

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Session of The Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; Commissioners, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Larry Ethridge. Commissioners Norman Davis and Alvin Nelson were not present.

Deacon Marcus L. Reid, Sr., Chairman of Deacons Ministry, Macedonia Baptist Church offered the opening invocation. Mayor Billups led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Election of the Mayor Pro Tempore' was deferred to the January 20, 2015 meeting.

Mayor Billups announced the following slate of officers, which were confirmed by the Commission.

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| City Attorney                 | Rick Currie                                 |
| Assistance City Attorney      | Shawn F. Wildes                             |
| Ex-Officio City Marshal       | Roger Collins, Ware County Tax Commissioner |
| Official Organ                | Waycross Journal-Herald                     |
| City Depository               | SunTrust Bank                               |
| City Physician                | Satilla Convenient Care                     |
| City Auditor                  | Henderson and Godbee                        |
| Municipal Court Just          | Judge Doug Gibson                           |
| Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem | Ken Taft                                    |

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the appointments; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

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| Insurance Agents | J. Smith Lanier, Insurance Broker<br>Midlands Management Corporation,<br>Public Risk Underwriter<br>Corvel, Workers Compensation<br>MetLife, Group Life, Vision<br>Travelers, Liability<br>Mayo Clinic Health Solutions, TPA, Health |
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| City Election Superintendent | Ware County Board of Elections and Registration |
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The insurance appointments and City Election Superintendent appointment were approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Appointments to Executive Positions (One-Year Appointments) were announced by the Mayor and confirmed by the Commission.

United States Department of Justice,  
Weed N Seed, Waycross Operation,  
Co-Chairman

Commissioner Norman E. Davis

Downtown Waycross Development  
Authority

Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Law Enforcement Training Center  
Advisory Committee

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines

Library Board

Commissioner Alvin Nelson

Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Tourism Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Diane L. Hopkins

Transportation Planning  
Coordinating Committee

Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Ware County Health Board

Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Waycross-Ware County  
Development Authority

Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Waycross-Ware County  
Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Clarence E. Billups

Waycross Main Street

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines

Pension Committee for  
Retirement Fund

2015 Appointments

Mayor Clarence E. Billups  
City Manager Raphael Maddox  
City Attorney Rick Currie  
Elizabeth Velez-Hill, HR Dept.  
Finance Director, Danny Lamonte  
Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins  
HR Director, Trinija Molina-Martin



Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. Commissioners all voted in approval and the motion carried.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented a Proclamation declaring January 9, 2015 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day to Police Chief Tony Tanner.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

Office of the Mayor



**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, January 9, 2015, is being designated and promoted as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) in support of law enforcement officers nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that law enforcement is a necessary and crucial element for a society to remain free and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that, without effective law enforcement officers, chaos and disorder would reign supreme; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that in light of recent negativity directed towards law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our citizens, government officials and employees recognize the difficult and sometimes dangerous profession they have chosen in public service to all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross recognizes that we need to value and celebrate the many officers who are dedicated to protecting the public and nourishing our justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to recognize our employees, as well as other members of the law enforcement community; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that January 9, 2015, is designated as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

Human Resources Director, Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Chris Maynes, Building Maintenance, and Engineering Department as the Employee of the Month for January, 2015.

Human Resources Director, Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Sergeant Terrell Murphy, Code Department / Waycross Police Department as the Employee of the Year for 2014.

During the City Manager Report, Raphel Maddox reminded citizens that a hard freeze is expected Thursday, protect your plant, pets and pipes. He also noted that school resumes this week, watch out for children and drive carefully. Lastly, Mr. Maddox acknowledged the large family and church family at the meeting to support Sgt. Terrell Murphy.

Mayor Billups wished the citizens a "Happy New Year" and congratulated Sgt. Murphy on his Employee of the Year presentation.

There were no public remarks on official action.

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 Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, December 15, 2014; Waycross City Commission Zoning Public Hearings and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

There were no Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or Privileges License Renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 3 – 0 vote.

One Privilege License was presented for review:

Newebifor M. Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Build, Inc. (Private Club) 314 Pendleton Street, Consumption on Premises, Beer Only.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Soul Shop Art Guild, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. Mr. Fobi addressed the Commission, stating that her club was a private club and a cultural haven. Commissioners Solomon-Gaines and Ethridge voted yes; Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins voted no; the motion carried with a 2 – 1 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 15-07 Surplus Property for approval. A list of property no longer needed in any City Department was submitted so that they may be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.Com. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the sale of Surplus Property. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY15-10 for the purchase of Color Copier for the third floor. The Engineering Department has a line item budget to purchase a new color copier. Purchasing received 2 bids and after staff review the recommendation is to award the bid to Canon Solutions of Waycross, GA for \$12,058.92. This is a local vendor and the price is within our 5% local preference. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid to Canon Solutions of Waycross in the amount of \$12,058.92. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented a final pay request from Downtown Waycross Development Authority (DWDA) for repairs to the REA and rail depot buildings in the amount of \$7,899.60. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Final Ray Request for DWDA. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 affirmative vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Waycross Zoning Ordinance Text, Article VIII regarding Signs was presented for the first reading:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 15-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAYCROSS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII – SIGNS, SECTION 807 – GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 807.9 (c), BY REDUCING THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FROM 1250 FEET TO 1000 FEET FROM ANY OTHER OFF-PREMISES SIGN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Amendment to the Waycross Zoning Ordinance for the first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Pay DWDA for Fourth and Final Draw on Repairs to the Rail Depot and REA Buildings Project was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO PAY DOWNTOWN WAYCROSS DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY FOR FOURTH AND FINAL DRAW ON REPAIRS  
TO THE RAIL DEPOT AND THE REA BUILDINGS PROJECT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross, on behalf of the Downtown Waycross Development Authority (hereinafter "DWDA"), awarded the project for repairs to the Rail Depot and the REA Freight Depot buildings to Craft Development of Waycross, Georgia, by Resolution dated August 5, 2014, in the amount of \$106,887.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Craft Development, Inc. has submitted an invoice, dated December 16, 2014, for work completed to date, less previous amounts billed; and

**WHEREAS**, DWDA has submitted a request in the amount of seven thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents (\$7,899.60) to pay Craft Development, Inc. for the fourth and final draw on work completed in said project; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that, based on the contract awarded to Craft Development of Waycross, Georgia, as set out above, payment of seven thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents (\$7,899.60) be made to DWDA for the fourth and final draw on Rail Depot and REA Freight building project, to be paid to Craft Development, Inc., and from SPLOST funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to make payment to DWDA on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

**SO RESOLVED**, this 6th day of January, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS GEORGIA**

**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Pay DWDA for Fourth and Final Draw on Repairs to the Rail Depot and REA Buildings Project as submitted. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Resolution to Approve Amendment 11 to the Agreement between ESG Operations and the City of Waycross For Operations, Maintenance and Management Services was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ESG OPERATIONS, INC., AND THE CITY OF  
WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE  
AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross, Georgia, entered into an agreement with ESG Operations, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "ESG") on or about March 1, 2004, as amended by Amendment No. 2 to add water services, for operations, maintenance and management services at the City's wastewater treatment plant; and

**WHEREAS**, ESG has performed under the terms of this Agreement to date and all amendments thereto and City has performed under the terms of the Agreement and all amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific changes as reflected in Amendment No. 11, and attached to this Resolution, will replace Article 2.21 with a new Article 2.21.1 - Revenue Enhancement Program, which will require ESG to provide additional revenue enhancement target goals of "Waste stream flows to disposal revenue" in additional revenue in the amount of \$200,000 per year (\$600,000 cumulative revenue over the next three (3) years, and which is the remainder of the current five (5) year contract to expire in March 2018), and which includes landfill bulk leachate disposal and treatment, local industry waste stream flows recovery, grease trap program revenue enhancement recommendation and implementation of program via direct or indirect contract hauler and Industrial Pretreatment Plan surcharge cost recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, this program will be tracked on a monthly basis and reconciled annually, and ESG will provide enhancements to achieve "maximum recovery" of the waste stream flows revenue to meet all current and proposed EPA and EPD regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, this provision of the contract will be automatically renewable for another five (5) year period upon approval of contract renewal in March 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, all other terms and conditions remain in effect in accordance with the Agreement referenced in said Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, said the matter of this Amendment having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that Amendment No. 11 to the Agreement between ESG Operations, Inc., and the City of Waycross, Georgia, be and is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Amendment No. 11 on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 6th day of January, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

The Resolution to Approve Amendment 11 to the Agreement between ESG Operations and the City of Waycross For Operations, Maintenance and Management Services was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 15-03, a Resolution to amend the FY15 Budget was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE TRANSFER  
OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT;  
TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIR OF WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3 (d) allows a local government to amend its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during a budget period; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Budget of \$13,397,773.00 for Fiscal Year 2015 on June 17, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission deems it necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget by transferring \$1,460.80 from the Police Department, CIU Business Training budget (Account No. 100-52-3-221-39-3700) and \$1,460.81 from Police Department, CIU Business Travel budget (Account No. 100-52-3-221-39-3500) and adding it to the Police Department,

Garage M&R budget (\$2,921.61 to Account No. 100-55-3-221-39-1300) in order to allow a Waycross Police Department vehicle to be repaired.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above said adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget be made and a copy of the amended Budget be attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

**SO RESOLVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF WAYCROSS GEORGIA  
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor**

**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the FY15 Budget Amendment for the WPD as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Authorize the Annexation of Unincorporated Islands by Local Act of the General Assembly project was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO AUTHORIZE ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED  
ISLANDS BY LOCAL ACT OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, there presently exists within the city limits of the City of Waycross, Georgia, being a municipal corporation in the State of Georgia, several areas of property that are contiguous to the City of Waycross but are not incorporated in the City of Waycross, hereinafter referred to as "unincorporated islands"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires that these unincorporated islands be annexed into the City of Waycross by local Act of the General Assembly, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been read and considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby calls on the Georgia State Legislative Delegation representing the City of Waycross, including Representative Jason Shaw, Representative Jason Spencer, Representative John Corbett and Senator Tyler Harper, to forthwith annex said

unincorporated islands contiguous to the City of Waycross into the City of Waycross by local Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to said Georgia State Legislative Delegation representing the City of Waycross, media outlets, and other appropriate persons or entities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager and Mayor are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any additional documents needed or appropriate, and to take any action necessary to implement this Resolution in the most effective manner possible.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 6th day of January, 2015.

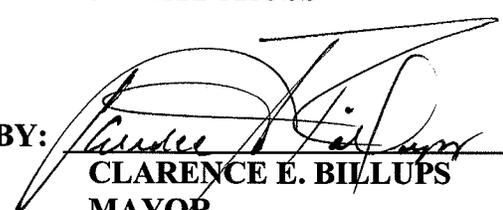
**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**CLARENCE E. BILLIPS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Annexation of Unincorporated Islands by Local Act of the General Assembly project as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:   
**CLARENCE E. BILLIPS**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**   
**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**