

**MINUTES  
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Mayor Pro Tem Henry Strickland, Diane Hopkins, and Marian Solomon-Gaines.

Chief David Eddins offered the opening Invocation. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tonya Miller, City Manager requested to set Public Meetings:

- 1.) Stormwater Town Hall Meeting for August 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
- 2.) Public Hearing for Consideration of Millage Rate, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.;

Roger Collins – Explained the current millage and answered questions.

City Manager requested the confirmation of James Smart as Public Works Director.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

City Manager provided an updates:

- 1.) The progress of the Splash Pad.
- 2.) Morningside Drive and Coral Road
- 3.) Riverside Drive will be an emergency solicitation. It's about 60 days to completion.

PSA: Mayor James announced an upcoming Back to School Give-away.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by Acting City Clerk, China Agu for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes:

- 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, June 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m.;
- 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk reported that there were no ordinances for second readings or privilege licenses.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-22**

**AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 1911 MEMORIAL DRIVE; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY AS C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia for Second Reading.

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China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**ORDINANCE NO. 021-23**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II. – LICENSES, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, SECTION 6-38. – REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, CIVIL PENALTIES – GROUNDS, AND ADD A NEW SECTION 6-41. – EMPLOYEE REGULATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-62**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR GUIDANCE ON HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission approved Resolution No. 21-43 on May 18, 2021, which authorized, on an interim basis but no more than six (6) weeks from the execution of the agreement, the approval of an Agreement for Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. to Provide Consulting Services for guidance on Human Resources matters to the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has hired a new Human Resources Director but she is not yet ready to begin her employment with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager proposes an amendment to the agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth, thereby extending the agreement until a completion date of 5:00 p.m. n August 13, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City authorizes on an interim basis until 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2021, and as set forth in the Amendment to Agreement for Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. to Provide Consultation Services For City of Waycross, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth, for guidance and expertise on Human Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute Said Amendment to Agreement reflecting same on behalf of

the City of Waycross; and are authorized and directed to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2021.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
Acting City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-63**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE ANNUAL WORK  
DETAIL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE  
CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR ONLY ONE INMATE WORK DETAIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, a proposed Work Detail Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross to be effective from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, has been presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of said Work Detail Agreement is for the Department of Corrections to provide one (1) Offender Work Detail on public works projects in accordance with O.C.G.A § 42-5-60 (e); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said agreement, the Department of Corrections will provide one full time Correctional Officer and a maximum of ten (10) inmates for the Offender Work Detail; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to the City shall be \$49,318.00 for said year, commensurate with labor supplied and salary and benefits for Correctional Officer assigned to the Offender Work detail, exclusive of any overtime provided by the Correctional Officer in performing said work; and

**WHEREAS**, either Party may terminate said Agreement for convenience upon seven (7) days written notice to the other Party; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of said Work Detail Agreement, being five (5) pages, is attached hereto and incorporated and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Work Detail Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022 between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross, Georgia, for only one Inmate Work Detail, in the form attached hereto and incorporated and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth, is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Waycross.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**CHINA WILLIAMS AGU, Acting City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Guests: Larry Lockey, President of Waycross Branch NAACP – Address: 818 Sargeant Street Waycross, Georgia. Mr. Lockey spoke about the Back to School Giveaway to be held Friday, July 23, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

During Last call, Commissioner Davis expressed his condolences to families who have lost loved ones. He also inquired about the E.L. Saunders Street project. James Smart, Public Works Director provided answers to the commissioner's questions. Davis also spoke concerning a Bandstand Committee and possible funding. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines wished a few Happy Birthdays. Solomon-Gaines also announced an upcoming Back to School Giveaway. The Commissioner also spoke about the increase in COVID cases and the new Delta Variant, and considering a possible plan for the City's Staff. Commissioner Hopkins spoke a little about COVID and vaccination. She also congratulated James Smart, thanked Roger Collins for coming to the meeting. Hopkins spoke about the work in the Morningside/Coral Road area. Commissioner Strickland congratulated James Smart, and thanked Roger Collins for coming out. Strickland thanked the staff of the City. The Commissioner also reminded the citizens to remember that when mowing their lawns to blow the debris back into their yards or into piles to be removed so that it does not clog up the drains and/or get into the water system. Commissioner Hopkins wanted to mention upcoming public works projects. Mayor James commended Mr. Smart and thanked Mr. Collins and Mr. Lockey for coming out to the meeting. He reminded the citizens of the upcoming Job Fair. He also announced an upcoming Storm Readiness Lunch & Learn. Also, the C.C. McCray City Auditorium is now open for bookings.

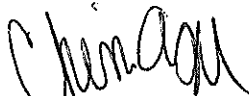
After the last call, Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion adjourn to executive session. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**CHINA AGU, Acting City Clerk**