MINUTES WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 5:00 p.m.

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Mayor Pro Tem Henry Strickland, John Threat, Marian Solomon-Gaines, and Diane Hopkins.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James offered the opening Invocation. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager requested the confirmation of Marissa Hendrix as Human Resources Director. The mayor asked the Commissioners individually for a consensus. All were in agreement therefore providing a consensus.

Mayor's PSA:

- 1.) Georgia Cities Weeks is October 3-9, 2021.
- 2.) Okefenokee Swamp Park Activities beginning October 5, 2021

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by Acting City Clerk, China Agu for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes:

1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 5:00 p.m.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Clerk reported that there were no ordinances for second readings, privilege licenses, or renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins motion for approval of the Consent Calendar and Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 105 – Environmental Control by Adding a New Article IV. – Stormwater Utilities, Sections 105-55 Through 105-67 Inclusive; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read an Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross To Amend and Restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Waycross; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia for Emergency Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross To Amend and Restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Waycross; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Second Modification of Loan Agreement for GEFA Loan Number DW2020009; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

China Agu, Acting City Clerk read a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize and Approve a Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Supplemental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation; Albany Avenue Regional T-SPLOST Project; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved the Resolution.

Guests: There were no guest.

During Last call, Commissioner John Threat had no closing remarks. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines announced the mask decorating contest for the Children in Garlington Heights. This event is scheduled for September 25, 2021 at 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. The Commissioner also mentioned the school bus rules require that children riding school buses wear a mask. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines also asked Patrick Simmons to come up and expound on the events going on at the Okefenokee Swamp Park in celebration of the Okefenokee Swamp Park's 75th Anniversary. Commissioner Hopkins had no closing remarks. Commissioner Henry Strickland thanked the staff for all of their hard work. Mayor James extended his condolences to Chief Eddins for the transition of his mother. The Mayor also encouraged everyone to be considerate of others and continue wearing our masks. for coming out to the meeting. He reminded the citizens of the upcoming Job Fair. He also announced an upcoming Storm Readiness Lunch & Learn. Also, the C.C. McCray City Auditorium is now open for bookings.

After the last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion adjourn and Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

BY:

CITY OF WAYCROSS

MICHAEL-ANGELÓ JAMES Mayor

ATTEST:

CHINA AGU. Acting City Clerk