



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 1, 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, Henry Strickland, Norman Davis and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett.

A. Invocation:

Was led by Chief David 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 Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. 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 Mrs. Christina Bell

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 Outreach and Faith Based meetings.
3. Review workforce' pay scale, retirement, and evaluations.
4. Waste collection pilot execution.
5. District Parks initiatives walkthroughs.
6. Director Performance Evaluation execution.
7. Central Boulevard execution.
8. Community interaction/engagement (5).

He also spoke to commissioners about testing out possible new water meters for the city. He proposed trying them out for 6 months and coming back to the commission with the pros and cons from that testing period. The commissioners agreed to allow for the testing and a comeback from his findings.

Patrick Simmons introduced the new intern for the City Manager, Ms. Tytianna Wilkins.

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

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, July 17, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
 - b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 4:30 P.M.
 - c. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 4:45 P.M.
 - d. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 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 Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. WAYX 24-91 Surplus

There is a motion to approve this bid by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-zone the Property Described Herein Located at 1202 House Street for R-75 Residential to RM-75 – Residential Manufactured Housing; To Set and Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

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

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Annual Work Detail Agreement Between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross for One Inmate Work Detail for Fiscal Year 2024; and for Other Purposes.

After a brief discussion there was a motion made to approve this resolution by Commissioner Felder. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. Expressed her happiness to be back in Waycross. She expressed to the citizens to take advantage of the free GED programs offered, as well as the classes offered at Coastal Pines Technical College to be prepared for all the opportunities that are coming to Waycross.

Commissioner Hopkins- Welcomed Attorney Huey Spearman, who was filling in for City Attorney Rick Currie. She also thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett- thanked Commissioner Felder for coming out to the Ware County Jail for the purpose of helping those inmates be apart of the GED program.

Commissioner Strickland- he thanked all for coming out. Good things are still on the horizon, and he is looking forward to it. He gave condolences to the Gore family.

Commissioner Davis-extended condolences to the King family. He thanked Chief Eddins for a beautiful invocation. Lastly, he thanked the new city intern and asked about an update on the water fountain at the EE Moore Park.

Mayor James- Thanked all for coming out and gave a personal thank you to both of the new interns.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn to go into executive session for personnel. Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The adjournment to go into executive session was at 5:35

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael-Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

