



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 5:01 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, Commissioners Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, Katrena Felder, and Henry Strickland.

- A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Invocation led by Jaylen McGauley

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

Ready by Jacqueline Powell

- D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

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

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

- A. Recognition of College and High School Graduates

Marissa Hendricks announced the High School and College Graduates as the Mayor and the Commission recognized and congratulated them all on a job well done.

- B. Waycross and Ware County Development Authority (WWDA) Board Appointment

There was a motion made by Commissioner Strickland recommending Steven Burse the motion failed for lack of a second. Motion died because of non-consensus.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

The City's priorities remain connected to enhancing customer service and communication, community engagement and development, and economic growth.

This week's Priorities are:

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

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

The mayor reminded the public of up coming events to look for such as the Wayfest Concert, Juneteenth Festival and Adopt a Pet.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, May1, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
- b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 4:45 P.M.
- c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

- a. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of an Unopened Alley in Block 72 of South Deenwood Subdivision; To Authorize a Quitclaim Deed to the Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. Annual Fire Extinguisher Bid
2. Annual Oil & Lubricants Bid
3. Annual Vet Services for WPD K-9 Unit

4. Annual Pest Control Services

Motion made for continuation of said contractors from numbers 1-4 by Commissioner Felder, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

D. 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 motion to approve the Ordinance by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. 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.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Strickland. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis- No comments

Commissioner Bennett - thanked everyone for coming out. She also congratulated all the High School and College graduates and sent a special congratulations to her niece who graduated with all honors.

Commissioner Felder- thank everyone for coming and congratulated the High and College graduates. She gave recognition and congratulatory remarks to the City Manager, and the Chief of Police for working with GDOT to help facilitate improvement in areas of concern and safety for our citizens.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked Jaylen McGauley for leading the invocation. Congratulated all the High School and College graduates. She also sent her condolences to Dr. Clark and his family for the loss of his mother.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming and congratulated all the graduates. He also extended condolences to the Clark Family for their loss.

Mayor James- expressed his appreciation to Jaylen McGauley for doing an outstanding job of leading the devotion. He commended the parents of the graduates as well as the graduates for a job well done. He thanked our City Manager for his diligence in his pursuit of trying to be the great change for the betterment of our city.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. And the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.



CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk