



MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024 – 5:00 PM
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:12 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Katrena Felder and Sheinita Bennett.

- A.** Invocation: Sheinita Bennett

Invocation was led by Sheinita Bennett

- B.** Pledge of Allegiance
C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Read by Jacqueline Powell, City Clerk

- D.** Request Motion to Approve Agenda

There was a motion made by Commissioner Bennett to amend the agenda to add under Executive Duties 1. Board of Ethics Update and 2. Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor to approve the amendment and to approve the Agenda.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

Mr. Tim Peacock- 906 Euclid Avenue- stated his displeasure with the process of the Ethics Board.

Mr. Ferrell Malone- 709 Jones Street- spoke about his displeasure with the process of the Ethics Board.

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

- A.** Employee of the Month:

Chief Cox, WPD, presented Lt. William Kicklighter, with the employee of the month.

- B.** Presentation by Chief Eddins, WFD

Chief Eddins, WFD, presented Mr. Steven Lovett, with a plaque for his retirement as Chaplin for the Waycross Fire Department.

C. Schedule a Public Hearing for Palm Beach Ave.

City Attorney, Huey Spearman, spoke on the need to set a Public Hearing to close portion of Palm Beach Avenue to be held on June 18th, 2024, at 4:30.

D. Board of Ethics Update:

The Interim City Attorney, Huey Spearman, Announced the withdrawal of the ethics complaint submitted by a citizen. And explained to the commission the process going forward. The official complaint was read for the record and is listed below.

Macedonia MBC Wayx <macedoniambc1892@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024, 3:48 PM
To: Jacqueline Powell <jpowell@waycrossga.gov>
Subject: District 3 Commissioner Complaint Withdrawal

Greetings Ms. Jackie Powell,
Waycross City Clerk

Per a presentation that I made on May 7, 2024 as an Official Complaint of District 3 City Commissioner's use of the City's Credit, I do now officially withdraw my complaint and ask that the action I requested be nullified from my complaint.

Please record this letter as official actions to the Mayor and City Commission from me and my office on this 31st day of May, 2024. Peace and Blessings.

With Kindest Rewards,

Sincerely,

Reverend Fer-Rell M. Malone, Sr./ Senior Pastor
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
702 Arnold McKinney Drive
Waycross, Ga 31501
912-816-5817
MacedoniaMBC1892@gmail.com

E. Planning Commission:

The Mayor announced the need to approve the re-appointment of Joe Skinner who is currently serving on this commission. Commissioner Hopkins motioned to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Skinner. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

The city manager spoke to the commission in regard to signing the Watershed Contract to for permission to continue with the water sampling for compliance with EPD. After discussion the commission voted, Dist-2 Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Felder-yes and Dist-4 No. The consensus **FAILED**.

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

The Mayor, reminded everyone about the Juneteenth Celebration being held on June 15th on Oak and Folk Street, from 11am to 6pm.

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Waycross City Commission Special Called Meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 2:00pm.
- b. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 4:30 pm.
- d. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 4:45pm
- e. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday May 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm.
- f. Waycross City Commission Budget Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 4:00pm
- g. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:00pm

2. Ordinance Second Readings:

1. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-Zone the Property Described Herein Located at 615 Morton Avenue From RM-75 Residential Manufactured Housing to C-2 Highway Commercial; To Set an Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.
2. An Ordinance of the Waycross City Commission to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Re-Zone the Property Described Herein Located at 817 ½ Glenmore Avenue From R-50 Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial; To Set and Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Motion to approve Consent Calendar was made by Commissioner Hopkins, second by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend and Update Waycross Code of Ordinance, Chapter 20-Health and Sanitation, Article III- Food Service Rules, Section 20-6-Adoption; To Set An Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition. Page 3 of 5

2. An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend and Update Waycross Code of Ordinances, Subpart B-Land Development Code, Chapter 103 – Buildings and Building Regulation, Article III. Minimum Standards Codes, Section 103-47. Minimum Standards Codes Adopted; To Set An Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

3. An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend and Update Waycross Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40 – Utilities, Article II – Sewers, Division 3 – Industrial Waster, Section 40-94. Private Wastewater Disposal; To Set An Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

4. An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend and Update Waycross Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 – Health and Sanitation, Article IV – Tattoo/Body-Piercing Studios and Artists, Sections 20-85, 20-86, 20-99, To Set An Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution Authorizing The Housing Authority of the City of Waycross To Issue Bonds To Finance Facilities Located in the City of Waycross, Georgia.

Commissioner Felder made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve The City of Waycross, Georgia, Watershed Protection Plan 2023 Annual Report; and for Other Purposes

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. Commissioner Hopkins voted in opposition and the vote **FAILED**.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Extend Bid Contract To Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia, For Garbage Collection, Disposal and Dumpster Services; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a motion made to go into Executive Session by Commissioner Hopkins. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The meeting adjourned to go into executive session at 6:26 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

