

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Alvin Nelson, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins introduced Reverend William Simmons, former Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem and Pastor of Light of the World Ministries offered the opening invocation. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Demitria White, Second Grade Student at Williams Heights Elementary School.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups scheduled a Zoning Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Parcel WA0704 004 Tract 4, Tract 3 and 911 L Street, GI General Industrial to R50MH Residential Mobile Home District.

During the City Manager's Report, Mr. King thanked all City employees for their work on the Open House at the City Auditorium held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 saying everyone did a wonderful job and the Open House turned out great. Mr. King said anyone wishing to book the City Auditorium should call him or Ms. Kilmark at City Hall.

City Engineer Jessica Deal informed the Commissioners that there would be a road closure at Lee Avenue at Memorial Drive on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 and Thursday, February 19, 2014 for repairs.

Mayor Clarence Billups also bragged on the City Auditorium, stating that City Engineer Jessica Deal and all staff involved did an outstanding job. Mayor Billups also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins for covering for him at the Open House.

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, February 3, 2014 and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

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

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

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented an Emergency Purchase for a Stage Curtain for the City Auditorium. Purchasing received 3 quotes on the stage curtain to be installed on 2/13/14. This curtain can be used as the backdrop curtain if the City decides to purchase a different color for the front of the stage. Purchasing is requesting the emergency purchase of a stage curtain from Georgia Stage for \$6,900.00 installed. This is the lowest and best bid meeting the City's specifications.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Emergency Purchase of a Stage Curtain for the City Auditorium from Georgia Stage for \$6,900.00. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Applications for Traffic Signal Devices with the Georgia Department of Transportation was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FRANCIS STREET AT GARLINGTON AVENUE; REYNOLDS STREET AT MORTON AVENUE; AND REYNOLDS STREET AT WILKERSON STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has requested approval for the use of Traffic Signal Devices at certain street intersections in the City of Waycross including Francis Street at Garlington Avenue; Reynolds Street at Morton Avenue, and Reynolds Street at Wilkerson Street; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Georgia Department of Transportation for installation of said Traffic Signal Devices, with a corresponding cost share to the City of Waycross, to be determined after a study of the locations has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the application for said Traffic Signal Devices is being submitted subject to all terms and conditions of the Department of Transportation; 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 hereby approves the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Devices at the said City Street

intersections, and further agrees to participate in the cost share, after a study of the locations has been completed by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Waycross, the City Engineer, and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Applications and all related documents in connection with said project, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done in order to give effect to the purposes of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of February, 2014.

CITY OFWAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The motion Authorizing the Execution of Applications for Traffic Signal Devices with the Georgia Department of Transportation was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Maurice Mungin and Carolyn Hayes of 1516 Myers Avenue addressed the Commission concerning a Program to Feed the Homeless. Mr. Mungin and Ms. Hayes stated that they wished to hold a program on Saturday, April 19 at the City Auditorium to give back to the community by feeding the homeless. The program will consist of food, fun, entertainment and gift bags. They requested volunteer help and donations.

Commissioner Norman Davis stated that the City of Waycross needs an ongoing program to feed and house the homeless.

Rev. Fer-Rell Malone, 709 Jones Street, Concerned Clergy, asked the Commission what the status is on the Citizens Review Committee. Rev. Malone stated that residents in the City are concerned about information being shared with the public and mutual accountability. He also stated that he would like to know each Commissioner's view on this issue.

Mr. William Simmons, Light of the World Ministries, thanked the City Council for the use of the City Auditorium for their fund raiser. He stated that everything went well and the facility was done. He commended the City for a Job Well Done on the City Auditorium.

During closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines asked Finance Director, Danny Lamont to explain the scholarship fund. Mr. Lamonte stated that an account has been established at Sun Trust Bank in the name of the City of Waycross for Lt. Jeff Little. He asked

that anyone wishing to donate contact him or the bank. Scholarship applications will be available with the Guidance Counselors at each school.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and Potential Litigation. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted affirmatively and the meeting went into Executive Session.

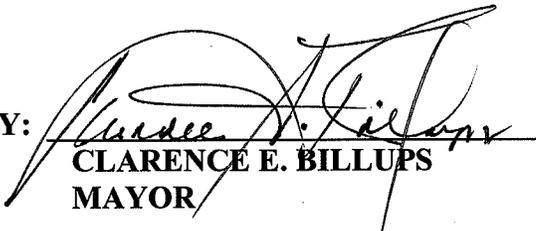
Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to return to open session; Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the meeting returned to open session.

Mayor Billups announced that Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate were discussed during the Executive Session.

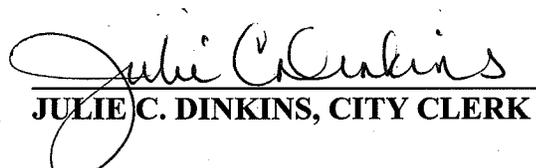
After Executive Session, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK