: Uh, Mr. Mayor, commissioners. Um, we have prepared, um, this Cheslyn green and I a resolution to approve the City of Waycross budgets for fiscal year July 1st, 2025, through June 30th, 2026, based on the schedule that you are on with your public hearings that you've already had, uh, the schedule provided that the commission would vote both. On June the 17th 18th. For approval of the budget. So, we have a resolution that's before you. That will be before you tomorrow night to approve the budget.

CITY MANAGER: And, Mr. Mayor, on your desk, you should have got a copy. I was requested to provide a copy of the changes, or the changes to the majority of changes are underlined on that bottom corner. There no changes consisted of. Like I said, we made certain members of the workforce got raises for just promotions. Then we had we changed the description and then we had decreasing degree completions. Then we had the Cola and those were the main changes. Like I said, we did increase the budget of some of the main things. I know we can't discuss names here, but we had around 28, 28 individuals that fit some of those categories. And you will reap each time that we did that you reap us by Public Works and Community Improvement on their changes to make us better, more efficient for our workforce. And I believe the changes as far as, uh, degree completions. So those are the major changes. We didn't change. Oh, and one more change in there. Also, we did up, uh, training, traveling, uh, for the finance department. Um, that was a finding in the audit. Um, so I did add \$1,000 to each of those departments as far as training, uh, to ensure they get more training and certification. Uh, as mandated by the audit this year. And, Mr. Mayor, we don't have any more questions or concerns. I can move into my report, sir. I'm going to defer my report to Mr. Simmons. Um, he has an announcement to make about our current implementation of our software, and I pass it on to representative mayor.

PATRICK SIMMONS: Commissioners, I just wanted to let you know that July 1st will go live with Tyler. That's ours. That will be our new utility billing paying software. But the one thing is we won't be able. To take payments June 23rd to the 30th. So, this Friday we will stop all online payments, in-person payments next week as we convert the system. Um, during that time, there won't be any late fees or penalties unless they already have them. So, if they got a late fee today, that late fee will still be there. But we won't put any on that on the weekly down. But we just want to encourage the residents to download my app because they'll be able to pay through that app. So, I included each of your desks and I can make more, uh, slips that, you know, as you're out in the community, if you want to hand those out, just let me know if you need more. I'll be glad to print them and bring them to you or however you want me to do it. But the more that we get that word out and let people know that change, but I think they'll enjoy it once they get over that learning curve. Uh, Nancy and her team and Greg and his team have done a great job of getting that ready. So next week will be a lot of work getting the behind the scenes together. We've got to get the app updated, the website updated, everything will look different, but I think they'll enjoy it when it's all over. I just want to bring you that because we've been talking about it for several months and now it's. Now it's here.

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MAYOR: Any questions? Commissioner?

PATRICK SIMMONS: And we'll do Facebook updates daily once we get it going live. We'll do a tutorial video. We can share online. I can also send that to you. If you're speaking somewhere, you won't let me share. You want me to come out and talk to a group of people? Just let me know. I'll be glad to do that to you anyway.

CITY MANAGER: Thank you, Mr. Simmons. Mr. mayor, that concludes the agenda items. We did have a request for executive session on property.

MAYOR: So, I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session regarding property. So, moved. Have a motion from Commissioner Nelson and a second from Commissioner Felder. So. Moved. Motion carries to go into executive session. Thank you, everyone, for joining.