



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 – 5:00 PM
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Alvin Nelson, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis.

- A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Led by James Smart, Public Works Director

- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Led by Jacqueline Powell, City Clerk

- D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

- A. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion to name Commissioner Nelson as Mayor Pro Tempore was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore, Sheinita Bennett

- B. Pronouncement of City Officers (Presented by Mayor and Confirmed by Commission)

City Attorney: Rick Currie
Assistant City Attorney: Huey Spearman

Official Organ: Waycross Journal-Herald

City Depository: *Ameris Bank
Waycross Bank & Trust*

City Auditor: *Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs*

City Engineer: *ESG Engineering*

Municipal Court Judge *Judge Douglas W. Gibson*
Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tempore' *Adrienne Gibson*

Insurance Agents: *Gallagher/Five Points
Oakbridge Insurance Company
Cigna Health, Anthem Vision, New York Life &
AD&D
Gallagher Insurance
Travelers Liability & Workers Comp*

City Election Superintendent: *Ware County Board of Elections and
Registration*

C. Appointment to Executive Positions Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by the Commission:

Downtown Waycross Development Authority: Mayor

Law Enforcement Training Center Advisory Committee: Fire: _____
Police: _____
Commissioners ****This was removed because it is under Ware County Now****

Library Board of Trustees:

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>1. Commissioner</i> | Ex-Officio: Sheinita Bennett |
| <i>2. Board Member</i> | Dr Marth Hall |
| <i>3. Board Member</i> | Dr. Clay |

Waycross-Ware County Land Bank Authority:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| <i>1. Post 1</i> | Eunice Dixon |
| <i>2. Post 2</i> | Commissioner Felder |

Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau:

- | | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| 1. Post 3 | Dr. Reba Smith |
| 2. Post 4 | Dr. William Clark |
| 3. Post 5 | Dr. Rena Vining |

Mayor's Youth Council: Patrick Simmons

Southern Georgia Regional Commission Mayor

Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee: Mayor

Ware County Health Board: Mayor

Waycross-Ware Co Development Authority: Mayor

Waycross-Ware Co Chamber of Commerce: Mayor

(Mayor and/or City Manager are Automatic Appointees to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Waycross-Ware Development Authority, Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee and Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Waycross Development Authority)

Pension Committee for Retirement Fund* *(Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by City Commission) (Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and Personnel Analyst & Risk Management Employee are Automatic Appointees:*

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Mayor | Mayor Michael-Angelo James |
| b. City Manager | Ulysses Rayford, City Manager |
| c. City Attorney | Rick Currie, City Attorney |
| d. Finance Director | Greg Smith, Finance Director |
| e. City Commissioner | Commissioner Felder |
| f. Department Head | Marissa Hendrix, Human Resources |

There was a vote to approve;

Dist-1 Norman Davis-Y, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-Y, Dist-3 Katrena Felder-Y, Dist-5 Alvin Nelson-Y. There were no votes in opposition.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

He gave an update on streets that are being paved, which are Crawford, Hanover, Jane, Beville and Richmond Ave. After these roads are done, they will start the surveys on the next set of 5 roads according to Robotics and GDOT matrix information.

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

The mayor announced that the MLK parade will be January 15th starting at 12 noon. Also, the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration program will be held at the Upper Room on January 13th beginning at 12 noon.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes: n/a
2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a
3. Privilege License Renewals:
 - a. Bunky's, C. Patel, 1545 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
 - b. Wallys, N. Patel, 1565 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. WAYX 24-05 Surplus Transfer-WPD Service Weapon and Police Badge

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

2. WAYXL 24-02 Surplus Land Bid-1011 Johnson Ave

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close A Portion of an Unopened Alley in Block 88 of Railroad Plat Subdivision; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds to Abutting Landowners; To Establish An Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson, made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare As Surplus Property A Weapon and Badge for Retiring Lieutenant Terrell Murphy; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson, made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Accept and Approve the Paving Priority List Generated and Created by the City Engineer; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross To Submit An Application To Obtain FY 2024 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Funds For Housing Rehabilitation Improvements.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis – expressed condolences to the Cooper Family for the loss of their loved one.

Commissioner Bennett- thanked everyone for coming out. She stated that she enjoyed being Mayor Pro Temp, and appreciated those that supported her in that role. She sent condolences to the Neloms and Cooper family for their loss.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She congratulated Lt. Murphy on his retirement and for 22 years of service to the city.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked all for coming out and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson- thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He gave condolences to the Neloms and Cooper family for their loss. He congratulated Lt. Murphy on his retirement and his service. Happy New Year to all.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael-Angelo James
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

