

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 – 3:00 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, September 5, 2023, at 3:00 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 Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. Commissioner Hopkins (in at 4:01).

A. Invocation:

Led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The mayor took a moment to recognize Paige Taylor, Shawn Taylor and Nicky Spivey for their outstanding community service to the citizens of Waycross. Awarding each of them with the city railroad spike for their leadership in the community, feeding our community and providing and assisting with the homeless.

II. GUESTS:

Ethan Johnson, 1701 Carswell Avenue, Waycross Ga. 31503- spoke to the commission about the Live 911 operations, that assist 911 operators to broadcast the calls in real time to the officer as the calls come in. This service can be used across all services like the WFD, and the EMS. They will not have the ability to correspond to the call but can hear and prepare accordingly.

Judy Barnes, 1102 N. Augusta Ave, Waycross Ga. 31501- asked for a name change from Veterans Memorial to either Waycross Memorial Park, or Veterans Memorial Park. Also, she thought it would be nice to place plaques on the outer walls and the flags need some attention.

Lenwood Coleman, 208 Gordan Street, LaGrange Georgia- wanted the city to commit to \$1,000,000 for Bailey Street Housing Project.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids: n/a

B. Discussion Items:

1. MOA- Chief Cox

There was a consensus to okay this MOA, for Coastal Pines Technical College., and have it placed on Tuesday Agenda.

2. Ladder Truck- Chief Eddins

There was a consensus to okay the final payment by way of a resolution of the ladder truck, and for this to be placed on Tuesday Agenda.

3. City Engineer Update-Trey Gavin

Trey gave a presentation to the commission on Lead and Copper.

4. TIA2 Update

Trey gave a presentation to the commission.

5. Street and Roads Update

Trey gave a presentation to the commission.

6. Midnight Basketball Update

The city manager gave the commission an update on the start of the midnight basketball program.

7. ARPA Update

The city manager gave the commission an update on the progression and implementation of the ARPA funds. Also, the possibility of using the funds to help citizens catch up on their water bills that are behind.

C. Privilege Licenses Renewals: n/a

D. Privilege Licenses:

1. Woody's Top Putt, J. Woods, 538 Plant Ave, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine Consumption on Premises.
2. The Place on Pendleton Street, L. Hickox, 311 Pendleton St., Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises.

E. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross Georgia; To Amend Chapter 2-Administration, Article IV. – Officers and Employees, Section 2-191. – Oath for City Clerk, Bond, Acting City Clerk; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Codification, Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

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

F. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Amendment Number 4 to Contract Awarded to Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc. To Now Include Isabella Street, Oak Street, Williams Street, Quarterman Street, Saint Mary’s Avenue and Mary Street; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus **NOT** to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize the Signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Coastal Pines Technical College; To Provide for Mutual Aid in Case of An Emergency as Defined by O.C.G.A. Section 36-69-2; and for Other Purposes.

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

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Final Payment to Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC, for Repairs to an Arrow XT Aerial HD Ladder Fire Truck, and for Other Purposes.

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

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize an Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc. to Provide Probation Supervision Services to the Municipal Court of the City of Waycross, and for Other Purposes.

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

G. City Attorney’s Report:

H. City Manager’s Report:

Focusing on the community cleanup is his main goal.

I. Last Call

Commissioner Davis- wanted to know the status on the tree that fell in the park also the fence that was both down and damaged due the storm. He congratulated the three ladies that the mayor recognized for the great work they did for our community.

Mayo Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett- congratulated all three ladies on their commitment to serve the community with grace, love and dedication. She also thanked the essential workers, citizens and the city manager for getting out and helping the community with their needs.

Commissioner Hopkins- congratulated the ladies on their dedication and labor of love to the citizens of Waycross. She also thanked the city manager for all he does to keep the commission and the citizens informed.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked the community for sticking together to help one another through the storm. He gave special thanks to all the essential workers and the city manager for their sacrifice and hard work.

Mayor James- thanked everyone that played a part in taking care of each other and the city. He thanked Georgia Recovery and was humbled to be apart of that.

J. Adjourn to Executive Session

There was a motion made by Commissioner Felder to go into executive session for personnel, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned to go into executive session at 4:18pm.

K. Adjournment

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

