



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The City Commission Meeting of the City of Waycross was called to order February 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Mayor Pro Diane Hopkins, Sheinita Bennett, Katrena Felder, and Henry Strickland, and Norman Davis.

- A. Invocation  
Pastor Tawanna Harris offered the invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor James requested that Acting City Clerk, Robin Brookins read the decorum.

**II. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

- A. Employee of the Month: Tayanta Snow
- B. Confirmation of Greg Smith, Finance Director  
Commissioner Diane Hopkins motioned to confirm Greg Smith as Finance Director.  
Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mayor James entertained a motion to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Norman Davis motioned to accept. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

- C. Removal of Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority Board Members
  - 1. William Clark
  - 2. Eunice Dixon
  - 3. Reba Smith
  - 4. Clint Bowman

Commissioner Diane Hopkins motioned for removal. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**D. Appointments to Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority**

1. Eunice Dixon – Four-Year Term (*Beginning January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025*)
2. Clint Bowman – Three-Year Term (*Beginning January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024*)
3. Reba Smith – Two-Year Term (*Beginning January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023*)

Commissioner Norman Davis motioned to approve. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**III. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**A. City Manager’s Report**

Acting City Manager, Marc Hawkins called Nancy Culpepper up to introduce Maura Lake new to our Finance Department.

**B. Mayor’s Public Service Announcements**

The Mayor announced that Georgia Cities Week is coming up. He congratulated Ernest Jones on making it to the Super Bowl. The Mayor also announced the upcoming Birthday of Ms. Robin Brookins.

**IV. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

**A. Consent Calendar:**

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - 1.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
  - a. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of Pendleton Street Right-of-way Between Riverside Drive and West Oneida Street; To Authorize Quit Claim Deeds with City Retaining Easement; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Diane Hopkins motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**B. Privilege Licenses:**

1. Popbellies Country Buffet Inc., Daniel Mitchell, 1159 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, GA 31501, Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine.

Commissioner Norman Davis motion for approval of the Privilege License. Commissioner Katrena Felder seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**C. Bids: n/a**

**D. Ordinances: n/a**

**E. Resolutions:**

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotecnico, Inc. for the Fourth of July 2022 Fireworks Exhibition; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

2. A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Request the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly to Increase the Number of Directors on the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Sheinita Bennett seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Submit FY2022 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Application; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Modification of Loan Agreement for GEFA Loan Number CW2020002; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the resolution; Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

**VI. GUESTS:**

James Thomas – 520 S. Crawford Street

Mr. Thomas addressed the Commission concerning an increase in his water bill.

**VII. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Norman Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mayor James adjourned the meeting.



**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY: *+ Michael-Angelo James*  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*Jacqueline Powell*  
**Acting City Clerk**