

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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 April 18, 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.

A. Invocation

James Smart offered the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

James Thomas-520 S Crawford Street, Waycross Ga 31503

Mr. Thomas spoke briefly about the increase of the increase in his Sewage Bill

David Clark- 602 Ava Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr. Clark spoke on having an opportunity to get on Extension on correcting his building repairs.

Larry Lockey-818 Sergeant Street, Waycross Ga 31501

Mr. Lockey spoke briefly about the need to have more voting precincts open to serve the public, especially the former voting prescient at the River of Life Church

Paul Brophy- 700 Laurel Street, Waycross Ga 31501

Mr. Brophy spoke briefly on the right to have his Camper parked on his property

Tim Peacock- 906 Euclid Ave, Waycross Ga 31501

Mr. Peacock spoke briefly about a dog Park

Nigel Brown -664 Scranton Road, Brunswick Ga. 31520

Mr. Brown spoke briefly on Troy University College Program, Online Program

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

GMA June Conference in Savannah June 24-28th

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids: n/a

B. Presentation of TTL Groundwater Monitoring & Statistical Analysis Report

Keith Reeves came and presented Ground Monitoring Report

C. Discussion of ESG Operations Request for Rate Increase

Scott Murphy spoke on rate increase of wages in the amount 4 ½% . He stated that this would be the 2nd increase in 11 years.

D. Ryland Environmental Request for Rate Increase – Richard Lee

Richard Lee requested a rate increase of 10% across the board for Residential and Commercial Garbage Collection. Commissioner Davis asked both ESG AND RYLAND to submit a proposal to present to the Commission to consider.

E. Appointment of Commissioner for LOST Negotiations

Norman Davis nominated Sheinita Bennett to head this meeting set for April 28, 2022
At 2:00 pm.

F. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

G. Privilege Licenses: n/a

H. Proposed Ordinances: n/a

I. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission To Cancel Deed to Secure Debt and Repayment Agreement for Real Property Located at 1425 Pine Street; and for Other Purposes.

City Attorney, Rick Currie explained the resolution, and there was a consensus to add this item to the agenda for Tuesday's Meeting.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Adopt Groundwater Monitoring & Statistical Analysis Report at the Closed Blackwell/Common Street Landfill, First Event of 2022, Completed by TTL of Valdosta, Georgia; and for Other Purposes.

City Attorney, Rick Currie explained the resolution, and there was a consensus to add this item to the agenda for Tuesday's Meeting.

3. 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 One Inmate Work Detail for Fiscal Year 2023; and for Other Purposes.

City Attorney, Rick Currie explained the resolution, and there was a consensus to add this item to the agenda for Tuesday's Meeting.

J. City Attorney's Report:

1. An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend Its Charter; To Amend Section 18, Subsection B, of the City Charter by Addressing When Persons Can Address the City Commission; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; To Provide for Severability; To Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

City Attorney, Rick Currie explained the Ordinance and that it should be published three Consecutive times in the City's legal organ.

K. City Manager's Report:

1. Department Report: Greg Smith, Finance

L. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

Commissioner Davis requested to add Voter Precincts to be added to the agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Bennett thanked everyone

Commissioner Hopkins made a suggestion the City should follow the CDC new guidelines by suspending the mask mandate. There was a Consensus that each employee has the option to wear a mask or not, but that the City would not compensate should anyone contract COVID. It was also recommended that the signs posted on the City doors remain but mask will be available to any residents who asks.

M. Adjournment

Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn; Mayor James adjourned meeting.



CITY OF WAYCROSS

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk