

**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY, MAY 2, 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 May 2, 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, Norman Davis, Sheinita Bennett, Katrena Felder, and Diane Hopkins and Henry Strickland.

**A. Invocation**

Mayor James offered the invocation

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. GUESTS:**

Marla Howell-1201 Pruitt Drive, Waycross Ga 31501

Mrs. Howell spoke briefly on the placements of banners in the downtown area of the city. She also mentioned finding approximately fifty American flags that should be stored here at City Hall to have to place out in the city for specific holidays. Lastly, she spoke on the tax charges for warehouse properties in the downtown area, that should not be accessed these charges, but are still being charged.

Kristie Anderson-408 Hillcrest Blvd, Blackshear Ga 31516

Ms. Anderson spoke briefly on the Wheatley Wynn Court Yard Project/Grant for the area of Oak Street. She explained the process to the Commission and Chief Eddins and Trey Gavin also Spoke on this project expressing their full support of it. The Commission gave the Consensus to have them come back to re-introduce full disclosure of the complete process.

Ms. Marian Solomon-Gaines, 404 Gilmore Street, Waycross Ga 31501

Ms. Solomon-Gaines spoke briefly on her desire to have the polling precincts be central and not all over town confusing herself and other citizens. She also spoke on the rumor that she will be running in the next election for Mayor as just that a rumor. She doesn't plan on running for any Government position. A point of Order was given by Commissioner Davis to clarify Ms. Solomon-Gaines discussion topic was written down.

Larry Lockey- 818 Sergeant Street, Waycross Ga 31501

Mr. Lockey spoke briefly on the Juneteenth Event that will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-5 pm on Oak Street. He provided information on Vendor participation process and set-up.

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

The Mayor Announced he will be traveling May the 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> for the Spring GMA Board Meeting.

### **IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**

#### **A. Bids:**

1. Bid # FY22-27 Mosquito Control Spray  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
2. FY22-28 Police Car Equipment  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
3. Surplus Property WAYX 22-07  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
4. Additional Scope of Work for Albany Avenue  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda

#### **B. Discussion of Grant**

Chief Tommy Cox spoke about the \$15,000.00 Grant being used for body cameras for the WPD.

#### **C. Discussion of Appointments to the Waycross-Ware County Land Bank Authority**

1. Post 2:  
Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Felder and she accepted.
2. Post 4:  
Commissioner Hopkins nominated Marion Solomon-Gaines. The nomination prompted discussion by the Commission, on the by-laws regarding qualifications to sit on this board. After much discussion Commissioner Davis asked that Marc Hawkins acquire at least two more candidates for this board, his preference being a realtor at the next Commission Meeting. The Mayor agreed with the recommendation and tabled it until Tuesdays Commission Meeting.

#### **D. Discussion of Center Elementary Paving Project –**

Trey Gavin spoke briefly on the progress of the turning lane at Blackshear Ave and Clough Street and that there would be an increase of 12,680.88 for materials to complete that project.

#### **E. Discussion of Voting Precincts**

Carlos Nelson presented information on the concerns Commission and Citizens had concerning the number of polling precincts in the city and the break down on the lack of people to work the polling stations, the cost of having extra precincts and the concern for not having enough machines in case of emergency should they have increased precincts.

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

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

**H.** Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of Council Street Right-Of-Way Between Congress Street and Senate Street; To Authorize a Quit Claim Deed to Adjoining Property Owners with City Retaining Ownership of Storm Drainage Portion of Right-Of-Way; to Establish an Effective Date; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

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

**I.** Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize Approval and Execution of Agreement Between the Waycross Police Department and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. for a Federal Grant for Additional Body Cameras, 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 and Award Bid for Mosquito Control Chemical Spray Project to Adapco, Inc. of Lake Mary, Florida, 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 Approve Purchase of In-Car Equipment for Newly Purchased Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department, 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 Approve the Increase to Scope of Work for the Albany Avenue Drainage Improvement Project Awarded to Thrift Brothers, LLC, and for Other Purposes.

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

**J.** City Attorney's Report: n/a

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

1. Department Report:

Chief Eddins-

spoke on putting the topic of when to Stop the Sign On Bonus on Tuesday Agenda. He also spoke the Firefighters Give Burns and Boot Drive, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup> at Walmart Super Center, the Neighborhood Walmart, Lowes and Kroger.

Trey Gavin Engineering-

spoke briefly about the upcoming Grand Opening of the Splash Pad on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. He also spoke on the Storm Drains, just informing the Commission on the progress of that.

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

**M. Adjournment**

Commissioner Davis motioned to go into recess, Commissioner Hopkins seconded and the Mayor approved a 10 min recess at 7:08, The Mayor opened up from recess at 7:18 and offered a motion to adjourn to go into Executive Session Commissioner Strickland motioned and Commissioner Davis seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:20

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

*+ Michael Angelo James*

**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*Jacqueline Powell*  
**JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk**

