

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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, February 1, 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.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough presented Mark Williams, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church of Waycross who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Williams was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

Finance Director Larry Gattis introduced Sharon Lovett, Community Improvement Department, who was honored as Employee of the Month for February 2011. Ms. Lovett was honored for her work on the Christmas Parade for the Main Street program.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented a Certificate of Public Works Management from the Georgia Chapter of the American Public Works Association to Wilton Deloach for his completion of the Public Works Management Program.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented the Georgia Municipal Training Institute for Elected Officials Certificate of Achievement to Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines.

Commissioner Norman E. Davis was presented the Georgia Municipal Training Institute for Elected Officials Certificate of Excellence by the Mayor.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager reported that the Lee Avenue Water and Sewer Improvements are continuing. Boring and replacement of casing has been completed and the sewer main is currently being replaced. Milling is currently underway on the Darling Avenue project. Construction will continue on these projects through April. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas. Mr. King also noted that the Bailey Heights demolition is underway.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups congratulated the Housing Authority for getting the Bailey Heights demolition project underway and stated that the City looks forward to rebuilding in the Bailey Heights area. The Chamber held their annual banquet and Mayor Billups congratulated Stephen Lovett for his award and thanked all other award recipients for what they do for the City of Waycross and Ware County. Mayor Billups reminded everyone that Okefenokee Occasion is scheduled for February 2, 2011 in Atlanta.

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, January 18, 2011; and Public Hearing on January 21, 2011 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. No Ordinance second readings and no Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A new Privilege License for Amrutal Govindlal Patel, d/b/a Stop N Save, 1333 South Georgia Parkway E, Waycross, Georgia, Retail Beer only was presented for review.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to deny the privilege license for discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons. After discussion, Commissioner Simmons withdrew his second and Commissioner Solomon-Gaines withdrew the motion to deny.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the 2011 Privilege License application for Amrutal Govindlal Patel, d/b/a/ Stop n Save for the sale of beer only. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented Bid FY11-08 for the purchase of five (5) Chevy Impala Police Pursuit Vehicles off the Georgia State Contract. This purchase is an FY11 approved line item purchase. After review, staff recommended purchasing five (5) vehicles off the Georgia State Contract for a total purchase price of \$98,089.15 or \$19,617.83 each. This contract has been competitively bid and awarded to Hardy Chevrolet.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to purchase five (5) vehicles off the Georgia State Contract for a total purchase price of \$98,089.15 or \$19,617.83 each from Hardy Chevrolet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. After discussion, reassuring the Commissioners that the State Contract is competitively bid and that local vendors would be unable to compete with the price; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Approve Granting an Easement to Waycross Housing Authority to Encroach Upon the Right of Way of Bailey Drive to complete Demolition, Re-grading and Re-stabilization of the Bailey Heights Housing Projects was presented for approval as follows:

RESOLUTION 11-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO WAYCROSS HOUSING AUTHORITY
TO ENCROACH UPON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BAILEY DRIVE TO COMPLETE
DEMOLITION, RE-GRADING AND RE-STABILIZATION OF THE BAILEY
HEIGHTS HOUSING PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has received a petition for the City to close Bailey Drive (formerly known as Middle Street) to include the entire width of Bailey Drive Right of Way running in a northeast direction from Buchannon Street to Walter Street;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said petition to close Bailey Drive has been scheduled for February 15, 2010, at 6:45 p.m. at the City Hall, 417 Pendleton Street, Waycross, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Waycross Housing Authority is scheduled to proceed with demolition prior to the public hearing on the petition to close Bailey Drive, and will need an easement from the City of Waycross granting the Waycross Housing Authority permission to encroach upon the City right of way on Bailey Drive and complete demolition of the Bailey Heights Housing Projects while the right of way closure hearing is pending, so as not to cause a delay of the project; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to both the City and Waycross Housing Authority that demolition of the blighted Bailey Heights Housing Projects commence without unnecessary delay; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross grant an easement to Waycross Housing Authority to encroach upon the City right of way on Bailey Drive and complete demolition of the Bailey Heights Housing Projects within the right of way as outlined in the Easement document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Easement on behalf of the City.

SO RESOLVED, this 1st day of February, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve Granting an Easement to Waycross Housing Authority to Encroach Upon the Right of Way of Bailey Drive to complete Demolition, Re-grading and Re-stabilization of the Bailey Heights Housing Projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the Resolution.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend the Resolution to Award the Contract for Renovation of the Waycross Police Building was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04

**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION OF THE WAYCROSS POLICE
BUILDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, the City of Waycross adopted a Resolution to award a contract for renovation of the Waycross Police Building to include Roof Replacement, HVAC Replacement, Window and Door Replacement and other similar renovations; and

WHEREAS, R.H. Tyson Construction, Inc. was awarded the contract as the lowest and best bidder for the project in the amount of \$601,700.00; and

WHEREAS, a Roof “pull-out” test performed by the contractor has revealed the load bearing capacity of existing concrete and metal deck is not satisfactory. Existing lightweight concrete, particularly on the upper portion of the roof is damaged from being saturated for long periods, and inspection of metal decking has exposed significant corrosion.

WHEREAS, a contract change is needed to replace the existing roof deck with properly specified metal and lightweight concrete deck, which also includes some user-requested modifications to improve overall floor plan functionality as well as corresponding reductions in costs where savings could be realized; and

WHEREAS, Commission approval is requested for an Amended Resolution authorizing an increase in the award amount up to \$162,770.00, if necessary, for a maximum award amount not to exceed \$764,470.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission that the previous Resolution adopted on December 21, 2010 awarding the contract for renovation of the Waycross Police Building to R.H. Tyson Construction, Inc. is hereby amended, to include an increase of up to \$162,770.00, if necessary, and that the total contract amount for said Project is hereby increased not to exceed \$764,470.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to give effect to this Amended Resolution in order to complete the project and pay all expenses in connection therewith.

SO RESOLVED, this 1st day of February, 2011.

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

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend the Resolution to Award the Contract for Renovation of the Waycross Police Building as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Following the Mayor and Commissioner's reports, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

**BY: _____
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK