

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 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, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins. Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett (came in at 5:07)

\*\*\*Marc Hawkins, sat in for City Manager who was at a City Managers Conference\*\*\*

A. Invocation: Commissioner Norman Davis

Led by James Smart, Public Works Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. GUESTS:**

David White 1419 Marion Street, Waycross Ga. 31501- wanted the city to be aware of the continued problems that are happening at the intersection of Blackwell and Corridor Z. He mentioned there was no one present who represented Ga. DOT and that they should at least send a representative to have this discussion with. He thanked the city of Waycross for addressing the issue this far.

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

Commissioner Felder will be traveling to Tennessee from October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION**

A. Bids:

1. Bid #FY24-03 Police Vehicle Equipment

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda.

Dist-1 Norman Davis-yes, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins-yes, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

2. Bid #FY24-07 HVAC Units for WAS

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda.

Dist-1 Norman Davis-yes, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins-yes, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

**B. Discussion Items:**

1. Ryland Environmental-Richard Lee

Mr. Lee came on behalf of Ryland to ask for an increase in service costs. The Commission wants the City Manager and Finance to look at the numbers to see how it would work with the budget. They stated that they may only want to pass the increase onto the commercial users

2. ARPA Final Update

Marc Hawkins, gave a presentation of the process to receive the ARPA funds.

3. Veterinarian Services

There was some discussion on the veterinarian services for the animals at the shelter. After bids were put out twice for a veterinarian, no commitment to care for the animals has been attained. Commissioners asked that we investigate either a third-party animal control contract, to help with maintaining care for the animals or see if the county would enter a MOU to combine the care.

4. Police Citizens Review Board

**\*\*\*This was tabled until the City Manager returns.\*\*\***

5. Waycross Ware County Planning Commission: Post 6 Appointment

There was a consensus to place this appointment on Tuesday agenda.

**C. Privilege Licenses Renewals: n/a**

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

**E. Proposed Ordinances:**

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 34- Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IV. – Occupation Tax, by Amending Sections 34-78, 34-80, 34-85, 34-96 and 34-105 Pertaining to Occupation Taxes as it applies to Attorneys; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide for Severability; to Provide for and Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

**F. Proposed Resolutions:**

1. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Located on City Boulevard, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve ESG Engineering of Macon, Georgia, for the City's Neighborhood Park Improvements Project, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve ESG Engineering of Macon, Georgia, for the City's Lead and Copper Program Management Project, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Approve on Emergency Basis A Memorandum of Understanding with Ware County Regarding Debris Removal as a Result of Hurricane Idalia, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

5. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Purchase of In-Car Equipment for Newly Purchased Police Cars for the Waycross Police Department, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Johns Heating and Air for New Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Units for the Waycross Animal Shelter, and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

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

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

Wanted to remind everyone that the Animal Shelter is at the max capacity.

**I. Last Call**

Commissioner Davis- asked for continued prayers for all those who are bereaved at this time. He thanked Mr. White for coming to express his concerns and he asked for an update on the repairs of the fence around the basketball court.

Commissioner Bennett -thanked everyone for coming out. She also mentioned the removal of the debris in the community is coming along well.

Commissioner Felder- thanked everyone for coming. She let Mr. White know that the city manager has been in contact with GA. DOT to see what can be done.

Commissioner Hopkins- thanked the citizens and the staff.

Commissioner Strickland- thanked all for coming out. He thanked the WFD and the WPD for all they do for the citizens.

Mayor James- thanked all for coming out. He thanked the staff and directors and encouraged everyone to be careful and stay safe.

**J. Adjourn to Executive Session**

**K. Adjournment**

Then Mayor adjourned the meeting without a motion at 6:05 p.m.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

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

**ATTEST:**

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

