

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Tuesday, February 20, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Commissioners Norman Davis, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder,

A. Invocation:

Invocation was led by, James Smart, Director of Public Works

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

Dr. Earl Martin-902 Elizabeth Street, Waycross Georgia 31501

Dr. Martin spoke on his concern about what plan of action does the city have in place should a train derailment with toxic chemicals happen here in Waycross. He also discussed the Albany Ave, project that is not completed and there are no signs of it getting completed. He expressed concern for the businesses that are on Albany and how their businesses are suffering because it is not complete.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids: n/a

B. Schedule Public Hearing:

Attorney Rick Currie discussed the need to have a Public Hearing on March 21, 2023 for the purpose of zoning 1920 Mary Street to be annexed into the city.

1. To Consider Zoning of Property Being Annexed into the City

C. Discussion: Merit Increases

There was a consensus to table this for the upcoming Retreat. Commissioner Felder asked for

D. Discussion: Engineering – Robbie Cheek/Trey Gavin

1. Utility Relocation for Hwy 84 Satilla Bridge
2. Road Scoring Software for TSPLOST List (TIA 2)

Trey Gavin came and discussed with the commission where the city stands with bridge between Waycross and Blackshear Georgia.

E. Discussion: Formulytics for WPD – Chief Tommy Cox

Chief Cox spoke to the commission asking them to allow the City of Waycross to be the hub to help with Violent Crimes here and surrounding cities. This a program is funded through the Federal Homeland Grant. He’s asking for the city to fund 170, 000 that will be reimbursed back to the city within 2-3 weeks.

There was a Consensus to move forward with this plan.

F. Discussion: Albany Avenue Construction Project –

Greg Smith, Finance Director came to let the commission know the small portion of the Albany Project came under budget at \$165,283.00.

G. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

H. Privilege Licenses: n/a

I. Proposed Ordinances: n/a

J. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution to Establish Qualifying Fees and Qualifying Period for City of Waycross Elections for 2023, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for tomorrows commission meeting

2. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Authorize the Execution of IRS Form 8038-G for Three (3) Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loans and to Approve a Limited Power of Attorney; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on the agenda for tomorrows commission meeting, pending the outcome of further information requested by Commissioner Davis on the temporary power of attorney.

3. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve a Deferred Payment Loan to the Owner of 612 Owens Street for Rehabilitation Assistance as Part of the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and for Other Purposes.

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5. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotecnico, Inc. for the Fourth of July 2023 Fireworks Exhibition; and for Other Purposes.

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K. City Attorney's Report:

1. Letter for Winona Park

After listening to the history explained by Attorney Rick Curry of the Winona Park. The Commission gave a consensus not to provide a letter attesting to the fact that this is considered a City Park.

L. City Manager's Report:

1. Department Report:

Trey Gavin gave a report on the water treatment plans, and funding that would

M. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

Commissioner Davis- stated that the Bailey Street School had another part of it to fall, he's concerned that someone will eventually get hurt. He thanked James Smart and the public works department for their efforts in completing the EE Moore basketball court. He discussed the need for a bid to have the asbestos removed.

Commissioner Felder- No Last Call

Commissioner Strickland- No Last Call

Mayor James- wanted to let the public beware to lock your cars because of the theft.

N. Adjournment

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, motion given by Commissioner Felder and seconded by Commissioner Strickland. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael-Angelo James
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk