

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
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 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Diane Hopkins, William Simmons and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting. Mayor Clarence E. Billups and Commissioner Norman Davis were absent due to illness.

Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Reverend William Simmons, Commissioner and Pastor of Light of the World Ministries who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines presented Ms. Dana Chancey, Budget Officer with the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation for Fiscal Year 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines began the Mayor's Report by wishing Mayor Clarence Billups a speedy recovery. Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines sent her condolences to the Barrow family and the Kenneth Jones family. She also congratulated the Ware County Gators and Coach Trey Hill for their second place in the Region. Ware County is hosting the first round of State Play-offs and Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines urged the public to support the Ware County Gators.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King reported that work on the 2011 Street Rehabilitation Project is complete. The project should be closed out by the end of February. The City Manager commended City Engineer, Frank Baugh, Project Manager Steve Pope and Dixie Roadbuilders for a job well done. The Suwannee Drive Sanitary Sewer project is underway. Suwannee Drive from Seminole Trail to Cherokee Circle has been closed for the last several months due to a sewer main failure. This project should be complete by the end of March. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas. Mr. King announced that the Okefenokee Humane Society will be giving Rabies Vaccinations on Wednesday, February 22 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. \$5.00 each.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon-Gaines 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 Executive Session, Monday, February 6, 2012; Waycross City Commission Public Hearing Alley Closing and the Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2012.

There were no consent resolutions, no ordinance second readings or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones presented FY12-14; Fire Training DVD Library. The Fire Department received a FEMA grant for the total amount of \$27,060. Bids were solicited and the bid from Firefighters Bookstore was the only complete bid for the amount of \$24,176.36; \$22,966 payable from the grant and \$1,209.36 being the City's cash match. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to purchase the DVD Library from Firefighters Bookstore for the amount of \$24,176.36. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons. Marian Solomon-Gaines. The Commissioners all voted affirmatively and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX 12-06 to declare certain property surplus. Ms. Jones requested that the items be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the property surplus and sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to abandon and close an unopened alley between Hall Street and Ball Street in Block 57 of the Gilchrist Park Subdivision was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-03

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE AN UNOPENED ALLEY BETWEEN HALL STREET AND BALL STREET IN BLOCK 57 OF THE GILCHRIST PARK SUBDIVISION; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED UNOPENED ALLEY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-03, An Ordinance to abandon and close an unopened alley between Hall Street and Ball Street in Block 57 of the Gilchrist Park Subdivision as presented for the first reading. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and Ordinance No. 12-03 was approved for the first reading.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross Appendix E – Retirement Plan and Restate the Retirement Plan was presented for an emergency first reading.

Ordinance No. 12-02

I. AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS APPENDIX E – RETIREMENT PLAN, AND RESTATE THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED ADOPTION AGREEMENT, ANY ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTION AGREEMENT, THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM (GMEBS) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT, AND THE GMEBS TRUST AGREEMENT. WHEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND GMEBS, THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GMEBS, ALL AS AUTHORIZED AND PROVIDED BY O.C.G.A. § 47-5-1 ET. SEQ.

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross Appendix E – Retirement Plan and Restate the Retirement Plan was presented for an emergency first reading as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross Appendix E – Retirement Plan and Restate the Retirement Plan was presented for an emergency second reading.

Ordinance No. 12-02

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Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross Appendix E – Retirement Plan and Restate the Retirement Plan for an emergency second reading as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted in favor of the motion and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Waycross City Commission discussed applying for 2012 Community Development Block Grant funding for proposed public facility improvements at the Concerted Services Head Start Facility on McDonald Street in the City of Waycross. **It was noted that there was no Conflict of Interest.**

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to submit an Application to Obtain FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Public Facility Improvements was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FY 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Waycross City Commission has identified a lack of sufficient funds to address the need for adequate Public Facility Improvements; and

WHEREAS, FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are sufficient to address this need; and

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

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Waycross City Commission will submit a FY 2012 CDBG application to address the identified needs.

SO RESOLVED this 21ST day of February, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
BY: MARIAN SOLOMON-GAINES
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to submit an Application to Obtain FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Public Facility Improvements as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all present voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Architectural Services for FY 2012 CDBG McDonald Street School was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CDBG
MCDONALD STREET SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is in need of an architectural firm to supply preliminary plans and drawings for a CDBG Grant Application for the renovation of the old McDonald Street School to house a Head Start Facility; and

WHEREAS, McCall & Associates Architects submitted its statement of qualifications and proposal for the project; and

WHEREAS, a selection board met and considered the qualifications submitted and based on the evaluation process recommended McCall & Associates Architects for the architectural services; and

WHEREAS, there will be no charge for the preliminary grant work, and if the City is awarded the grant, the project cost is 10% of construction; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross award the contract for Architectural Services for CDBG McDonald Street School renovations to house a Head Start Facility to McCall & Associates Architects, with no charge for preliminary grant work, and if the City is awarded the grant, the project costs will be 10% of construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the award on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia. **SO RESOLVED**, this 21st day of February, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
BY: MARIAN SOLOMON-GAINES
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Architectural Services for CDBG McDonald Street School to McCall & Associates was presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize and Ratify Execution of a Location Release for the Travel Show for the Waycross Fire Department was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AUTHORIZE AND RATIFY EXECUTION OF LOCATION RELEASE
FOR TRAVEL CHANNEL SHOW FOR THE WAYCROSS FIRE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Fire Department has been asked to take part in a Travel Channel Show called, “The Dead Files,” which discusses the trauma and effects to the human body where death occurs resulting from a fire related event; and

WHEREAS, the filming of the Travel Channel Show will take place on location at the main Waycross Fire Department facilities on Mary Street; and

WHEREAS, a Location Release having been presented to the Waycross City Commission as Owner by the City of Waycross Fire Chief, and permission having been sought for the execution of said Location Release in connection with the Travel Show requirements; and the same having been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, a corresponding individual Participant Release is currently under review by the City Attorney and Fire Department Chief, and can be executed by the Fire Chief upon final review and approval by the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the benefit to the City of Waycross is the opportunity for publicity and exposure nationwide; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Waycross that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Location Release, and to ratify and confirm the execution of the Location Release in connection with the Travel Show requirements for the Waycross Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual Participant Release be executed by the Waycross Fire Department Chief upon final review and approval by the City Attorney.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of February, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

**BY: MARIAN SOLOMON-GAINES
MAYOR PRO TEM**

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins to approve a Resolution to Authorize and Ratify Execution of a Location Release for the Travel Show for the Waycross Fire Department as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

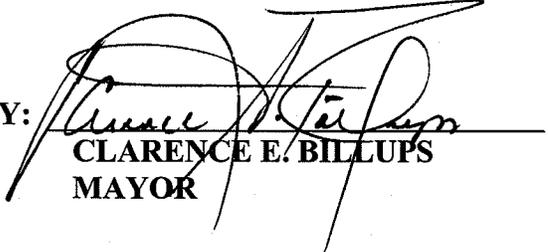
Ms. Carol Clarke and Gloria Thomas, Co-Chairs, Extracurricular Activities for the Leadership Waycross Class of 2012 appeared before the Commission to introduce the Leadership Waycross Class of 2012. Many of the members of Leadership Waycross Class of 2012 were present for the meeting.

Mr. Jimmie Burke informed the Commission of the status of “A Forgiving Chance People & Community Development Corporation”. Campaign founder, Mr. Emory “Big O” Marcus has begun a weekly cleanup campaign, “Cleanliness is next to Godliness”. Sites at Garlington Avenue, Knight Avenue and Tebeau Streets have been cleaned.

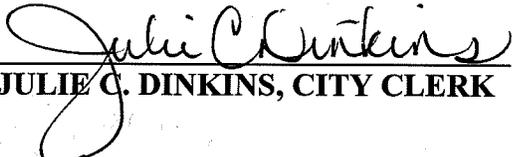
Following the Mayor Pro Tem’s and Commissioners’ closing remarks, Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK