



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:02 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 Henry Strickland

Invocation was led by Chief Eddins, WFD

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 Hopkins 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:

Employee of the Month was presented by Marissa Hendricks, HR director, to Kadezia Moorhead.

B. Waycross and Ware County Planning Commission Appointments

1. Post 6: There was a motion by Commissioner Strickland to table this appointment seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

A. City Manager’s Report

The City’s priorities remain connected to enhancing customer service and communication, community engagement & development, and economic growth. This week’s Priorities are:

1. Continuous evaluation of city processes and systems that lead to better efficiency and customer service.
2. City FY24 budget execution.
3. Workforce’s pay scale & retirement presentation.
4. ARPA discussion & execution.
5. Community interaction/engagement (5).
6. City bulk item clean up

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

The mayor thanked all the ones that participated in the Juneteenth Celebration.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
  - a. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-zone the Property Described Herein Located at the Southern Corner of Bailey Street and Buchannon Street from R – 50 Residential to RS – Single Family; To Set an Effective Dater; To Repel Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
  - b. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Fifty Foot Wide Right of Way for Isabella Street Running From Augusta Avenue to Dewitt Street; To Close and Abandon a Twenty Foot Wide Alley Running from Mary Street to Carswell Avenue; To Authorize a Quit Claim Deed to the Adjoining Property Owner; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
  - c. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance; To Amend Article IX – Administration Enforcement, Penalties, Section 901 – Enforcing Officer and Section 907.4 – Board of Zoning Appeals – Powers and Duties, Pertaining to Applications and Procedures for Appeal; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.
  - d. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 1 by Adding a New Section 1-15 so as to Allow Publication of Notice of Public Hearings on the City Website; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

There was a motion made to approve by Commissioner Norman Davis. Seconded by Commissioners Henry Strickland and Diane Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses:

1. Jay Eklingi LLC, V. Trivedi, 1302 Sweat Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine Package Sales Only

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

C. Bids:

1. Bid # FY23-12 Mosquito Spray

Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to accept this bid seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

2. Bid # FY23-14 Fuel Cards

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to accept this bid seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

3. Bid # FY23-16 Yard Trash Removal & Disposal

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to accept this bid seconded by Commissioner Davis and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. – Licenses, Division 2. Application, Section 6-72. – Fees; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve the Ordinance by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Contract with Cecil Eunice Trucking Company of Blackshear, Georgia, for City's Grinding Services and Disposal of Yard Trash for Fiscal Year 2024, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Hopkins and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Award Bid Contract to Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024 Fuel Card Service; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve and Award Bid for Mosquito Control Chemical Spray Project to Adapeo, Inc. of Lake Mary, Florida, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 (Being July 1, 2023, Through June 30, 2024) Budgets for the City of Waycross, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. A Resolution to Approve an Alley Abandonment Policy and Procedure, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

6. A Resolution to Approve a Street and Road Abandonment Policy and Procedure, and for Other Purposes.

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

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

Commissioner Davis- sent condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones. He thanked Mr. Lockey and Mrs. Taylor on a job well done with the Juneteenth Celebration.

Commissioner Bennett – she gave condolences to the Ray family and Dr. Martha Hall. She also thanked the City Manager for the great work he is doing for the city.

Commissioner Felder- thank everyone for coming. She also sent condolences to the families that has lost loved ones. She thanked the Public Works department for all they did to help during the Special Collections for the city.

Commissioner Hopkins-she congratulated the employee of the month.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming and thanked Chief Eddings for the invocation. He also thanked public works department for what they did in the community. He concluded by thanking all the department heads and the city manager for what they do.

Mayor James- thanked the City Manager. He thanked the WPD for the awesome job with the Junior Police Academy.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation. The motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. And the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

