



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins. Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett (came in at 5:01)

\*\*\*Marc Hawkins, sat in for City Manager who was at a City Managers Conference\*\*\*

A. Invocation: Commissioner Norman Davis

Led by James Smart, Public Works Director

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 Davis, 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

Chief Cox presented Takira Bledsoe with the October Employee of the Month.

B. Waycross Ware County Planning Commission: Post 6 Appointment

There were two nominations for post 6. Commissioner Felder nominated Felecia Brown and Commissioner Bennett nominated Arthur Williams. Felecia Brown was appointed after a vote was taken. Dist-1 Norman Davis- **Nay**, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins- **Yes**, Dist-5 Henry Strickland **Yes**.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

A. City Manager's Report

No report currently

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

The mayor presented the Retired Teachers Association with a Proclamation recognizing November 5<sup>th</sup> as Retired Teachers Day.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Sessions, Tuesday,
  - a. September 5, 2023, at 3:00 pm
  - b. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm
  - c. Waycross City, Commission Planning and Information Session Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:00 pm
  - d. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 4:45pm
  - e.. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5:00 pm

2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. Bid #FY24-03 Police Vehicle Equipment

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. Bid #FY24-07 HVAC Units for WAS

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 34- Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IV. – Occupation Tax, by Amending Sections 34-78, 34-80, 34-85, 34-96 and 34-105 Pertaining to Occupation Taxes as it applies to Attorneys; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide for Severability; to Provide for and Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Located on City Boulevard, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve ESG Engineering of Macon, Georgia, for the City's Neighborhood Park Improvements Project, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve ESG Engineering of Macon, Georgia, for the City's Lead and Copper Program Management Project, and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve on Emergency Basis A Memorandum of Understanding with Ware County Regarding Debris Removal as a Result of Hurricane Idalia, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Purchase of In-Car Equipment for Newly Purchased Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department, and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Johns Heating and Air for New Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Units for the Waycross Animal Shelter, and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Benn made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed

**VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Davis- apologized for being late. He asked everyone to remember those families who were bereaved at this time. He congratulated the employee of the month and the retired educators.

Commissioner Bennett -thanked everyone for coming out. She also congratulated the employee of the month as well as the retired educators.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She thanked and gave homage to the Retired Educators letting them know how important they were and still are in shaping our communities.

Commissioner Hopkins-. thanked everyone for coming out in support of the employee of the month as well as the Retired Educators.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out, also congratulated the employee of the month as well as thanked all the educators that were present for the presentation of the proclamation.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He congratulated the employee of the month as well as the educators. He asked for prayers for all who are bereaved at this time.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor James, adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

