



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 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, Commissioners Katrena Felder, Diane Hopkins and Henry Strickland.

A. Invocation: Ulysses D. Rayford, City Manager

Invocation led by, Chief Eddins, WFD

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 Hopkins, Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. Employee of the Month:

Employee of the Month was presented by Chief Cox to Mr. Kenneth O’Bara

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. TSPLOST submission.
3. HWY 520/84 Safety mitigation plan execution.
4. Review workforce' pay scale, retirement} and evaluations.
5. ARPA execution.
6. Community interaction/engagement (5).
7. City workforce sensing session.
8. Community Outreach monthly meeting.
9. City video and information campaign update.

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

Thanked all who attended the Executive Luncheon. He announced activities that will be going on in our city that will be available for viewing on our city's website.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
 - b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a
3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

There was a motion made to approve the consent calendar by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses:

1. Delicious Duo LLC, A. Smith, 215 Pendleton St. Ste 231, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine Consumption on Premises.

There was a motion made to approve by Commissioner Felder. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances: n/a

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ware County Board of Commissioners on the Albany Avenue Grade Separation Project, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion made to approve by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Provide Written Notice to the Georgia Secretary of State and Plant Tifnet, Inc., Doing Business as Truvista, of the City's Applicable Franchise Fee Rate, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion made to approve by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Felder- thank everyone for coming. She expressed her happiness for the first graduate from the Ware County Jail, and shared what great success this program has had. She encourages everyone from any and all backgrounds to invest in your future with a free opportunity to receive your GED through Coastal Pine College.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked Commissioner Felder for sharing all the great things that are going on through the Adult Education Program and at Coastal Pine College. She also wanted the community to pray for a family that resides in her district that is going through a very difficult time.

Commissioner Strickland- Congratulated the Mayor on the article in Forbes Magazine. He thanked the citizens for helping to make the city look good. He also asked that we all check on our neighbors especially our elderly to make sure they are doing okay.

Mayor James- thanked the community for sticking together.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Hopkins and seconded by Commissioner Felder. And the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

