

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 3:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present were Commissioners, Katrena Felder, Norman Davis, Sheinita Bennett, and Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson.

A. Invocation: Commissioner Alvin Nelson

Led by Chief Eddins, WFD

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids:

1. WAYX 24-06 Surplus-2001 Spartan Fire Truck

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

Dist-1 Norman Davis-yes, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrina Felder-yes, Dist-5-Alvin Nelson-yes.

2. WAYXL 24-02 Surplus Land 845 Folks Street

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

Dist-1 Norman Davis-yes, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrina Felder-yes, Dist-5-Alvin Nelson-yes.

3. WAYXL 24-03 Surplus Land 847 Folks Street

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

Dist-1 Norman Davis-yes, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrina Felder-yes, Dist-5-Alvin Nelson-yes.

B. Discussion Items:

1. Infrastructure Update

The city manager, spoke on the meeting he had with GDOT last week. In the discussion was the need for more data as it pertains to growth the city is expecting, also looking into raised medians and or round about at certain intersection. They are expected back to do more studies. He also mentioned having the College Street School surplused. He wanted the commission to think on that. Also, the armory to have it repurposed for use or think of something else that we can do with it. He spoke on Scalp lake area, wanting to have it annexed in the future. He wants it to be used for the betterment of the city, even though it is in the county. Or even surplusing it as well.

2. Talent Management

Marissa Hendricks, Chief Eddins and Chief Cox, spoke on the need to implement a new retirement package to gage the interest of employees to stay with the city and to attract employment with the city.

3. City Partners Way Ahead

He spoke and acknowledge the organizations that the work together with the city encouraging growth. Also, he wants to either video or live stream the work session meetings, so that citizens can see the discussions as they pertain to the growth of the city.

4. COLA

City manager will push for the 2.5% increase in the future raises for employee.

5. Air BNB Rentals

We do not have an ORD for one currently, he's looking to get information for one. We have roughly 15 currently. It appears that they fall along with the Hotel taxes. More information will be gathered and brought back to the commission.

C. Privilege Licenses Renewals:

1. My Place Lounge, C. Williams 1007 Albany Avenue, Waycross Ga. 31501, Beer and Liquor, consumption on premises.

D. Privilege Licenses: n/a

E. Proposed Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance to Amend and Restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Waycross, Georgia, In Accordance with and Subject to the Terms and Conditions Set Forth in the Attached Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement; The Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System ("GMEBS") Basic Plan Document and the

GMEBS Trust Agreement; 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 Tuesday agenda.

F. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission Approving the Housing Authority of the City of Waycross to Issue Bonds to Finance Facilities Located in the City of Waycross, Georgia; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare a Certain 2001 Spartan Advantage Pumper Firetruck to Be Surplused Property; To Provide for Its Sale on GOVDEALS.COM; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

3. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare Certain Real Property Located at 845 Folks Street as Surplus Property: To Authorize Sale to Highest Responsible Bidder; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

4. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Declare Certain Real Property Located at 847 Folks Street as Surplus Property; To Authorize Sale to the Highest Responsible Bidder; 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 the Sale and Transfer of Certain Surplused Real Property Located at 1011 Johnson Avenue; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

6. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve A Grant Agreement for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Administered By Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

7. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Painted Crosswalk Across Zachry Street at Memorial Satilla Health; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday agenda.

G. City Attorney's Report:

H. City Manager's Report:

He asked the commission to look over the City Report. There is a new section that explains his and the mayors coming and going. He also spoke on introducing the traveling scheduling for commission, the mayor and himself for transparency for the public.

I. Last Call

J. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion made to go into Executive Session for personnel by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Mayor Pro Temp, Alvin Nelson. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 to go into executive session.

K. Adjournment

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

Michael-Angelo James

MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell

JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

