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**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. EXECUTIVE DUTIES:

- A. Confirmation of China Williams and Tonya Miller as Acting City Clerks Until the Position is Filled or as long as it is needed.
Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion, Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Elected Mayor and City Commissioners:
 - 1. Mayor Michael-Angelo James
 - 2. City Commissioner/District 4 Diane Hopkins
 - 3. City Commissioner/District 5 Henry Strickland
City Attorney, Richard Currie swore-in the Mayor and both Commissioners.

- C. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore' for the Year 2020
Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion for Commissioner John Threat to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore', and Commissioner Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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D. Pronouncement of City Officers (Presented by Mayor and Confirmed by Commissioners)

City Attorney
Assistant City Attorney

Rick Currie
Huey W. Spearman

Official Organ:
City Depository:

Waycross Journal-Herald
SunTrust Bank
Waycross Bank & Trust

City Auditor:
Municipal Court Judge
Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tempore
Insurance Agents:

Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs
Judge Douglas W. Gibson
Adrienne Gibson
NFP Health Insurance Broker
J Smith Lanier Property and Casualty Insurance
Anthem BC/BS Health, Dental, Vision, Life & AD&D
Apex Insurance Services, Public Risk Underwriter
Corvel Corporation, TPA-Workers' Comp
Travelers Liability

City Election Superintendent:

Ware County Board of Elections and Registration

The mayor presented the above for confirmation. Commissioner Davis made a motion to confirm, Commissioner Hopkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Downtown Waycross Development Authority: Mayor Michael-Angelo James

Jim Blackburn, Sr. Public Safety Board: Marian Solomon-Gaines – Fire
John Threat – Police

Library Board: Ex-Officio: Henry Strickland, Jr.
Trustee:
Trustee: Carlos Jaime

Southern Georgia Regional Commission Mayor Michael-Angelo James

Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee: Mayor Michael-Angelo James

Ware County Health Board: Mayor Michael-Angelo James

Waycross and Ware Co Development Authority: Mayor Michael-Angelo James

Waycross-Ware Co Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Michael-Angelo James

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

Waycross-Ware Co Land Bank Authority: John Threat

(The members shall be appointed as follows: four (4) members appointed by the Commission of the City of Waycross; and three (3) members appointed by the Ware County Board of Commissioners.)

The mayor presented the above for confirmation. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion to confirm, Commissioner Hopkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pension Committee for Retirement Fund (Recommended by Mayor and Confirmed by City Commission)(Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and Personnel Analyst & Risk Management Employee are Automatic Appointees):

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| a. | Mayor | Mayor |
| b. | City Manager | Tonya Miller, City Manager |
| c. | City Attorney | Rick Currie, City Attorney |
| d. | Finance Director | China Williams, Finance Director |
| e. | City Commissioner | Diane Hopkins, Commissioner |
| f. | Department Head | Chief David Eddins |
| g. | Human Resources Director | Ed Lastinger, Human Resources |

The mayor presented the above for confirmation. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion to confirm, Commissioner Hopkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Board of Zoning Appeals

Three-Year Terms Beginning January 1, 2020 and Ending December 31, 2023

- a. Post 1: Joe Ramsey
- b. Post 2: Leonard Burse, Jr.

Housing Authority of the City of Waycross (appointments take office March 21)

- a. One-year Resident Term (beginning March 21, 2019 and ending March 21, 2020): Cleo Price

The mayor presented the above for confirmation. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion to confirm, Commissioner Hopkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- F. 2019 December Employee of the Month: Mr. Ed Lastinger presented Mr. Lonnie Dryden with employee of the month for December.

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- G. 2019 Employee of the Year: *Chief Tommy Cox presented Officer Glenn Weiderman with employee of the year for 2019.*

III. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- A. City Manager's Report – *The City Manager gave an update on Hatcher Point Road and reminded everyone about the reception following the meeting for the new Mayor and Commissioner.*
- B. Mayor's Report

IV. PUBLIC REMARKS ON OFFICIAL ACTIONS: *None.*

V. CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL ACTIONS:

A. Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes: 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, December 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 18, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
2. Consent Resolutions: n/a
3. Ordinance Second Readings: n/a
Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Hopkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Privilege Licenses:

1. Angel 127, Inc./DBA Fast Lucky Lottery, Ketan Patel, 610 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA, Package Sales Beer and Wine
2. Waycross Food & Beverage, Shivang Shah, 1302 Brunel St, Waycross, GA, Package Sales Beer and Wine
3. Stop N Save #23, Vinaben Patel, 500 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA, Package Sales Beer and Wine
Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to approve the privilege licenses and Commissioner Solomon-Gaines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Bids: n/a

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D. Ordinances:

1. To Amend and Restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Waycross; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; **To Declare an Emergency**
The Acting City Clerk read the ordinance, Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Solomon-Gaines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
The Acting City Clerk read the ordinance again, Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Solomon-Gaines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolutions:

1. To Expand and Extend Contract Awarded to Allen Owens Construction and Paving, Inc. of Blackshear, Georgia, for Haines Avenue Paving Project.
The Acting City Clerk read the resolution, Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Solomon-Gaines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, To Approve Holiday Calendar for Calendar Year 2020.
The Acting City Clerk read the resolution, Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Solomon-Hopkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- VI. GUESTS: Ginger Peagler & Jana Dyke – Census 2020 *Ms. Peagler discussed the complete count committee for the census.*
Fer-Rell Malone – Census 2020 *Rev. Malone also discussed the census and the importance of everyone being counted.*
- VII. LAST CALL AND/OR ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – *There was no executive session.*
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hopkins seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

