

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 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 Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, Commissioners Norman Davis, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder and Diane Hopkins (in at 5:05)

A. Invocation: Commissioner Katrena Felder

Invocation led by, Chief Eddins, WFD

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

Eunice Dixon, 1207 Ema Street, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mrs. Dixon spoke on the rezoning at Bailey Street. She stated that she would hope that the city would stand on the commitment to rezone as single-family dwelling. She states that her concern is the property value going down if proper measures are not upheld. Marc Hawkins gave an update at the request of Commissioner Davis, that the area is zoned R75 Single Family Dwelling and informed Mrs. Dixon to come out for the meeting on May 16, 2023, that is held by the Landbank.

Laura Dixon, Director of the Downtown Development Authority-215 Pendleton, Waycross Ga. 31501
Mrs. Dixon presented to the commission an opportunity to change our current lights for LED lights downtown.

Alberto Toll, 1204 Sequoia Circle, Waycross Ga. 31501

Mr. Toll spoke about the process of investment into properties that are in the city. He stated that the city makes it hard for citizens to have the right information concerning condemned houses. The mayor responded to him that the county handles properties that are for sale. The City Manager asked him to stick around so he could talk to him.

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. WAYX 23-13 – Surplus Weight Machine

There was a consensus to place this on Commission Meeting Agenda

2. SRC FY23-01 – Engineering Services

There was a consensus to table this to allow for the City Manager to look into it further.

B. Discussion: Engineering – Trey Gavin/Robbie Cheek

1. Knight Avenue and City Boulevard Signal Modification

There was Consensus agreeing to send a letter of support.

C. Schedule Public Hearings:

The City Attorney informed the commission that we need to schedule the following hearings.

1. To Consider Closing a Portion of Isabella Street Right of Way and Alley – Mary Street Property
2. To Consider Re-zoning Bailey Street School Property
3. To Consider an Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

D. Discussion: Scheduling Budget Meetings – Greg Smith

E. Discussion: Deputy City Clerk

Mayor James, asked Jacqueline Powell, City Clerk to expound on the extent of the everyday duties of her job.

F. Discussion: Chief of Staff

Mayor James asked the City Manager to speak on this subject. Mr. Rayford said that this is something that he would like to review in approximately 3-5 years, as the city grows.

G. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

H. Privilege Licenses: n/a

I. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance Under Authority of Georgia Law to Annex into the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Certain Property at Mary Street and Augusta Avenue; To Establish Zoning Classification for the Annexed Property as C-2 Highway Commercial; To Change the Land Use Plan; To Set an Effective Date; To Provide for Severability; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; and for Other Purposes.

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

J. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize and Approve a Standard Utility Agreement – Contract Item Agreement, with the Georgia Department of Transportation for State Road 38 Bridge Project; and for Other Purposes.

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

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Purchase of Body Armor for the Waycross Police Department; and for Other Purposes.

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

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve T.R. Long Engineering of Hinesville, Georgia, for the City's Community Development Block Grant Projects Beginning Fiscal Year 2024; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to **remove** this from the agenda.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize the Execution of Agreements with Employees for Reimbursement of Costs to Attend Peace Officer Standards and Training; and for Other Purposes.

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

K. City Attorney's Report:

L. City Manager's Report:

1. Presentations:

- a. Text My Gov

A zoom presentation was presented to the commission.

- b. CGI Digital Video Tour Program

A zoom presentation was presented to the commission.

2. Department Report: Marissa Hendrix, Human Resources

Marissa, presented her department report.

M. Last Call and/or Adjourn to Executive Session

Commissioner Davis- No last call

Commissioner Felder- Thanked all the coming. She also thanked the City Manager for the two presentations.

Commissioner Hopkins- No Last Call

Commissioner Strickland- Thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor James- reminded everyone of the upcoming events.

N. Adjournment

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was given by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Felder. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: *Michael Angelo James*
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk