

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
*(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)*

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Planning and Information Session of the City of Waycross was called to order May 16, 2022, at 5:01 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Norman Davis, Sheinita Bennett, Katrena Felder, and Henry Strickland

**A. Invocation**

James Smart offered the invocation

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. GUESTS:**

**III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS**

The Mayor reminded the Commission about the Annual GMA Conference being held June 23<sup>rd</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> in Savannah.

**IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**

**A. Bids: Mamie Jackson, Purchasing Director presented the bids.**

1. Bid # FY22-29 Police Uniforms  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
2. Bid # FY22-30 Police Leather Goods  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
3. Bid # FY22-31 Annual Fire Uniforms Contract  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
4. Bid # FY22-32 Portable Police Radios  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda
5. Surplus Property WAYX 22-08  
There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Agenda

**B. Discussion of Ryland Environmental and ESG Proposed Rate Increases.**

Chief Eddins, spoke briefly on the rate increases to be included into the final budget to see how it affects the budget numbers.

**C.** Discussion of Folk Street Grant Project- Kristie Anderson

Mrs. Anderson presented the grant project for consideration. The Commission was not in agreement.

**D.** Discussion of Senior Recognition

The city will recognize the 2022 Seniors who graduated from High School and College, on the Tuesday Agenda.

**E.** Discussion of Joint SPLOST Meeting

Chief Eddins, reminded the commission of the date set forth for SPLOST meeting on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm on 305 Oak street.

**F.** Discussion of Sign on Bonus-

Marissa asked the Commission how to proceed with sign on bonuses for employees. Commission Bennett suggested that we use some of the ARPA funds to show appreciation for the current employees. The consensus was to keep things as they are and re-visit both issues after 6 months.

**G.** Discussion of Splash Pad Opening and Closing Hours-

James Smart, Public Works Director requested that the Commission would want to consider changing the time the Splash Pad open from 10:00 to 12:00. There was a consensus by all.

**H.** Discussion of Retiree Insurance-

Marissa and Greg spoke briefly on supporting retiree health insurance coverage. Consensus was an agreement to add the numbers to the budget for consideration.

**I.** Discussion of Employee Leave Accrual -

Marissa asked the commission to consider the increase in employee leave accrual. If agreed there will need to be a resolution to ensure the change will be made to the employee handbook. There was a consensus by the commission.

**J.** Discussion of Approval of Mayor's Signature for WPD Employee Contract-

Rick made the commission aware of a resolution to be put on Tuesday's agenda regarding the WPD employee contract.

**K.** Privilege License Renewals: n/a

**L.** Privilege Licenses: n/a

**M. Proposed Ordinances:**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Amend the Charter of the City; To Amend Section 18, Subsection B, of the City Charter as to When Persons can Address the City Commission; To Provide for Codification; To Provide for Renumbering or Re-lettering; To Provide for Severability; To Provide an Effective Date; And for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday.

2. An Ordinance Under Authority of Georgia Law to Annex into the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Certain Property at 1190 East Blackshear Avenue; To Establish Zoning Classification for the Annexed Property as R-75 Residential; to change the Land Use Plan; To Set an Effective Date; to Provide for Severability; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Declare an Emergency to Allow for Second Reading, And for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for Tuesday

**N. Proposed Resolutions: n/a**

**O. City Attorney's Report:**

Rick, spoke briefly on seeing if the commission wanted to move forward with a resolution allowing the review of numbers for re-districting purposes, just for the commission to consider. After discussion Commission Felder, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Bennett were not in agreement to move forward on this resolution.

**P. City Manager's Report:**

Chief Eddins, Interim City Manager, asked Mark Hawkins speak on the zoning text amendment 608.2, and 608.8.

**1. Department Report:**

James Smart, Public Works Manager, spoke briefly on Community Improvements.

Chief Eddins wanted to see if the commission wanted a standalone date for the budget meeting or a date that would precede future scheduled meetings. Chief Eddins informed the commission about the new project named Hope Box, a program started for the rescue of abandoned babies. The cost is \$1500 for that class. Someone has donated \$1,000 and he would bring the program to Waycross. He wanted to make sure the commission would be in agreement with it. Everyone agreed to move forward.

**Q. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session**

Commissioner Davis wanted to make sure that the person who sprays for the mosquitoes recognize citizens out walking so as not to directly impact the person. He thanked James Smart for his work.

Commissioner Bennett announced a Community Fun Day being held June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 at Pernel Roberts Park for all.

Commissioner Felder thanked all who came out for the work session and thanked the commission and staff for all they do.

Commissioner Strickland thanked all guest and workers for all they do.

**R. Adjournment**

Mayor James adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

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MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

