

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 – 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, September 19, 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 Temp, Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, and Henry Strickland and Sheinita Bennett.

A. Invocation

The Invocation was led by WFD, Chief Eddins

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

Dwayne Birden, 506 Alice Street, Waycross Ga,
Mr. Birden, spoke briefly on the City's Codes and the actions taken against him. He stated he feels like he is being harassed by the codes department, stating that they (the codes department) had been riding by taking pictures of his wife. That they were riding by his home every week. Also, he stated he was fined \$500 for a lawn mower and a bucket being in his yard. He stated that he wants to be left alone.

Shawn Roberts, 907 Crescent Street, Waycross Ga.

Mr. Roberts spoke briefly on a property that he owns at 1229 Parkway Drive, Waycross Ga. He feels harassed also, stating that he was told that if he did not remove a car that is backed up in his yard along with a cooler, he would be fined \$600. He also discussed the city not turning on water at his property on 416 Quarterman Street, Waycross Ga. He stated that someone was stealing his water as he works for CSX and, he is in the National Guard. He claims he has tried to do what is right and a get an understanding but gets resistance from the City. He wants something done about it.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

There are no travel plans to report at this time.

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. Surplus WAYX 23-05 Transfer – WPD Service Weapon and Police Badge

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda

2. Surplus WAYX 23-06 Confiscated Vehicles

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda

B. Schedule Public Hearing:

1. To Consider Map Amendment Request for WA1602 016B – 121 Victory Drive

Interim City Manager, Marc Hawkins, mentioned the need to set a Public Hearing on October the 18th, 2022 at 4:45

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda

C. Discussion: Chalk Walk in Downtown – Gail Seifert, Ware Children’s Initiative

Mrs. Seifert, spoke about the chalk walk and all the events coming up for this worthy cause. She also mention that she would like a Proclamation for the Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

There was a Consensus to allow this even to take place.

D. Discussion: Waycross Justice Center – Michelle Girtman

Mrs. Girtman, spoke to the Commission in detail about having a Family Justice Center Hub here in Waycross, Ga. There was some back and forth discussion with the Commission. They agreed that Mrs. Girtman should come back with a little more information before they give consent.

E. Discussion: Waycross Landfill Monitoring Results

Keith Reeves came and gave a report on the landfill monitoring.

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

F. Discussion: Annual Renewal of Fire Department Reporting and Database using ARPA Funding

Chief Eddins, WFD, discussed the renewal for the fire department reporting and database funding. He gave a price of \$14,420.31 that will come out of the ARPA funding,

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

G. Discussion: Introduction of New WPD Employees – Waycross Police Department

Chief Cox, WPD, introduce all the new hires for the WPD. These men and women are scheduled to attend the police academy on September 26th, 2022.

H. Discussion: WPD to Accept Donated 2008 Dodge Caravan for Purpose of Transportation

Chief Cox, WPD, needed permission from the Commission to accept this donated 2008 Dodge Caravan, to be for transporting families and their items in abusive situations.

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

I. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

J. Privilege Licenses:

1. PEARL19 Inc./DBA Om Food Mart, Ritaben P. Patel, 935 Tebeau St. Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales Only, Beer and Wine

Mayor Pro Temp, Diane Hopkins wanted the address confirmed of residence.

There was a consensus to place on the agenda for Tuesday pending confirmation of the correct address.

2. Fancy Q Sushi Waycross Inc., Jiancheng Huang, 514 Mary Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine

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

K. Proposed Ordinances n/a

L. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare as Surplus Property an Weapon and Badge for Retiring Public Safety Officer Donna Waters; 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 Accept a Gift of a Motor Vehicle for Use by the Waycross Police Department, 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 Continued Use of ESO Fire RMS Software for Waycross Fire Department; To Approve Payment of Invoice; 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 Declare Two Vehicles Awarded by the Court to the Waycross Police Department to be Surplused; To Provide, After Due Notice to the Public, for Their Sale by any Commercially Feasible Means; and for Other Purposes

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

M. City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Rick Curry will be adding two more resolutions to cover the following.

1. The landfill monitoring
2. Quick Claim Deed

N. City Manager's Report:

Interim City Manager, Marc Hawkins, wanted the Commission to set a close date for the Splash Pad. He suggested the end of September there was a consensus to close at the end of September. He also reminded all that EL Saunders Drive and Quarterman Street will be closed until further notice, for repairs.

1. Department Report: Chief David Eddins, WFD

Chief Eddins, wanted to commend Jessie Jordan for the work that he does at the training Center. He also stated that he is looking to get a \$20,000 grant, and the fire department was awarded a grant applied for in the amount of \$39,000.00 for three washers need for stations 1, 2 and 3. He also stated that he has 3 new recruits that have tested and he is waiting on their results. That he was very pleased.

O. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

The commission did adjourn into Executive Session

P. Adjournment

Commissioner Davis motion for adjournment to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Felder seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:38.

BY:



MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:


JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

