

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was, Commissioners Norman Davis (in at 5:45), Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett (in at 5:04)

A. Invocation: Commissioner Henry Strickland

Invocation led by, James Smart, Director of Public Works

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

Larry Lockey, 818 Sargent Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr. Lockey, spoke on the Juneteenth Celebration Freedom Day that will be held on June 19th from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm, at Oak and Folk Street, Waycross Georgia. He wanted to let the community know to come out and enjoy.

David White, 1419 Marion Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr. White, came speaking on the intersection of Blackwell and Corridor Z. He expressed that something still needs to be done regarding the safety of citizens at this intersection.

Dr. Earl Martin, 902 Elizabeth Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Dr. Martin spoke briefly about the derailment of the train on Carswell Avenue. He expressed his concern for “what could happen” if things are not in place for the well-being of the citizens of Waycross.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. Land Sale – Lots 9-16 Commons Street

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda. Katrena Felder-yes, Henry Strickland- yes, and Mayo Pro Temp Sheinita Bennett-yes.

B. Schedule Public Hearings:

1. To Consider Rezoning 1202 House Street from R-75 Residential to RM-75 Residential
2. To Consider an Amendment to Zoning Code 908.5 – 908.8

There was a consensus to put on Tuesday agenda.

C. Waycross and Ware County Planning Commission Appointments

1. Post 4:
2. Post 6:

There was discussion to appoint Alvin to post 4 and Eunice Dixon to post 6

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

There was a discussion to appoint Steven Burse.

E. Discussion: FY24 Budget

Greg gave a presentation on the budget.

F. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

G. Privilege Licenses: n/a

H. Proposed Ordinances:

1. 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 Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda

2. 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.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda

3. 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.

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4. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 1 by Adding a New Section 1-15 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.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda.

I. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the Waycross, City Commission to Approve a Deferred Payment Loan to the Owner of 611 Owens Street for Rehabilitation Assistance as Part of the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve the Sell and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Located on Commons Street, and for Other Purposes.

There was discussion and it was said that Mrs. Ivey believes the property to be less than 1.6 acres. There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Terms and Conditions of American Rescue Plan Act Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant Program; and for Other Purposes.

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J. City Attorney's Report:

The City Manager spoke briefly on the Priorities for the City.

K. City Manager's Report:

1. Department Report: Greg Smith, Finance Director

L. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting to go into executive session for personnel by Commissioner Felder, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.

M. Adjournment

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

