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**MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 – 5:00 PM
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Katrena Felder, Sheinita Bennett, Shawn Roberts and Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson

A. Invocation:

Invocation led by, Johnnie Mitcham, Destination Church

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Read by the City Clerk, Jacqueline Powell

D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS

III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES: **SEE DISCUSSION NOTES******

A. January Committee/Board Appointments:

1. Election of Mayor Tempore'

2. Pronouncement of City Officers (Presented by Mayor and Confirmed by Commission)

- a. **City Attorney:** Huey W. Spearman
- b. **Assistant City Attorney:**
- c. **Official Organ:** Waycross Journal-Herald
- d. **City Depository:** Ameris Bank
Waycross Bank & Trust
- e. **City Auditor:** Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs
- f. **City Engineer:** ESG Engineering

- g. **Municipal Court Judge:** Judge Douglas W. Gibson
- h. **Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tempore':** Andrienne Gibson
- i. **Insurance Agents:** Gallagher/Five Points
Oakbridge Insurance Company
Cigna Health, Anthem Vision, New York Life & AD&D
Gallagher Insurance
Travelers Liability & Workers Comp
- j. **City Election Superintendent:** Ware County Board of Elections and Registration

3. **Appointment to Executive Positions Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by the Commission:**

(Mayor and/or City Manager are Automatic Appointees to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Waycross-Ware Development Authority, Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee and Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Waycross Development Authority)

- a. **Downtown Waycross Development Authority** Mayor
- b. **Library Board of Trustees:** Ex-Officio:
- c. **Waycross Convention & Visitors Bureau:** Post 2: Clint Bowman
(*Reappointment*)
- d. **South Georgia Regional Commission:** Mayor
- e. **Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee:** Mayor
- f. **Ware County Board of Health:** Mayor
- g. **Waycross-Ware Co Development Authority:** Mayor
- h. **Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce:** Mayor

4. **Pension Committee for Retirement Fund***

(Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by City Commission) (Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and Personnel Analyst & Risk Management Employee are Automatic Appointees:

- a. **Mayor** Michael-Angelo James
- b. **City Manager** Ulysses D. Rayford
- c. **City Attorney** Huey W. Spearman
- d. **Finance Director** Greg Smith
- e. **City Commissioner**
- f. **Human Resources Director** Marissa Hendrix

5. **Board of Ethics**

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

A. City Manager's Report

He spoke on making sure all employees and Commissioner sign the Credit Card Acknowledgement form.

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 Planning & Information Session, Monday October 7, 2024, at 5:00pm
- b. Waycross City Commission Budget Public Hearing, Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 3:00 pm.
- c. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 5:00pm
- d. Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session. Monday October 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm
- e. Waycross City Commission Budget Public Hearing, Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 3:00pm
- f. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4:30pm
- g. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:00pm

2. **Ordinance Second Readings: n/a**

3. **Privilege License Renewals:**

- a. Dollar General Store #9826, H. Axson, 1803 Knight Avenue, Suite J. Waycross, Ga. 31501, Beer and Wine Package Sales Only
- b. Gooney's Pizza Too, Inc, S. Meis, 910 Memorial Drove, Waycross Ga. Beer, Consumption on Premises Only
- c. The Traffic Light Lounge, S. James, 650 Oak Street, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises Only
- d. Shree Raj 610 Inc, R. Patel, 610 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine, Package Sales Only
- e. T Booze, T. Williams, 703 Oak Street, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine, Liquor, Package Sales Only
- f. Booze Outlet, R. Patel, 1930 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine, Liquor, Package Sales Only
- g. The Vibe Events, R. Patel, 215 Knight Ave. Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine, Liquor, Consumption on Premises Only
- h. Quick Mart, R. Patel, 800 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine Package Sales Only
- i. Woody's Top Putt, J. Woods, 538 Plant Ave, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine Consumption on Premises

- j. Torero Too Mexican, LLC, K. Miravete, 247 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. Beer and Liquor Consumption on Premises.
- k. Waycross Food and Beverage, 1302 Brunel Street, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine Package Sales Only
- l. Cheers Liquor Store, S. Shah, 508 City Blvd, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine and Liquor, Package Sales Only
- m. Kroger's, W. Tompkins, 1606 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine Package Sales Only
- n. LL Creek, L. Boykin, 421 Memorial Dr. Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption On Premises.
- o. Crossway, A. Patel, 385 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine Package Sales Only.
- p. Fuji Bar and Grill, T. Cavanaro, 2201 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga., Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises.
- q. Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, L. Escalera, 2020 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises Only
- r. Olive Garden, K. Smith, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises Only
- s. King Claw, Y. Fu, 1803 Knight Ave, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine and Liquor, Consumption on Premises Only
- t. Stop N Save, V. Patel, 500 Memorial Drive, Waycross Ga. Beer, Wine Package Sales Only
- u. Family Dollar #20694, C. Dale, 578 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross Ga. Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only
- v. Thai Smile, C. Seanmantri, 314 Pendleton Street, Waycross Ga. Beer and Wine Consumption on Premises Only.
- w. Shell City, R. Patel, 507 S. City Blvd, Waycross Ga. Beer and Wine, Package Sales Only.

Motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses: n/a

C. Bids:

- 1. WAYX 25-01 Surplus land N. Augusta Ave (Scout Lake)

Motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted with district 1-yes, district 2-yes, district 3-**no**, district 4-**no**, and district 5-yes. The motion passed with 3-yes and 2-no.

- 2. Warehouse Repair & Renovation

Motion to approve the consent calendar was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

D. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Close and Abandon A Portion of Palm Beach Avenue Right-Of-Way West Of the Intersection of Palm Beach Avenue and Marion Street; To Authorize Quitclaim Deeds to Adjoining Property Owners For The Abandoned Right-Of-Way; To Establish An Effective Date; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

1st Reading:

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

2nd Reading:

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

E. Resolutions: n/a

1. A Resolution the City of Waycross, Georgia To Authorize Repairs to a John Deere 310SL Backhoe For the Public Works Department; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve made by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget By Approving the Transfer of Excess Funds From One Account To Another to Pay Salaries of Fire Department Employees Receiving Promotion; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. A Resolution of The City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve COLA Salary Increases for City Employees In The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion to approve made by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) With The Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”) To Relocate City Facilities In Connection With The Ossie Davis Parkway Overpass Project; and for Other Purposes

There was a motion to approve made by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia To Declare As Surplus Certain Real Property Located On N. Augusta Avenue Consisting of 36.29 Acres, Map & Parcel Number 055A06001; To Authorize Sale of Said Property By Sealed Bids or Auction To The Highest Responsible Bidder; and for Other Purposes

There was a motion to approve made by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted with district 1-yes, district 2-yes, district 3-no, district 4-no, and district 5-yes. The motion passed with 3-yes and 2-no.

VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson to go into executive session for the purpose of property. Seconded by Commissioner Bennett. All voted in favor meeting adjourned for executive session at 5:42pm

VII. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

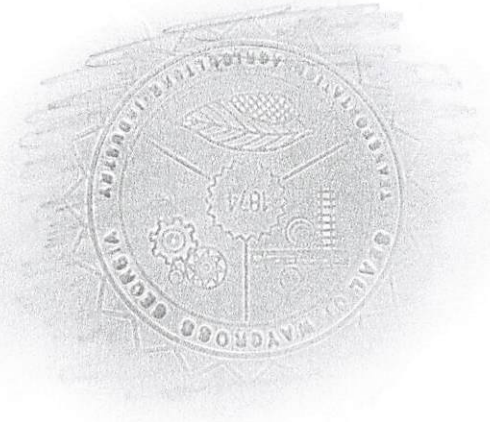
+ Michael Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk



