



**MINUTES  
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 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 May 3, 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, Sheinita Bennett, Katrena Felder, Henry Strickland, Diane Hopkins, and Norman Davis

- A. Invocation-  
Mayor James offered the invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

- A. April Employee of the Month-

James Smart made the presentation to Milliard Grant , Mayor James presented the tokens of appreciation

- B. May Employee of the Month-

James Smart made the presentation to William Scurry, Mayor James presented the tokens of appreciation.

Marc Hawkins presented names for Post 2 and 4 for the Commission to vote on. The Motion to nominate Commissioner Felder for Post 2 was done by Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Bennett seconded, all voted in favor and the vote carried. The motion to nominate Harriett Bowman for Post 4 was made by Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Strickland seconded, all voted in favor and the vote carried.

### **III. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

#### **A. City Manager's Report-**

Chief Eddins informed the citizens and Commission on the progress with the Traffic Light on Blackwell and Corridor-Z, stating that he and GDOT were communicating via email. He also stated that he has asked Chief Cox to prepare a 10-year history of the accidents that have occurred at that intersection. The chief also spoke on the Boot Drive being held May 19, 20 and 21. The Burn Foundation was set up to help firefighters families in the state of Georgia to off set cost to care for there loved ones.

#### **B. Mayor's Public Service Announcements**

The Mayor announced the Grand Opening of the Splash Pad scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm and also the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-5 pm.

### **IV. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

### **V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

#### **A. Consent Calendar:**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

- 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, April 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m.;
- 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

##### **2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a**

##### **3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a**

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar; Commissioner Strickland seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

#### **B. Privilege Licenses: n/a**

#### **C. Bids:**

##### **1. Bid # FY22-27 Mosquito Control Spray-**

Commissioner Hopkins wanted to know an approximate date the spraying will start. The answer was in approximately 3 weeks, after which a motion was given by Commissioner Hopkins to approve; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2. FY22-28 Police Car Equipment-

Motion given by Commissioner Hopkins to approve the bid; Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Surplus Property WAYX 22-07-

There was a discussion whether the Surplus would be sold on GOVDEALS.COM, the answer was yes, after which Commissioner Davis motioned to approve this bid, Commissioner Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. Additional Scope of Work for Albany Avenue-

There was a discussion on whether the funds for the Regular TSPLOST would be used, the answer was yes. After which Commissioner Davis motioned to approve this bid and Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

D. 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.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the Ordinance. Commissioner Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. 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.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Strickland seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare Certain Police Vehicles to be Surplused Property; To Provide for their sale on GOVDEALS.COM and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bennett seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

## **VI. GUESTS:**

David White-1419 Marion Street, Waycross Ga 31501

Mr. White wanted to thank Chief Eddins, His Commissioner and Chief Cox for their work and dedication to the concerns regarding the traffic light request for the Blackwell and Corridor-Z intersection.

Michael Hargrove- 2012 Alice Street Waycross Ga 31501

Mr. Hargrove gave his opinion on the appointment for the landbank nomination and the handling of the process. He also gave his opinion on the concerns that other citizens have regarding the number of polling precincts here in the city.

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

Commissioner Davis- gave his condolences to the Littlefield family and thanked Mr. Smart for the park additions.

Commissioner Bennett- thanked all the Department Heads for the great job they do. She also thanked all residents for showing up to the Commission Meetings and encouraged all citizens to come so that their concerns can be heard.

Commissioner Felder- thanked all guest for their presence and assured them that the goal of the commission is to do all they can for the good of the City and its citizens.

Commissioner Strickland- Thanked Mrs. Linda again for her long service and dedication to the City of Waycross. He also extended condolences to the Littlefield family.

Commissioner Hopkins- Thanked all and reminded everyone to take advantage of early voting especially the Saturdays. She also extended condolences to the Littlefield family.

All Commissioners and the Mayor spoke on Mrs. Linda our Purchasing Managers Retirement and how much she will be missed. All present wished her well as she prepares for Retirement.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Without any motion, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:   
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**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk**