

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
*(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)*

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Planning and Information Session of the City of Waycross was called to order June 6, 2022, at 5:01 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Diane Hopkins, and Henry Strickland.

**A. Invocation**

Mayor James offered the invocation.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. GUESTS:**

Marion Solomon Gaines spoke briefly on the fact that the Historic Preservation Committee has not met in a while. She also stated that she will be attending all the Land Bank meetings and Commissioner Hopkins stated that Marla Howell may want to be involved with the Historic Preservation group.

**III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS**

Chief Eddins spoke briefly reminding all Commissioners about the upcoming GMA Conference

**IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**

**A. Bids:** Mamie Jackson, Purchasing Director presented the following bids.

1. Bid # FY-23- Annual Vet Services for WPD K-9 Unit  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
2. Bid # FY-23- Annual Vet Services for Waycross Animal Services  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
3. Bid # FY22-23- Annual Oil & Lubricants Bid  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
4. Bid # FY22-23- Annual Fuel Cards Bid  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda

**B. Discussion of Appointment to Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission**

1. Post 2:  
Marc Hawkins spoke about the need to appoint someone for Post 2. He stated that William Simmons had agreed to serve on this post for an additional 3 years.  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda for Executive Duties.

**C. Discussion of Appointment to Agency on Aging**

Mayor James spoke briefly about adding Dorothy Benefield to this position. This position is a 3 year term. There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda for Executive Duties.

**D. Discussion of SPLOST Referendum**

Chief Eddins spoke briefly on the need to set a day and time for the SPLOST meeting, there is a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. There was a consensus to set the date and time

**E. Discussion of Replacement of Street Signs in Historic District**

Chief Eddins, spoke briefly on replacing worn street signs in the downtown area. All Commissioners spoke on signs all over the city that need to be replaced because of wear and tear. There was a consensus to have the street signs replaced.

**F. Privilege License Renewals: n/a**

**G. Privilege Licenses: n/a**

**H. Proposed Ordinances: n/a**

**I. Proposed Resolutions:**

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Pay Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company, Inc, for Materials Utilized to Install Water Line at the Center Elementary School Entrance Improvement Project; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve Transfer of Funds to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the U.S. #1 Overpass Project; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Appoint Marc Hawkins to be Acting City Manager for the City of Waycross for a Period of Time Not More Than Six Months; to Fix Compensating; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Hold the City Commission Work Session Set for the Monday Before the First Tuesday in the Month of July 2022 on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Hold the City Commission Work Session Set for the Monday Before the Third Tuesday in the Month of June 2022 on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Lewis and Raulerson, Inc. for fiscal year 2023 Fuel Card Service; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

7. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to T & R Oil Company D/B/A Boswell Oil for Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Oil and Lubricant Service; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

8. A Resolution of the City of Waycross to accept a Community Development Block Grant for Neighborhood Revitalization, and for other purposes.

There was some discussion. The Commissioners requested further information documenting where the funds had been allocated. Marc Hawkins, Community Improvement Director, will email an itemized financial statement for this Block Grant.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

**J. City Attorney's Report:**

Rick Curry, spoke briefly on the need to set a Public Hearing on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July for the purpose of a petition to close a portion of Colquitt Street. Coastal Pines and Terry Luke the owner of the property agrees with the petition to close. There was a consensus to move forward with the said date.

**K. City Manager's Report:**

1. Department Report:

Greg Smith, Finance Director, spoke briefly on the Budget Meetings that need to be set and published with a date and time set. The Commissioners were given their budget books for review. The Called Commission meeting for the SPLOST Project List is set for the 15<sup>th</sup> of June at 5:00 pm. There will be a Called Commission Meeting to discuss the budget on the June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. There will be a Public Hearing to discuss the budget on the June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. There will also be a Called Commission Meeting to discuss the budget set for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, and a Public Hearing to consider closing a portion of Colquitt St will be held on the July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm.

Commissioner Davis made a statement regarding meetings being on Thursdays', a day in which he is not available. Because of deadline for budget to be set and legal notices being made available, it was said that a meeting on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> was necessary,

City Attorney Rick Curry. There was a discussion on why things are being rushed and inquiries as to how to make the appropriate adjustments to ensure that there is enough time given moving forward. There was a consensus to add the dates and times for said meetings and public hearings.

Chief Eddins, spoke briefly about giving the old Cascade System, the machine that fills the air tanks, to the Blackshear fire department. The Chief from Blackshear fire department contacted Chief Eddins and stated that they are in need of one. He wanted approval from the commission to allow them to have it. Commissioner Hopkins wanted to see what it was worth and allow them to purchase at said value. The question was asked of City Attorney if it could even be gifted. He stated he would research it and see. Commissioner Davis stated that it would be a good gesture to gift the machine to them.

2. Chief Tommy Cox, WPD

Chief Cox spoke briefly giving the commission a comparison of WPD reports comparing them to previous year report. He also spoke about the Junior Police Academy beginning next week Monday-Friday 8-5 at the City Auditorium. He invited all commission to stop by. Commission Davis suggested photos of the cadets when they catch a fish for publicity and live stream graduation. Wants more people to see what the WPD is doing.

**L. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session**

Commission Davis, spoke briefly asked Marc about overgrown grass, James Smart said he had that on his list of to do's. He also included N. Nicholls Street. James Smart said he will investigate that property. He spoke with Marc regarding Ms. Greer complaint regarding tree removal because of allegedly dead trees, and he had already spoken with her.

**M. Adjournment**

Mayor James Adjourned meeting at 6:33pm.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:

*+ Michael Angelo James*

**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

ATTEST:

*Jacqueline Powell*

**JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk**