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CITY CLERK: Section 2-66 decorum. The mayor, commissioners, staff, and persons in attendance shall conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner except when expressly authorized by the mayor. All remarks, comments and questions shall be directed to the mayor and not to individual commissioners, staff, or persons in attendance. A commissioner, staff or person in attendance shall not speak at a meeting until the Commissioner, staff or person in attendance has been recognized by the mayor and granted permission to speak or ask a question. All comments, remarks or questions made by commissioners, staff or persons in attendance shall address the item or motion that is being discussed or be pertinent to the resolution, ordinance, or agenda item before the Commission. No one shall make or use inappropriate, insulting, vulgar, obscene and or profane language or make any offensive remarks or comments while speaking. Nor shall anyone accuse any other person of being immoral, violating any law, rule, or regulation, or committing any ethical violation. Further, no one shall use this opportunity for public comment to speak about any activity undertaken for political reasons or ends, such as campaigning for votes before an election, campaigning for another person, making speeches, attempting to raise funds, etc. or otherwise promoting oneself or one's private position. Back to you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

MAYOR: Commissioner, you heard the call by our city clerk. At this time, if you would take a look at our agenda. I entertain a motion.

NELSON: Move for approval, Mr. Mayor. We have a motion for approval from our district five commissioner, Mr. Nelson. Is there a second? That's it.

MAYOR: A second from our Second District Commissioner Bennett. Any comments or questions regarding the agenda? Hearing none. We'll move into voting. All in favor? Aye. Aye. All opposed? No. Motion carries. This agenda passes. At this time, I have a question. Do we have any public remarks on any official action?

CITY CLERK: No, sir. Mr. mayor, we do not.

MAYOR: We'll move into our executive duties, and I'll look to our city manager to give us clarity here.

CITY MANAGER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is when we go through the committee appointees. I think you'll leave that relationship with the mayor Pro temp announcement of officers. Uh, the appointment of positions as recommended by the mayor and the commission, the pensions committee. And then we'll have a final note with the Board of Ethics.

MAYOR: Just to follow up on the statement that's made. Normally, this is our practice. Go ahead and let everyone be aware of the names that will come up before us in January, which this is our last December meeting. And these names come up for the purpose of making the commission aware, or having any questions they may have addressed at this time. So, when that day does come, this will be a smooth ride. Uh, with that being said, would you continue with your report?

CITY MANAGER: Uh, yes, Mr. Mayor. Today when we started pronouncing the city officers. And you can see them there. We have the city attorney. We do not have an assistant city attorney at this time. The official organ, um, city depository, the city auditor, city engineer, uh, the court judge, the court judge pro temp, um, and the insurance agents and the city elections

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superintendent. Any questions on those names, uh, Miss Smith? No questions. Okay. And, next Mr. Mayor, we had the appointed executive positions, um, recommended by the mayor and confirmed by the commission. And these are the boards, primarily. Um, you will see, uh, or the pro temp. That's the Downtown Development Authority, the library board of trustees, which we have to we have to pick a name for that at this time, The Waycross Convention & Visitors Board, The South Georgia Regional Commission. The transportation planning coordinating committee. Ware County Board of Health. Waycross Ware County Development Authority. And the Waycross-Ware County Chamber of Commerce. And once again, mayor we will need a name for the library board of trustees. It has to be a commissioner. And then next, Mr. Mayor, pension committee for retirement fund. Uh. That's yourself, myself, the city attorney, the finance director and we to pick a commissioner for that board as well and human resources director.

MAYOR: With these appointments and assignments, what we're asking the commission to do, if you have names that you want to put in last evening, two names are put in for mayor pro temp. And tonight, we still need names for the library board of trustees as well as the Pension Committee for Retirement Fund. So, if there are some names that you'd like to bring up if you don't have them tonight. At least we will make you aware that we do need those names to be placed on the agenda. So, when that day does come, we will have names in the blank areas.

BENNETT: Mr. mayor,

MAYOR: Commissioner Bennett,

BENNETT: Thank you again for the pension committee retirement. Fund, I recommend Alvin Nelson.

MAYOR: Any other names for you,

NELSON: Mr. Mayor, for the library Board of trustees? I would like to. Nominate Commissioner Bennett.

MAYOR: If I'm not mistaken, Commissioner. Many libraries in your district.

BENNETT: Yes, sir.

MAYOR: All right. So, you have maintained in those books.

CITY MANAGER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next. Mr. mayor, we have to bring up the Board of Ethics. I'm going to turn this over to the city attorney. We did receive another ethics complaint, and we need to pull names now to stay in line with the time restraints for those boards. So as soon as we get the names put in the cup, we'll put the names in the cups, and we'll pull the names for that complaint. I'll let the city attorney read that complaint of what it is.

HUEY SPEARMAN: Mr. Mayor and commissioners, at the work session yesterday, there was a question asked about any additional complaints that had come in. I think Commissioner Hopkins specifically asked about another complaint. We know that the Sean Sanders complaint came in, and we have the board selected for that complaint, and I indicated that I had not seen the last one, but I but I had a chance to look at it today. This is a complaint filed by Mr. Martin Gray. It was

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not filed against the Board of Ethics. It was actually filed against the city of Waycross. And I have checked. And you can file an ethics complaint against an entity. Uh, so that complaint came in on December the 5th, and we have 15 days to select a committee, which means we have to do it by the 20th. This is presumably the last meeting of the year. So, we have to go ahead and select that committee tonight. And Mr. Roberts has put in his two names, uh, and all names, all 12 names will go into the cup, and the first five names will be the board for this last complaint. And the, uh, the next two names will be the alternates. So that's where we are. And we need to do that now. If it's okay. Yes, sir. Okay. Game. So, all 12 names are in the cup and pool.

HUEY SPEARMAN: The first name is, uh, Ossie. Andrews. The next name is Farrell Malone. The next name is Doctor Earl Martin. The next name is Tim Peacock. The next name is Jene Walker.

MAYOR: These are now alternates.

HUEY SPEARMAN: Right. Those are the. Those five names constitute the board, and now we're pulling for the alternates. Uh, the next name is Sean Taylor. And the second alternate is Marian Solomon Gaines.

Speaker 2: Okay. Thank you.

Speaker 2: I just want to make sure that they hear that name that he wants to be point four. Point two. I see. Okay. Let me just read.

CITY MANAGER: Um, this was brought to my attention that, um, as far as the point for the executive positions, is this a reappointment for the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau? Uh, Clinton. Bowman. That's a reappointment. Okay, we'll be there at the record.

MAYOR: Okay. Clinton Bowman is going to be Reappointed to the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau.

HOPKINS: Oh, okay.

CITY MANAGER: Mr. Mayor that concludes the pulling of the names for the ethics board.

MAYOR: Did you want to add. Anything or would you like?

HUEY SPEARMAN: I think we're fine right now. The board has been constituted, and the next step would be to meet with the board for training, and we'll schedule that in short order.

MAYOR: So, we are now getting ready to move to our official reports. And we look. To our city manager for his report.

CITY MANAGER: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. As I mentioned yesterday, we went ahead and ensured that all the city employees would maintain a credit card, resigned for the guys on the credit card. Each commissioner, you know, have a credit card signature required as well. I know some commissioners have previously signed for this, but I wanted to go ahead and do a start over date to make sure everybody clearly understood. These are the are the credit card policy. So it's the same policy that they signed for originally when they first was brought on to the commission

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board outside the two newest commissioners who recently just signed coming on as well. So go ahead and request right now to go ahead and review that, um, that policy and sign for the credit cards. Um, moving forward, if individuals do not sign the policy, they will not be able to use their credit card. Um, and then we'll go from there. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And that's all I have this time as far as my report.

MAYOR: Thank you. That brings us to the mayor's report and wanted you to realize that you have a great opportunity to visit the downtown lights, Christmas in the park and Doughboy Park behind the friendly boat lights can be visited nightly downtown Waycross. You can join us for an evening of Christmas carols at the caboose, Christmas Carols by Joyful Noise, children's choir from First Baptist Church, and free Cookies and milk in the caboose. Thursday, December the 19th, 315 Plant Avenue as Caboose platform, and this will be from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mission impossible. Protecting freedom, justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence. 365. Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Holiday Parade. Monday, January the 20th, 2025. The parade starts at 12 p.m. The line up starts at 10 a.m. \$20 parade application fee 25 for the vendors and food truck fee. This will be sponsored by the Martin Luther King Holiday and Parade Committee. Committees for parade applications, you may visit the tourism desk at City Hall, or you may text (912) 337-6062. Again, that number is (912) 337-6062. Goodwill Southeast Georgia New Year Career and Resource Fair Friday, January 24th. This will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the CC McRae auditorium at 865 Pendleton. Waycross, Georgia. And this is the street. Take your next step. Your next career move could be right around the corner. The Goodwill Waycross Opportunity Center is hosting a New Year Career and Resource Fair in partnership with the City of Waycross. Stop by our multi-employer event and connect with employers from IES and industries. The career Fair will take place on Thursday, January 24th at CC McRae auditorium, 865 Pendleton Street, Waycross, Georgia from 1 to 4 p.m. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Sergeant Kennedy L Sanders, purple run, five K and one-mile fun run. This will take place Saturday, January 25th, 2025. The race starts at Elizabeth Park House Street in Waycross, Georgia. This is A5K run and walk. \$25 entry fee and one fun run \$15. Come dressed in purple. Prizes given to the winners. And that's all I have. At this time, we look to our city clerk for our decision.

CITY CLERK: Um, approval of minutes. Waycross City Commission planning and Information session Monday, October the 7th, 2024 at 5 p.m. Waycross City Commission Budget Public Hearing Tuesday, October the 8th, 2024 at 3 p.m. Waycross City Commission Meeting Tuesday, October the 8th, 2024 at 5 p.m. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session Monday, October the 14th, 2024 at 5 p.m. Waycross City Commission Budget Public Hearing Tuesday, October the 15th, 2024 at 3 p.m. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing Tuesday, October the 15th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Waycross City Commission Meeting Tuesday, October the 15th, 2024 at 5 p.m. There is no ordinance. Second readings. We have privilege licenses. Dollar General Store number 26H. Axon, 1803 Ninth Avenue, suite J. Waycross, Georgia. 31501 beer and wine package sales only. Guys pizza two Inc. S mice 910 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer consumption on premises only. The Traffic Light Lounge S James, 650 Oak Street, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine and liquor consumption on premises only. Sherry rod 16 Inc R Patel, 610 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine package sales only T Bulls T Williams, 703 Oak Street, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, liquor package sales only. Booze outlet R Patel, 1930 Brunswick Highway, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, liquor package sales only. The events R Patel, 215 Knight Avenue, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, liquor consumption on premises only. Kwik Mart R Patel 800 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine package sales only. Woody's Topshelf J. Woods, 538 Plant Avenue, Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine consumption on premises. 12 two Mexican LLC, K Nevada. 247 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer and liquor consumption on premises only. Waycross Food and Beverage, 1302 Brunell Street,

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Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine package sales only. Cheers. Liquor store, 508 City Boulevard, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, and liquor package sales only.

CITY CLERK: Kroger's W Tompkins, 1606 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine package sales only. LL Creek L Boykins four two, one Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premises. Crossway patio, 385 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine package sales only. Fuji's Bar and Grill T02201 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premises. Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, El Escalera, 2020 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premises only. Olive Garden Kate Smith, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premises only. King claw y Foo, 1803 ninth Avenue, Waycross, Georgia. Beer, wine, and liquor consumption on premises only. Stop and Save the patio. 500 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia. Beer. Wine package sales only. Family dollar number 206946578 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, Georgia. Beer and wine package sales only. Ty smiles, see Mary, 314 Pendleton Street, Waycross, Georgia. Beer and wine consumption on premises only. Shell station. I'm sorry. Shell city. R Patel, 507 South City Boulevard, Waycross, Georgia. Beer and wine package sales only. Back to you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner, you have heard the consent calendar read by our city clerk. What is your pleasure? There's a motion for approval from our commissioner. Is there a second? Second? Second. From our commissioner member. All in favor? Aye. All opposed? No. Motion carries. Consent calendar passes.

MAYOR: Madam chair, there are no bids.

CITY CLERK: There are no privilege licenses. We move on to bids, sir.

MAYOR: At this time, we go to Jackson. Has she closed with our bids?

MAMIE: Mr. mayor, commissioners. Purchasing has two items before you this evening. Um, the first one is for the property on North Augusta Avenue known as Scout Lake. We are asking that we can move forward with getting this property Surplused and approved for listing, so that we can add revenue to the city.

MAYOR: Thank you, Ms. Jackson. Commissioner, you heard the bid regarding the surplus. What is your pleasure?

NELSON: Move for approval a motion for approval by the Commissioner?

MAYOR: Is there a second? Second. Second by Commissioner Bennett. Is there any discussion on this item? Hearing none. We'll move. Into voting. District one, yes District two. Yes, sir. District three, nay Okay. District four, Nay. And district five. Yes, sir. Motion carries. Ms. Jackson.

MAMIE: The second item we have before the commission is for the request to proceed with sending out a bid for renovation of the Alice Street warehouse. Uh. This property. I'm sorry. This warehouse was damaged by the storm on November 11th by the heavy rainstorm. We got over 14in of water in that warehouse. And as a result, there was a lot of water damage and mold growth. We have since had that cleaned by. We are asking that the commission approve us to

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move forward to, uh, send out a bid to get a contractor for the repair and renovation of that warehouse so we can get it back up and running.

MAYOR: We wish that our procurement officer has given us we need a motion to Proceed forward, and we will have prepared a renovation. Is there a motion?

HOPKINS: Move for approval Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: We have a motion for. Approval by Commissioner Hopkins. Is there a second? Second. We have a second from our commissioner Nelson. Any questions or comments regarding this brewhouse renovation? Hearing none, well move into voting, District one. Yes, sir. District two. Yes, sir. District three, yes, District four. Yes. And district five. Yes, sir. Unanimous. Whereas house repairs and renovations.

MAMIE: And with the city manager's permission, we are asking for an executive session to set the prices for the Grove Avenue project. Project? I'm sorry. Property as well as Scott Lake.

MAYOR: Thank you. City Clerk

CITY CLERK: Mr. Mayor. Move on to the ordinances and resolutions. An ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Palm Beach Avenue, right of way west of the intersection of Palm Beach Avenue and Marion Street. To authorize quitclaim deeds to adjoining property owners for the abandoned right of way. To establish an effective date. To repeal conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. By adopting this ordinance, the City Commission will authorize the closing of a portion of Palm Beach Avenue, right of way of the intersection of Palm Beach Avenue and Marion Street and authorize quitclaim deeds to adjoining property owners. The property no longer serves a public purpose. The City Commission will also declare an emergency so that the ordinance can be read twice at the same meeting and passed due to the development plans in the area, which are were held up by Hurricane Helene. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Commissioner, you have heard the heard the ordinance. Read the first reading by our city clerk. What is your statement?

NELSON: I move for approval.

MAYOR: You have a motion for approval by our commissioner Nelson. Is there a second?

BENNETT: Second.

MAYOR: Second by Commissioner Bennett. Any comments or questions regarding this ordinance?

MAYOR: Commissioner Hopkins.

HOPKINS: Um, Mr. City Manager, we have to, um, resolve this property.

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CITY MANAGER: Okay. No, not this time, Commissioner. This time I want to say this is on current right now. Is there somebody to verify that?

HOPKINS: It's right now.

CITY MANAGER: Residential.

HOPKINS: Residential?

HOPKINS: Yes. All right. Okay.

MAYOR: Any further questions or comments? Good here. Now we'll move into voting district one. Yes, sir. District two. Yes, sir. District three Yes. District four. Yes. And district five. Yes, sir. Unanimous.

CITY CLERK: an ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Palm Beach Avenue. Right of way west of the intersection of Palm Beach Avenue and Marion Street. To authorize quitclaim deeds to adjoining property owners for the abandoned right of way. To establish an effective date. To repeal conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. By adopting this ordinance, the City Commission will authorize the closing of a portion of Palm Beach Avenue right of way west of the intersection of Palm Beach Avenue and Marion Street and authorize quitclaim deeds to adjoining property owners. This property no longer serves a public purpose. The City Commission will also declare an emergency so that the audience can be read twice at the same meeting and passed due to development plans in this area, which were held up by Hurricane Helene. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Commissioner, you have heard the second reading of the ordinance. What is your pleasure? Move! Approval. I have a motion from our Commissioner Nelson, a second from our commissioner Benny. Excursions and comments regarding the question.

MAYOR: Hearing none. We'll move into voting. All in favor? Aye. All opposed? No. Motion carries.

MAYOR: This ordinance passes.

CITY CLERK: A resolution of the city of Waycross, Georgia to declare as surplus certain real property located on North Augusta Avenue, consisting of 36.29 acres. Map and parcel number 055. The letter A06001 to authorize sale of said property by sealed bids or auctioned to the highest responsible bidder and for other purposes. By adopting this resolution, the City Commission will approve the sale of property known as Scout Lake on North Augusta Avenue by either sealed bids or auctioned to the highest responsible bidder through the city's retained realtor. This property was initially declared surplus by resolution number 98, Dash 36 on December 8th, 1998. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Commissioner, you heard the resolution read by our city clerk. What is your pleasure?

NELSON: Move. Approval.

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MAYOR: Have a motion for approval from our commissioner. District five. Do we have a second?

BENNETT: Second.

MAYOR: We have a second from our commissioner. District two. Any questions or comments regarding this resolution? Hearing none. We'll move into voting. All in favor? Aye. All opposed? No. Right now we have 3 to 2. Motion passes.

CITY CLERK: a resolution of the city of City of Waycross, Georgia to amend the fiscal year 2025 budget by approving the transfer of excess funds from one account to another, to pay salaries of fire department employees, receiving promotions, and for other purposes. By adopting this resolution, the City Commission will approve an amendment to the FY 2024 2025 budget in order to transfer funds in the amount of \$95,127 from the General Fund to the Waycross Fire Department budget to pay salaries of employees receiving promotions by you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam President. Commissioner, you have heard the resolution read by our city clerk. What is your pleasure? You have a motion for approval from our Commissioner Bennett district two. Is there a second? Second. Have a second from our Commissioner Nelson. Any discussion or questions By this resolution.

HOPKINS: Mr. Mayor.

Speaker 7: Commissioner Hopkins,

HOPKINS: This is for the fire department employees only that got the permission.

CITY MANAGER: No, Commissioner, this is yesterday. We briefed on the driver lieutenant situation and creating that gap. This is for that purpose. We read it yesterday.

HOPKINS: Yeah, but it was just the fire department.

CITY MANAGER: Just the. Fire department. Yes.

HOPKINS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR: Any further questions, Commissioner? Hearing none. We'll move into voting. All in favor? Aye, aye. All opposed? No. Motion carries. Resolution passes.

CITY CLERK: A resolution of the city of Waycross, Georgia to approve Cola salary increases for city employees in the fiscal year 25, 2025 Dash 2026 budget and for other purposes. By adopting this resolution, the City Commission will approve a Cola salary adjustment of 4% for the city employees to be effective during the fiscal year 2025 and 2026 budget year, and to begin the implementation process during the budget planning process in April 2025. Back to you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MAYOR: Commissioner, you have heard the recognition by our City clerk regarding the Covid salary increase for percent. What is your pleasure? Approval of a motion for approval from our

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Commissioner Nelson. And second, from our Commissioner Bennett. Any questions or comments regarding this Cola increase?

HOPKINS: Thank you, Mr. City Manager. This is going to be the 26 2526 budget. Correct. And it won't take place until July 1st.

CITY MANAGER: It won't. Yes. It won't take place then, but it won't take place until we brief you all in April, if the feasibility of it. So, when we come to April, we'll make that decision. Either go up or go down, and then we'll go into that next year's budget in July. Correct?

HOPKINS: Okay. And that's for all employees, including department heads on holiness.

CITY MANAGER: Correct. Pardon? All employees. Correct.

MAYOR: Any further questions or comments? Hearing none. We'll move into voting district one. Yes, sir. District two. Yes. District three. Yes. District four. Yes. And district five. Yes, sir. Motion carries. This resolution passes.

CITY CLERK: A resolution of the city of Waycross, Georgia to authorize repairs to a John Deere 310 SL backhoe for the Public Works Department, and for other purposes. By adopting this resolution, the City Commission will authorize repairs to a John Deere backhoe that failed to operate due To needed repairs to be performed by Dobbs Equipment Southeast, LLC of Brunswick, Georgia, in the amount of \$10,110.88 to be paid for from the Public Works budget. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Commissioner. You've heard the resolution read by our city clerk regarding the John Deere code. What is your pleasure for approval? Do you have a motion for approval from our Commissioner Nelson? Is there a second? Second? There was a second from our commissioner, Bennett. Are there any questions concerning this resolution? Hearing none. We'll move into voting. All in favor? Aye. All opposed? No. Motion carries. Mr. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

CITY CLERK: A resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to approve memorandum of understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation to relocate city facilities in connection with the Ossie Davis Parkway overpass project and for other purposes. By adopting this resolution, the City Commission will approve a memorandum with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the relocation of city facilities in connection with Ossie Davis overpass project at a cost of \$88,006.21, to be paid for from the water and sewer account. Back to you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Commissioner, you have heard the resolution regarding the Georgia Department of Transportation's relocation of city facilities over overpass project. What is your favorite? You have a motion for approval, Commissioner Felder. Second. Second from Commissioner Bennett. Any questions or comments concerning this resolution? Hearing none. We'll move into voting district one. Yes, sir. 2. Yes. District three. Yes. District four. Yes. And district five. Yes, sir. We have a unanimous vote. The resolution passes.

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CITY CLERK: That is all. Mr. mayor.

MAYOR: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

HUEY SPEARMAN: I just want to state for the regular meeting, as we did during the public hearing for Victory Drive, that we'll have a resolution prepared that reflects what was discussed at the public hearing. You voted to approve the rezoning for commercial purposes. Mr. Jason from the Development Authority is against the deadline that he needs to have this resolution by Friday. So we just had the public hearing today. So, I don't have a resolution prepared at this moment, but I'll have one prepared for tomorrow. And I just wanted the Commission to be aware that it will reflect what was discussed during the public hearing and will reflect your vote, and we'll get the mayor to sign it.

MAYOR: Okay. So are you leading a motion and a vote now, or do you want to just use what we did in public hearing as being the actual.

HUEY SPEARMAN: I would suggest you do a motion and vote now.

MAYOR: Okay.

HUEY SPEARMAN: For the record.

MAYOR: That being said, I entertain a motion. I'll make a motion to change it with the necessary amendments. Okay. Second. We have a motion from our Commissioner Nelson and a second from our Commissioner Bennett. Any questions concerning this resolution? Hey.

HOPKINS: How's it zoned now? City Manager.

CITY MANAGER: Is the industrial? General? Industrial? Yes. Is it industrial park? General. Industrial park? Yes. That's correct.

HOPKINS: And seeing as the change to try and continue commercial.

CITY MANAGER: Yes. Thank you.

MAYOR: Just when you're hearing permission, I know some of you heard and did not hear, but it's moving from general industrial to C2 commercial. That's correct. Have you heard that he has a motion a second and some. Questions to be responded to. We'll move to voting. All in favor. Aye. Aye. All opposed. No. Motion carries. Resolution passes. Any further business for the city?

CITY MANAGER: Yes. Mr. mayor, we go to executive session for property. Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR: The motion to go into executive session for property again from our Commissioner Nelson. And second from our Commissioner Bennett. All in favor? Aye. Aye. All opposed? Nay. We're going into executive session now for property. Thank you, everyone, for coming.