



**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 3, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Mayor James, Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett, Commissioners Norman Davis, Katrena Felder, and Henry Strickland.

- A. Invocation: Ulysses Rayford, City Manager

Invocation led by, Chief Eddins, WFD

- B. Pledge of Allegiance  
C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-66 (a) – Decorum.

Read by Jacqueline Powell

- D. Request Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Strickland and Mayor Pro Temp Sheinita Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS**

**III. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:**

- A. Employee of the Month

Employee of the Month was tabled by the mayor.

**IV. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**A. City Manager's Report**

The City's priorities remain connected to enhancing customer service and communication community engagement & development, and economic growth.

This week's Priorities are:

1. Continuous evaluation of city processes and systems that lead to better efficiency and customer service.
2. TSPLOST submission.
3. HWY 520/84 Safety mitigation plan execution.
4. Review workforce' pay scale, retirement} and evaluations.
5. ARPA execution.
6. Community interaction/engagement (5).
7. City workforce sensing session.
8. Community Outreach monthly meeting.
9. City video and information campaign update.

**B. Mayor's Report (To Include Any Public Service Announcements).**

The mayor congratulated Commissioner Strickland on his award given at the GMA Conference. He also asked Carlos Nelson the Supervisor of Elections to speak about the voting change for citizens who reside at Satilla Bluff.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:**

**A. Consent Calendar:**

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session, Monday, June 5, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
  - b. Waycross City Commission Budget Public Hearing, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 4:30 P.M.
  - c. Waycross City Commission Public Hearing, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 4:45 P.M.
  - d. Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 5:00 P.M.
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
  - a. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. – Licenses, Division 2. Application, Section 6-72. – Fees; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

3. Privilege License Renewals: n/a

There was a motion made to approve the consent calendar by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. Seconded by Commissioner Henry Strickland. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

B. Privilege Licenses:

1. Pizza Inn, H. Dhar, 501 City Blvd., Waycross, GA 31501, Beer and Wine, Consumption on Premises.

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

C. Bids: n/a

D. Ordinances: n/a

E. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution to Establish and Set Fees for Filing of Applications for One Day or Special Event License to Sell Alcoholic Beverages; and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion made to approve by Commissioner Strickland. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Allow Ware County Board of Elections to Conduct the City's Elections and Voting for City Residents Who Reside in Pierce County, and for Other Purposes.

There was a motion made to approve by Commissioner Strickland. Seconded by Commissioner Felder. All voted in favor and the motion passed

**VI. LAST CALL and/or ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Davis- gave condolences to the Landers and Virgil family for the loss of their loved ones. He thanked the city manager on the great job he is doing for the City of Waycross.

Commissioner Felder- thank everyone for coming.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out.

Commissioner Sheinita Bennett- gave condolences to the Johnson family.

Mayor James- thanked the City Manager and the commissioners for what they do for the city. He thanked Mr. Nelson. He mentioned that we will come back at our next meeting to recognize our employee of the month.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The mayor moved for a motion to adjourn, to go into Executive Session. The motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett. And the meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

*Michael Angelo James*

**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*Jacqueline Powell*  
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**JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk**

