

MINUTES WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – 5:00 PM WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Katrena Felder, Sheinita Bennett, and Diane Hopkins.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Diane Hopkins

Invocation was led by Marc Hawkins, Community Improvement Director

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

Read by Jacqualine Powell, City Clerk

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

There was a motion made by Commissioner Felder seconded by Commissioner Hopkins to amend the agenda by adding the Watershed to it. The Interim City Attorney, Huey Spearman stated to the commission that, unless it was on the previous Mondays Work Session for discussion it will have to be added on the next planning and information session.

There was a motion made to except the agenda by Commissioner Bennett seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

- **A.** Employee of the Month- Chief Cox, WPD, presented Officer Ethan Jones with the employee of the month.
- B. Presentation of Proclamation Black Business and Black Philanthropic Month- the Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing August as Black Business and Black Philanthrope Month.

C. Schedule Public Hearing for Palm Beach Avenue

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

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

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

- A. Consent Calendar:
 - 1. Approval of Minutes n/a
 - 2. Ordinance Second Readings:
 - a. An Ordinance To Amend and Restate The Retirement Plan For the Employees of the City of Waycross, Georgia; In Accordance With and Subject to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Attached Adoption Agreement, Any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, The Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Basic Plan Document, and the (GMEBS) And The Trust Agreement.
 - 3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Hopkins. All voted in favor and the motion passed. There were no votes in opposition

B. Privilege Licenses:

1. Bhabharam Inc. dba Om Food Mart, A. Patel, 935 Tebeau Street, Waycross Georgia 31501, Beer and Wine Package Sales Only.

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

- C. Bids: n/a
- D. Ordinances: n/a
- **E.** Resolutions:
 - 1. A Resolution to Approve the City of Waycross Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Felder. This Motion ***FAILED*** with the voter being, Dist. 2-Y Sheinita Bennett, Dist. 3-Y Katrena Felder and Dist. 4-N Diane Hopkins.

2. A Resolution to Approve Contract for Services Agreement with Ware County, Georgia Acting Through Ware County Tax Commissioner to Collect Municipal Ad Valorem Property Taxes for The City of Waycross, Georgia.

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

3. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Request a Waiver to Utilize Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Towards Completion of Housing Rehabilitation Projects for Homeowners and Residents of the City of Waycross, Georgia; and for Other Purposes.

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

4. 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 September 2024 on September 3, 2024: and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Hopkins made the motion to approve, There was no seconded this motion ***FAILED***

5. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Request A Waiver To Utilize Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Towards Completion of Housing Rehabilitation Projects for Homeowners and Residents of the City of Waycross Georgia; 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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES. Mayor

ATTEST:

JÄCQŬALINE POWĚLL, City Clerk

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