



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 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, Sheinita Bennett, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, Diane Hopkins, and Henry Strickland.

A. Invocation:

Invocation led by Mr. James Smart, Public Works Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Read by Jacqueline Powell

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

There were no comments on official actions.

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. Schedule Public Hearing:

1. To Consider Zoning of Property Being Annexed into the City

Attorney Rick Curry, announced the need to schedule at Public Hearing for March 21, 2023 at 4:45, for the annexing of property into the city.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- A. City Manager's Report
- B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

The mayor reminded everyone and the up coming Georgia Cities Week.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, February 6, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
- 2. Ordinance Second Readings:
 - a. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close an Unopened Alley in Block 50 of Gilchrist Park Subdivision; To Authorize Quit Claim Deeds; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
- 3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett and Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances: n/a

E. Resolutions:

- 1. A Resolution to Establish Qualifying Fees and Qualifying Period for City of Waycross Elections for 2023, and for Other Purposes.

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

- 2. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Authorize the Execution of IRS Form 8038-G for Three (3) Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loans and to Approve a Limited Power of Attorney; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

3. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve a Deferred Payment Loan to the Owner of 612 Owens Street for Rehabilitation Assistance as Part of the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve the Resolution.
Commissioner Hopkins seconded. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

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Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett and. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

5. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotecnico, Inc. for the Fourth of July 2023 Fireworks Exhibition; and for Other Purposes.

After a brief discussion with each commissioner expressing their appreciation to the county for their contributions and their willingness to participate the mayor asked for a motion to approve.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis-thanked James Smart and the public works department for a great job they are doing at the park. He also expressed anxiousness about Trey Gavin coming back with a plan with future funding for the parks. He spoke again on the need and urgency on getting bids to tear down the Old Bailey Street School.

Commissioner Felder- she gave thanks to the citizens and the prior Interim City Managers for stepping up to fill that role. She congratulated out native citizen Ishvaraus Davis for his role in Congress working toward equity in technology.

Commissioner Hopkins-thanked the staff and ESG for all of there hard work and dedication to the city.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked all the department heads who stepped in to fill the role of the Interim City Managers role. He congratulated the mayor on pastoring his church for 33years.

Commissioner Bennett- She wanted to expressly thank the citizens and the department heads. She mentioned a building on Colley Street that needed to be looked at, also she thanked citizen Carol Grant for the impact she makes in the community.

The mayor thanked all the department heads for a job well done. He especially wanted to thank Marissa Hendricks our HR Director for all the hard work she puts attending to the request and the needs of the city.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor requested a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. And the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.



CITY OF WAYCROSS

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

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk