



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder and Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett.

A. Invocation: Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett

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 Felder, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

A. Introduction of Jr. Auxiliary Officers - WPD

B. Employee of the Month

Greg Smith, Financial Director presented Marquis Williams as the Employee of the Month.

**A motion to amend the agenda to reflect the addition of the employee of the month. Motion made by Commissioner Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. **

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

The City's priorities remain connected to enhancing customer service and communication, community engagement & development, and economic growth. This week's Priorities are:

1. Continuous evaluation of city processes and systems that lead to better efficiency and customer service.
2. Community Clean up.
3. Streets, Roads, and Projects update (priority) execution.
4. Budget review execution.
5. ARAP review and Grant process execution.
6. Community interaction/engagement (5)

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

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Waycross City Commission and Information Session, October 16, 2023, at 5:00 pm.
- b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 4:45 pm.
- c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

2. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a

3. Privilege License Renewals:

- a. American Legion, John Sutton, L. Lockey, Post 517, 710 Dorothy St. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine, and liquor consumption on premises.
- b. Friendly Express, D Turner, 1720 Memorial Dr., Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, and Wine, package sales only.
- c. Friendly Express, D. Turner, 1811 S. Ga. Parkway, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, Package sales only.
- d. Friendly Express, D. Turner, 227 Pendleton St. Waycross, Ga 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- e. Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, L. Escalera, 2020 Memorial Dr. Waycross, Ga.31501 Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- f. Stop N Save, U. Patel, 1333 S. Ga. Parkway, Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- g. Georges Liquor Store, R. Patel, 2401 ½ Plant Ave. Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine package sales only.

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- h. Shree Raj 610 Inc, R. Patel, 610 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine package sales only.
- i. El Santo Coyote II LLC, C. Toll, 1506 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga.31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor. consumption on premises.
- j. Waycross Food and Beverage, S. Shah, 1302 Brunel St. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- k. Cheers Package Store, S. Shah, 508 S. City Blvd, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine, and liquor, package sales only.
- l. Flash Foods, LLC DBA Circle K, J. Bennett, 505 Reynolds Street, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, and Wine package sales only.
- m. Flash Foods, LLC DBA Circle K, J. Bennett, 2307 Plant Ave. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine package sales only.
- n. Flash Foods, LLC DBA Circle K, J. Bennett, 1712 Memorial Dr. Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer, and Wine package sales only.
- o. Flash Foods, LLC DBA Circle K, J. Bennett, 1401 Tebeau St. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, package sales only.
- p. Flash Foods, LLC DBA Circle K, J. Bennett, 1736 S. Ga. Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer Wine, package sales only.
- q. KD'S Café, K. Woods, 504 Elizabeth St. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
- r. Fancy Q Sushi, J. Haung, 514 Mary St. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, consumption on premises.
- s. Ruby Tuesday, T. Asxom, 2263 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine, Beer Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- t. Johnny's Food Store, M. Nadeem,819, Glenmore Ave. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine package sales only.
- u. LL Creek, L. Boykin, 421 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, consumption on premises.
- v. Torero Too Mexican LLC, K. Miravete, 2470 Memorial Dr. 31501, Beer, consumption on premises.
- w. C.C. Stephens Amvets Post 621, C. Nelson, 733 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, Wine and Liquor, consumption on premises.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses:

- 1. 1st Choice Convenience Store, R. Patel, 2198 Brunel St. Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, and Wine package sales only.
- 2. Family Dollar, C. Dale, 578 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer, and Wine packages sales only.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett made the motion to approve all privilege licenses, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

C. Bids:

1. Bid #FY24-08 Concrete Coating for WAS

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. Bid #FY24-10 Concrete Pipe

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

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-Zone the Property Described Herein Located on Dorothy Street From R-50 Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial; To Set an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and For Other Purposes.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. An Ordinance to Close Alleys in the City Block Created by the Boundaries of Mary Street on the South, Izlar Street on the West, Isabella Street on the North and Nicholls Street on the East; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. An Ordinance to Close Right of Way and Alleys in the City Block created by the Boundaries of Never Opened Portion of Geary Street on the North, Garlington Avenue on the West, Ketterer Street on the South, and Never Opened Portion of Crawford Street on the East; To Establish an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

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

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Hold the City Commission Work Session set for the Monday before the first Tuesday in the Month of January 2024 on January 2, 2024, and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Hold the City Commission Work Session Set for the Monday before the Third Tuesday in the Month of January 2024 on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Award Bid Contract to Diamond Concrete Products, LLC, of Guyton, Georgia, for Purchase of Concrete Pipe for Carswell Avenue Drainage Projects; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Strickland made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchased of Industrial Concrete Coating form Shark Coatings of Jacksonville, Florida, for the Waycross Animal Shelter, and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bennett -thanked everyone for coming out. She thanked HeadStart for allowing her to read to the preschoolers. She thanked Robin Brookins, the Administrative Assistant, for always reminding the commission of their scheduled appointments. She also thanked the city employees for all they do, and she gave a special thank you to the GSP for allowing her to do a ride-along. She stated she learned a lot. She congratulated the Employee of the Month, letting him know that he is appreciated for his dedication and hard work for the city.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She congratulated the employee of the month and thanked the WPD and Chief Cox for all they do for the youth through the programs offered with the police department.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out, also congratulated the employee of the month as well extended a belated happy birthday to Commissioner Bennett. He thanked the community and all who participated in the Butterfly Run, hosted by Hospice.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He congratulated the employee of the month. He reminded everyone of the upcoming events happening in the city expressing his appreciation to those who came out to support Hospice Butterfly Run.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor James, adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

