



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 – 5:00 PM
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis, Sheinita Bennett, and Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Reverend Bill Young

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Read by City Clerk, Jacqueline Powell

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

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

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. Swearing-In Ceremony:

1. City Commissioner - District 4: Diane Hopkins

Attorney Rick Currie performed the swearing in of Commissioner Hopkins.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

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

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes n/a
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
 - a. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 7 of Watrusco Subdivision; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds to Abutting Landowners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
 - b. An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Create the Business Integration, and Information Systems Department; and for Other Purposes.
3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. WAYXL 24-03 845 Folks Street

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

2. WAYXL 24-04 847 Folks Street

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance To Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 32 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article V. – Parks, Grass, Plats, Squares, Section 32-140 – Renaming of City Streets, by Adding a New Subsection (l) Pertain To Renaming a Portion of Eads Street To Kennedy L. Sanders Way; To Provide For an Effective Date; **To Declare An Emergency To Allow For Second Reading; and for Other Purposes.**

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

2. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 32 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article V. – Parks, Grass, Plats, Squares, Section 32-140 – Renaming of City Streets, By Adding A New Subsection (M) Pertaining To Renaming Carver Drive To Eric Reed Way; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

3. An Ordinance of the City of Waycross to Re-Classify the Position of Fire Department Battalion Chief to Be A Non-Exempt Employee; of the Fire Department To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Located at 845 Folks Street; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Located at 847 Folks Street; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross. Georgia, To Authorize the Signing of A Statewide Mutual Aid And Assistance Agreement; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson, made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Agreement with ESG Engineering of Macon, Georgia, for the City's 2024 Road Paving Project; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Acknowledge the Possibility of A Second Election; and for Other Purposes.

Motion made by Commissioner Felder, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins for discussion.
Motion to Adopt this Resolution Failed by vote Dist-1 Norman Davis-No, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-No, Dist-3 Katrena Felder-Yes, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins-Yes, and Dist-5 Alvin Nelson-No

7. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, To Authorize the Execution and Signing of Memoranda of Understanding with The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 City of Waycross Recipients; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis – expressed condolences to the Sanders Family for the loss of their loved one.

Commissioner Bennett- thanked everyone for coming out. She expressed condolences to the Sanders family.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She expressed her condolences to the Sanders family. She welcomed back Commissioner Hopkins.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked all for coming out and stated she was glad to be back.

Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson- thanked everyone for coming out. He expressed condolences to the Sanders family.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He gave condolences to the Sanders family for their loss.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:


JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

