

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was, Commissioners Norman Davis, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, and Diane Hopkins.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Invocation led by, Marc Hawkins, Director of Community Improvement

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

James Thomas, 502 Crawford Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr. Thomas spoke about him noticing citizens parking in handicapped parking without proper tag or inside notifications. He also spoke about how he noticed citizens using their handheld devices while driving. Lastly, he spoke on a problem with Crawford Street plumbing, he wanted to know when it was going to be repaired.

Dr. Earl Martin, 902 Elizabeth Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Dr. Martin commented on how happy he was with the outcome of Albany Avenue. He also brought his concern about how loud drivers play their music. He stated he believed there to be a noise ordinance and if so, it should be enforced.

Christy Hattaway, 503 Pinecone Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Ms. Hattaway came to present to the Commission about the Non-Profit Program called, Hearts for Families. It is for the awareness and prevention of Drugs and Alcohol.

Connie Bussey, 1101 Senate Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mrs. Bussey came and spoke briefly on behalf of the Black Nurses Association and a project they are entering into to have AEDs in all churches in city. They will set up to train and educate on the use of this life saving device and wanted to seek whatever funding they could from the city on that behalf.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. Annual Fire Extinguisher Bid

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda. Norman Davis-yes, Katrena Felder-yes, Diane Hopkins-yes and Henry Strickland- yes

2. Annual Oil & Lubricants Bid

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda. Norman Davis-yes, Katrena Felder-yes, Diane Hopkins-yes and Henry Strickland- yes

3. Annual Vet Services for WPD K-9 Unit

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda. Norman Davis-yes, Katrena Felder-yes, Diane Hopkins-yes and Henry Strickland- yes

4. Annual Pest Control Services

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda. Norman Davis-yes, Katrena Felder-yes, Diane Hopkins-yes and Henry Strickland- yes

5. Land Sale – Lots 9-16 Commons Street

No Consensus was needed; there will be a Resolution that will be voted on tomorrow, per Attorney Rick Currie.

6. Bid# FY 23-09 Phase 1A & 1B Armory

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda. Norman Davis-yes, Katrena Felder-yes, Diane Hopkins-yes and Henry Strickland- yes

B. Presentation: Text My Gov – Patrick Simmons

City Manager and Patrick Simmons gave some brief information on the process in which the start of a test roll out using Text My Gov App will happen.

C. Discussion: Hwy 520 – Trey Gavin

Trey Gavin, spoke briefly giving the commission different ideas on making gains to improve public safety on Corridor Z. He spoke on the GDOT history of giving funds towards the use of a Crosswalk and a Bypass.

D. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

E. Privilege Licenses: n/a

F. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of an Unopened Alley in Block L of Northside Subdivision; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds to the Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda

G. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Extend Agreement with Gateway Realty to Market and Sell Certain Designated City-Owned Properties; and for Other Purposes.
2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Award Bid Contract to Lamar Johnson Construction of Waycross, Georgia, for the Waycross Police Department Special Operations Building Project; and for Other Purposes.

H. City Attorney's Report:

The commission was reminded that Public Hearings will start tomorrow at 4:00p.m.

I. City Manager's Report:

The City Manager gave a summary of his plans and priorities which to date includes.

1. Continuous evaluation of city processes and systems that lead to better efficiency and customer service.
2. Initiation of city budget review and audit schedule.
3. Initiation of HWY 520/84 Safety mitigation plan.
4. Community interaction/engagement (4).
5. City retreat final schedule review

1. Commission Retreat

J. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

K. Adjournment

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was given by Commissioner Hopkins and seconded by Commissioners Strickland and Felder. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:


JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk