

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
7:00 PM

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor John R. Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Mayor John R. Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Larry T. Ethridge, Norman Davis and Jon Tindall.

Commissioner Jon Tindall introduced Joshua Riggs, Vice President, R.I.V.E.R.S. Foundation who offered the opening invocation and Jaquez Bolds, Member, R.I.V.E.R.S. Foundation who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Beautillion is the celebration of the achievements of young men in Waycross/Ware County and surrounding areas. It is a formal presentation of a select group of high school seniors, much like the Cotillion/Debutante Ball is for young women. Each Beau/Jr. Beau is chosen in recognition of his demonstrated achievements in academics, sports, the arts, community and church involvement, and leadership capabilities.

The Beautillion is the culmination of a leadership training program designed specifically for the selected participants and fundraising efforts for the R.I.V.E.R.S. Foundation. Proceeds from the Beautillion will fund scholarship awards for participants based on selected criteria, in addition to other charities and initiatives sponsored by the Foundation that are aimed at enhancing the lives of children, youth, and the community as a whole.

Mayor John T. Knox delivered the State of the City of Waycross address for 2016.

Mayor John R. Knox announced two public hearings being scheduled as follows:

1. Changing the Waycross Official Zoning Map at 215 Walters Street from R - 50MH to C-2 Highway Commercial; Tuesday, March 15, 2016 6:00 pm
2. Reviewing and Transferring the Joint Ware County and City of Waycross Comprehensive Plan Update to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 6:30 pm

The City Manager's Report included City Manager Raphel Maddox recognizing Police Chief Tony Tanner and his staff for a great Senior Safety Day. He acknowledged Ms. Yolanda Rivers and her Beautillion participants and thanked them for participating in the meeting. Mr. Maddox thanked Mayor John Knox for an on point State of the City address.

There were no remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox 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 and Information Session, Tuesday, January 19, 2016; and City Commission Meeting January 19, 2016.

Ordinance Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY16-09 Fire Station #1 Roof Modifications. Fire Station #1 has experienced multiple roof leaks in recent years. Evaluation of the existing roof indicates widespread failure and the need for extensive repair and replacement. SPLOST Building Improvement funds are available for roof modifications and repairs for Fire Station #1. Purchasing received 2 bids for the labor to perform roof modifications and repairs to the roof at Fire Station #1. Staff recommends awarding this bid to Childers Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc. as the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications and requirements in an amount not to exceed \$142,250.00. A \$2,500 contingency fee has been included in this bid, which is for the labor only, materials will be purchased from the Garland Co.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve awarding the bid to Childers Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$142,250 plus \$2,500 contingency. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the bid was awarded.

The second part of this bid is for materials. Staff recommends purchasing these materials off the US Communities Contract #09-5408 from Garland Company at a price not to exceed \$119,373.75. Along with the purchase of these materials we will also receive project management services, inspections, bidding documents and drawing prep work at no additional charge. Any leftover material will be returned for a refund.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid award for materials to Garland Company at a price not to exceed \$119,373.75. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall, all voted positively and the bid award was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda ones presented a list of items no longer needed in any City department or have been court awarded to the Waycross Police Department. Purchasing requests that these items be declared surplus property so that they may be sold on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Surplus list of items to be sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross to allow for alcohol sales on Sunday by the drink was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS
TO ALLOW FOR SALES ON SUNDAY BY LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS
ON PREMISES FOR MALT BEVERAGES, WINE & DISTILLED SPIRITS; TO
AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION AND
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance allowing for alcohol sales on Sunday by the drink as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Sunday Alcoholic beverage package sales was the subject of the second Ordinance presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TO
ALLOW FOR SUNDAY PACKAGE SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES,
WINE & DISTILLED SPIRITS; TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM; TO
PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance to allow for Sunday Package Sales of alcoholic beverages was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The Ordinance was approved with a 4 – 1 vote, with Commissioner Diane Hopkins casting the dissenting vote.

A Resolution Awarding a bid contract to Childers Roofing and Sheetmetal for roof repair and replacement at Waycross Fire Station # 1 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO CHILDERS ROOFING AND SHEETMETAL,
INC. FOR ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AT WAYCROSS FIRE
STATION # 1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Fire Station # 1 has experienced multiple roof leaks in recent years and is in dire need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of SPLOST Building Improvement funds for the roof repair and replacement at Waycross Fire Station # 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened two (2) bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, said bid is for labor only and the City of Waycross will purchase materials for the project from Garland Company; and

WHEREAS, Childers Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project of one hundred and forty-two thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$142,250.00), and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for roof repair and replacement at Waycross Fire Station # 1 be awarded to Childers Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida, and said contract not to exceed one hundred and forty-two thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$142,250.00), to be paid for from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contract 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 16th day of February, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution Awarding a bid contract to Childers Roofing and Sheetmetal for roof repair and replacement at Waycross Fire Station # 1 was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution Approving the purchase of roofing materials from Garland Company for the Waycross Fire Station # 1 Roof Repair and Replacement was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ROOFING MATERIALS FROM GARLAND
COMPANY FOR THE WAYCROSS FIRE STATION # 1 ROOF REPAIR AND
REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Fire Station # 1 has experienced multiple roof leaks in recent years and is in dire need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of SPLOST Building Improvement funds for the roof repair and replacement at Waycross Fire Station # 1; and

WHEREAS, it is the staff's recommendation to purchase materials from the US Communities and GSA Contracts # 09-5408 and only offer the project by bid for labor only; and

WHEREAS, along with the purchase of material from Garland Company, the City will receive project management services, inspections, bidding document and drawing preparation work at no additional charge to the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the total material cost is not to exceed \$119,373.75; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross purchase material for the Waycross Fire Station # 1 roof repair and replacement project from Garland Company from the US Communities and GSA Contract # 09-5408 and at a price not to exceed \$119,373.75 and with any unused materials to be returned to Garland Company for a refund, to be paid for from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract 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 16th day of February, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution Approving the purchase of roofing materials from Garland Company for the Waycross Fire Station # 1 Roof Repair and Replacement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

A Resolution Amending the FY16 Budget by approving the transfer of funds from one account to another account was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE TRANSFER
OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT;
TO PROVIDE FOR UNFORESEEN LITIGATION COSTS AND INCREASED
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COSTS; 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 in the General Fund of \$13,818.816.00 for Fiscal Year 2016 on 16th day of June, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget by transferring \$29,500.00 from the Patrol/Gas budget (Account No. 100-53-3-223-40-1270), \$5,800.00 from Fire/Gas budget (Account No. 100-53-3-500-48-1270) and \$13,000.00 from Highway Streets/Gas budget (Account No. 100-53-4-200-52-1270) and adding it as follows: \$40,300.00 to the City Attorney budget (Account No. 100-52-1-530-74-1200) and \$8,300.00 to the Unemployment Compensation budget (Account No. 100-57-4-900-10-2600) in order to cover a shortage in the City Attorney's Expense Account due to unforeseen litigation issues and increased Unemployment Compensation costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above said adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of February, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution Amending the FY16 Budget by approving the transfer of funds from one account to another account as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution awarding a Contract to American Data Group, Inc. for Software Support and Maintenance was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO AMERICAN DATA GROUP, INC. FOR SOFTWARE
PACKAGE FOR FUND MANAGEMENT, UTILITY BILLING, PERMITS, BUSINESS
LICENSES, ACCOUNT PAYABLE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, American Date Group (hereinafter referred to as “ADG”) provides the City of Waycross’ governmental software package for Fund Management, Utility Billing, Permits, Business Licenses, Accounts Payable and Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to continue to utilize the software package maintained and supported by ADG; and

WHEREAS, annual maintenance and support for patching and upgrades is needed; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the invoice, being invoice number 10147, received from American Data Group, Inc., in the amount of \$10,778.00, for annual maintenance and support be paid by the City of Waycross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to pay said invoice to American Data Group, Inc., 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 16th day of February, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution awarding a Contract to American Data Group, Inc. for Software Support and Maintenance as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins, seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; the vote was unanimous for approval.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to approve Submittal of an Application to Obtain FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Water, Sewer, Street and Flood and Drainage Improvements was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FY 2016 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR WATER, SEWER, STREET
AND FLOOD & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has identified a lack of sufficient funds to address the need for adequate Water, Sewer, Street, and flood & Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter referred to as "CDBG") funds are sufficient to address these needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has selected Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc., as the project engineer to perform the planning, design, engineering, and construction oversight of the CDBG Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has requested that the staff of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission assist in the preparation of the CDBG Application and administration of the CDBG Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has agreed to provide sufficient matching funds and in-kind services to complete this project;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Waycross will submit a FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to address the identified needs of the community.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Community Improvement Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to submit the application set forth herein.

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of February, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to make application for a grant under the RBDG program.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of February, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

ATTEST:

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Waycross City Commission discussed applying for a 2016 Community Development Block Grant funding for proposed Water, Sewer, Street and Flood and Drainage Improvements in the Project area where improvement are schedule to take place. After discussion, it was noted that no Commissioner has any conflict of interest with this proposed project.

Commissioner Norman Davis made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to approve Submittal of an Application to Obtain FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Water, Sewer, Street and Flood and Drainage Improvements as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The vote was unanimous in approval and the Resolution was adopted.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Request the Local Legislative Delegation to Amend the Local Act to Change the Manner of Appointment of the Members of the Waycross Ware County Development Authority was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REQUEST THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO AMEND THE LOCAL ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WAYCROSS WARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there presently is a Waycross and Ware County Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") created by the Georgia Legislature on or about March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2840); and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act provides that the City Commission of the City of Waycross and the Ware County Board of Commissioners "shall request two nominations for each member to be appointed from the directors of the Chamber of Commerce"; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the County of Ware and/or the City of Waycross “may, in their discretion, request the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to submit additional names before making ... any subsequent appointments to the membership of the Authority”; and

WHEREAS, this procedure of delegating the power of appointment to a private interest group is unconstitutional pursuant to Rogers v. Medical Association of Georgia, 244 Ga 151 (2) (1979); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross desires that the Enabling Act be amended to provide the make-up of the eight (8) member Authority as follows:

1. A City Commissioner as designated and elected by the City Commission of the City of Waycross;
2. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, or another commissioner designated by the Chairman; and
3. The City Commission of the City of Waycross be responsible for appointing three (3) members to the Authority and be allowed to make appointments without the submission of names from the Chamber of Commerce or any other private organization; and
4. The Board of Commissioners of Ware County responsible for appointing three (3) members to the Authority, and be allowed to make appointments without the submission of names from the Chamber of Commerce or any other private organization; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross further desires that the Enabling Act be amended to expressly provide that there will be no *ex officio* members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been read and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that we hereby call on the Georgia State Legislative Delegation representing the City of Waycross and the County of Ware, including Representative Jason Shaw, Representative Jason Spencer, Representative John Corbett and Senator Tyler Harper to forthwith amend the Enabling Act creating the Authority as set out more specifically above.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and Mayor of the City of Waycross 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 AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, this 16th day of February, 2016.

The Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Request the Local Legislative Delegation to Amend the Local Act to Change the Manner of Appointment of the Members of the Waycross Ware County Development Authority specifying that the make-up of the eight (8) member Authority would include a City Commissioner as designated and elected by the City Commission of the City of Waycross was defeated. The motion to approved was made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The vote included Commissioners Solomon-Gaines and Hopkins voting yes; Commissioners Tindall, Ethridge and Davis voting No. The motion was defeated.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Request the Local Legislative Delegation to Amend the Local Act to Change the Manner of Appointment of the Members of the Waycross Ware County Development Authority was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REQUEST THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO AMEND THE LOCAL ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WAYCROSS WARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the County of Ware and/or the City of Waycross “may, in their discretion, request the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to submit additional names before making ... any subsequent appointments to the membership of the Authority”; and

WHEREAS, this procedure of delegating the power of appointment to a private interest group is unconstitutional pursuant to Rogers v. Medical Association of Georgia, 244 Ga 151 (2) (1979); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross desires that the Enabling Act be amended to provide the make-up of the eight (8) member Authority as follows:

5. The Mayor of the City of Waycross, or another commission member as designated by the Mayor; and
6. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, or another commissioner designated by the Chairman; and
7. The City Commission of the City of Waycross be responsible for appointing three (3) members to the Authority and be allowed to make appointments without the submission of names from the Chamber of Commerce or any other private organization; and
8. The Board of Commissioners of Ware County responsible for appointing three (3) members to the Authority, and be allowed to make appointments without the submission of names from the Chamber of Commerce or any other private organization; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross further desires that the Enabling Act be amended to expressly provide that there will be no *ex officio* members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been read and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that we hereby call on the Georgia State Legislative Delegation representing the City of Waycross and the County of Ware, including Representative Jason Shaw, Representative Jason Spencer, Representative John Corbett and Senator Tyler Harper to forthwith amend the Enabling Act creating the Authority as set out more specifically above.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and Mayor of the City of Waycross 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 AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, this 16th day of February, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN R. KNOX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JONATHAN M. TINDALL

JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

CITY COMMISSIONER

LARRY ETHRIDGE

NORMAN E. DAVIS, SR.

CITY COMMISSIONER

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Voted No and Did Not Sign Resolution:

MARIAN C. SOLOMON-GAINES

DIANE L. HOPKINS

CITY COMMISSIONER

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The Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Request the Local Legislative Delegation to Amend the Local Act to Change the Manner of Appointment of the Members of the Waycross Ware County Development Authority specifying that the make-up of the eight (8) member Authority would include the Mayor of the City of Waycross, or another commission member as designated by the Mayor was approved by motion made by Commissioner Norman Davis and seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. The vote included Commissioners Solomon-Gaines and Hopkins voting NO; Commissioners Tindall, Ethridge and Davis voting Yes. The motion was approved with a 3 – 2 vote.

Mr. Jimmie Burke addressed the Commission inviting all of Waycross to come out and see Purlie Victorious at the Okefenokee Heritage Center. Mr. Burke also expressed his objections to the City settling the controversy with Pierce County, stating that this case will be a precedent setting case and should be brought to its natural end.

City Manager Raphael Maddox stated that a Town Hall Meeting is being planned for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the City Auditorium at 5:00 p.m. to address the public's concerns about water quality.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 

JOHN R. KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk