



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 2, 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 (in at 5:03), Commissioners Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, Katrena Felder, and Henry Strickland.

- A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Invocation was led by 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 agenda was made by Commissioner Strickland seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. The Motion was asked to be amended by City Attorney to show the need for a Public Hearing on June 6, 2023, at 4:45 pm. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

**III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

- A. Employee of the Month

Employee of the Month was presented by Greg Smith, Finance Director to Crystal Gerstorff.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

- A. City Manager's Report

City Manager, Ulysses Rayford presented his report "The Move of the City"

B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).

The mayor gave a list of all the upcoming events, dates, and times, that will be on our city's website.

V. **CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, April 17, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
- b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 4:45 P.M.
- c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

- a. An Ordinance Under Authority of Georgia Law to Annex into the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Certain Property at Mary Street and Augusta Avenue; To Establish Zoning Classification for the Annexed Property as C-2 Highway Commercial; To Change the Land Use Plan; To Set an Effective Date; To Provide for Severability; 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 Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

1. Bid# FY23-11 Zero Turn Mowers

Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to accept this bid seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of an Unopened Alley in Block 72 of South Deenwood Subdivision; To Authorize a Quitclaim Deed to the Adjoining Property Owners; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve the Ordinance by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Loan Agreement for GEFA Loan Number CW2021041; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve this Resolution by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Davis- No comments

Commissioner Bennett - thanked everyone for coming out. She thanked those who have taken out time to get to know our City Manager.

Commissioner Felder- thank everyone for coming. As everyone heard there are a lot of plans and things happening in the city. She stated that she is very happy that we have a City Manager to oversee the and plan for the growth of the city.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked the City Manager for his report and complimented him on the delivery style of it. She stated as long as she has been seated as a commissioner, a report of such has never been presented and as informed as this.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming because that is how we stay informed. He thanked the City Manager for his report, and stated how detailed it was.

Mayor James- May 12, 2023, at the City Auditorium will have the State of the City. Thanked all for being present today.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made by Commissioner Hopkins and seconded by Commissioner Felder. And the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

  
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

