

**MINUTES**

**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 4, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Norman Davis and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

Reverend Richard Gifford, Calvary United Pentecostal Church offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence Billups announced the rescheduling of the following meetings:

Planning and Information Session from January 17 to Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.  
Planning and Information Session from March 14 to Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.  
Waycross City Commission Meeting from March 15 to Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Raphel Maddox, HR Director presented Stacey Thomas, Police Department Records Clerk with the December 2010 Employee of the Month.

Larry Gattis, Finance Director, presented Dana Chancey, Budget Officer with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to elect Commissioner Diane Hopkins as the Mayor Pro Tempore for 2011. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

The following appointments were made by motion Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins, seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough; all Commissioners voted affirmatively and the motion was approved.

1. Election of City Officers (Presented by Mayor and Confirmed by Commission):

City Attorney	Huey Spearman
Ex-Officio City Marshal:	Steve Barnard, Ware County Tax Commissioner
Official Organ:	Waycross Journal Herald
City Depository:	SunTrust Bank
City Physician:	Satilla Convenient Care
City Auditor:	Beal, Yonz, Rivers and Taylor
Municipal Court Judge	Judge Doug Gibson
Municipal Court Judge Pro- Tempore'	Ken Taft
Insurance Agents:	J Smith Lanier, Insurance Broker Bob Seville, Public Risk Underwriter Corvel, Workers' Comp Lincoln Financial, Group Life St. Paul Travelers, Liability Group Resources, TPA, Health
City Election Superintendent:	Board of Elections and Registration

2. Appointment to Executive Positions (One-Year Appointments) Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by Commission:

United States Department of Justice, Weed n'Seed/Waycross Operation, Co-Chairman	Commissioner William D. Simmons
Downtown Waycross Development Authority:	Commissioner Daniel J. Yarbrough
Law Enforcement Training Center Advisory Cmte:	Commissioner Marian Solomon- Gaines
Library Board:	Commissioner Marian Solomon- Gaines
Southern Georgia Regional Commission:	Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Tourism Committee:	Mayor Pro-Tempore' and Commissioner Diane Hopkins
Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee:	Mayor Clarence E. Billups
Ware County Health Board:	Mayor Clarence E. Billups
Waycross-Ware Co Development Authority:	Mayor Clarence E. Billups
Waycross-Ware Co Chamber of Commerce	Mayor Clarence E. Billups

(\*Mayor and/or City Manager are Automatic Appointees to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Waycross-Ware Development Authority, Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee and Chamber of Commerce .)

3. ***Pension Committee for Retirement Fund\**** (Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by City Commission)(Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk Automatic Appointees):
  - a. Clarence E. Billups, Mayor
  - b. Deron W. King, City Manager
  - c. Huey Spearman, City Attorney
  - d. Julie Dinkins, City Clerk
  - e. Larry Gattis, Finance Director
  - f. Diane L. Hopkins, Mayor Pro Tempore' and Commissioner
  - g. Wilton Deloach, Public Works Director
  - h. Raphel Maddox, Human Resources Director

4. Zoning Board of Appeals (Two Three-Year Terms/January 1, 2011-December 31, 2013; and One-Year Planning Commission Appointee)
  - a. Michael Mitchell
  - b. Leonard Burse, Jr.
  - c. Planning Commission Appointee (one-year term) named by the Planning Commission and affirmed by the Mayor: Joe Hart
  
6. **Revolving Loan Fund** (*RLF est. August 2006:*) Criteria: Banker, CPA, City Attorney, Commercial Real Estate, Local Business (*Restatement for the Record. No Action Required at this time.*)
  - a. Dr. Andrew Jackson
  - b. Ronald Paulk
  - c. Steve Fleming
  - d. Daniel Morris
  - e. Rev. Ed Roy Gibbs
  - f. Huey Spearman
  - g. Larry Gattis
  
7. Ware County Library Board of the Okefenokee Regional Library System Board of Trustees  
(Four-year appointment beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2014):
  - a. Yvette Inman
  
8. **Waycross-Ware County Development Authority** (Four-year appointment beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2014; Four-year unexpired appointment ending December 31, 2014):
  - a. Michael Mitchell
  - b. Joe Skinner

9. **Waycross Historic Preservation Board** (One-Year appointment beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011 and Three-year appointment beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2013):
  - a. Chris Jordan (one year)
  - b. Larry Rood (three year)
  
10. Ware County Board of Health (Five-Year Term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2015).
  - a. Barbara Miller
  
11. Okefenokee Area Development Authority (OADA) One-Year Term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011:
  - a. Commissioner William D. Simmons

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager reported that the 2010 SPLOST Street and Drainage Improvements Projects have been completed. The Contractor has completed Striping on Pine, Seaman, Izlar, Watts, Porter, Carver and Roberts Lane. In addition, construction will begin on Monday, January 20, 2011 on the Lee Avenue Project. The Project will last approximately two weeks and citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in that area.

In presenting the Mayor's Report, Mayor Clarence Billups wished everyone a Happy New Year! He congratulated Pastor Gifford on his appointment as Senior Pastor of Calvary United Pentecostal Church. And lastly Mayor Billups thanked the community for the outpouring of support for the less fortunate during the holiday season.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor Billups presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk, Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

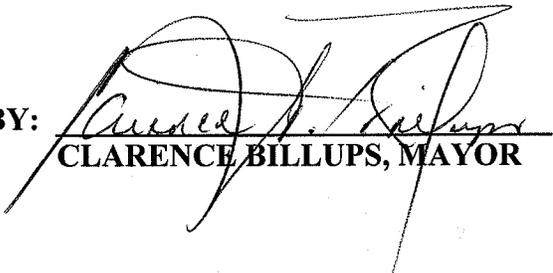
Mr. Alphonso Whitfield, III, made a presentation regarding his company, Vital Toolbox.

Following the Mayor and Commissioner's reports, Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Real Estate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, all voted in favor and the meeting went into Executive Session.

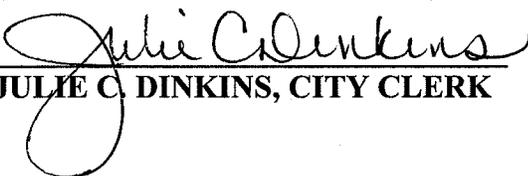
Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:   
**CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**