

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Larry Ethridge, and Norman Davis.

Commissioner Norman Davis introduced Deacon Johnny Lockey, First Born Church of the Living God who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Under Executive Duties, Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Terri Smith of the Finance Department as February, 2017 Employee of the Month.

City Manager Raphel Maddox congratulated Terri Smith on being named Employee of the Month. Mr. Maddox also commended Chief Tony Tanner and the Waycross Police Department for a well-organized and attended Senior Safety Day. Nwebifor Fobi was applauded for Oak Street Come Together Day

Mayor John Knox also congratulated Terri Smith and commended Police Chief Tony Tanner and the PD for a great Senior Safety Day. Mayor Knox announced that Circle K (purchaser of Flash Foods) has decided to retain their corporate offices in Waycross.

There were no public 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: Approval of the Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, February 6, 2017; Annexation and Zoning Public Hearing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

No Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or privilege licenses renewals were presented.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

One new Privilege License was presented for consideration. Nidhi Kant Patel d/b/a Shree Evergreen, Inc, d/b/a/ Package Outlet, 1930 Brunswick Hwy, Package Sales Beer Wine and Liquor. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License subject to approval of the Annexation Ordinance. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to annex the property at 1930 Brunswick Highway, the right of way of Brunswick Highway, the right of way of CSX and to establish zoning classification for the annexed property was presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-04

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 1930 BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY, THE RIGHT OF WAY OF BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY AND THE RIGHT OF WAY OF CSX; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to annex the property at 1930 Brunswick Highway for the first Reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted Yes and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance to annex the property at 1930 Brunswick Highway, the right of way of Brunswick Highway, the right of way of CSX and to establish zoning classification for the annexed property for the second reading was presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-04

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 1930 BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY, THE RIGHT OF WAY OF BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY AND THE RIGHT OF WAY OF CSX; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The second reading of the Ordinance Annexing 1930 Brunswick Highway was approved by motion from Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved.

City Attorney Rick Currie stated that in connection with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' consideration of the request of the City of Waycross, that no Commissioner of the City of Waycross will obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, nor have any interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or in the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter. No Commissioner has a conflict of interest in discussing planning or voting on the CDBG grant request.

A Resolution to subject an application to obtain an FY 2017 CDBG Grant for Neighborhood Revitalization was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has identified a lack of sufficient funds to address the need for Neighborhood Revitalization in the area designated on the City of Waycross CDBG 2016 Target Area Housing Map, attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are sufficient to address these needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has requested the staff of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to assist in the preparation and administration of the FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application; 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 FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to address these identified needs of our community.

BE IT 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 21st day of February, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the A Resolution to submit an application to obtain an FY 2017 CDBG Grant for Neighborhood Revitalization was presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve an Agreement with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Technical Assistance Services was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has requested that the Southern Georgia Regional Commission provide direct technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, Southern Georgia Regional Commission has proposed an agreement in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth ; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Commission hereby approves the Agreement for Technical Assistance Services, in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, with Southern Georgia Regional Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement for Technical Assistance Services Between the City of Waycross and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission on behalf of the City of Waycross,

hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 21ST day of February, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve an Agreement with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Technical Assistance Services was adopted by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Ngwebifor Fobi d/b/a South Shop Art Guild for a Community Garden was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO ENTER INTO A COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
NGWEBIFOR FOBI D/B/A SOUL SHOP ART GUILD FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of Waycross deem it in the best public interest and general welfare of the City to make public property available for a community garden; and

WHEREAS, Ngwebifor Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Guild has proposed leasing certain public property from the City of Waycross to be used specifically for the provision and purpose of a non-profit community gardening to members of the community; and the property shall not be used for any illegal purposes nor in any manner to create any nuisance or trespass; and

WHEREAS, Ngwebifor Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Guild will pay the City of Waycross a nominal fee of \$1 a year for this Commercial Lease Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Waycross hereby approves the Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Waycross and Ngwebifor Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Guild, in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the aforementioned Commercial Lease Agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken.

SO RESOLVED, this 21ST day of February, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Ngwebifor Fobi d/b/a Soul Shop Art Guild for a Community Garden as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award a Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Multi-Infrastructure Improvements Project on Izlar Street, Owens Street, Walker Street and Roosevelt Street was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, LLC FOR MULTI-
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ON IZLAR STREET, OWENS
STREET, WALKER STREET AND ROOSEVELT STREET; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has identified infrastructure needs, including water, sanitary sewer, storm drains and pavement, on Izlar Street, Owens Street, Walker Street and Roosevelt Street north of Carswell Avenue and east of CSX Transportation Rail Line (hereinafter referred to as the “Multi-Infrastructure Improvements Project”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross applied for Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter referred to as “CDBG”) funding to assist with infrastructure improvements in the above-described area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross was awarded CDBG funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing and Engineering Departments offered said Multi-Infrastructure Improvements Project through competitive bidding, and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Thrift Brothers, LLC of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,199,109.40; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to Thrift Brothers, LLC, of Waycross, Georgia, for the Multi-Infrastructure Improvements project, to be paid from 2016 CDBG funds and City of Waycross SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the 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 21st day of February, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award a Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC for Multi-Infrastructure Improvements Project on Izlar Street, Owens Street, Walker Street and Roosevelt Street as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to authorize a Sales Contract with Rodney H. Dillon for the Purchase of Two Parcels of Land on Satilla Lane was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE A SALES CONTRACT WITH RODNEY H. DILLON FOR THE
PURCHASE OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND ON SATILLA LANE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, to meet the needs of the citizens of this City, there must be appropriately located land on which to construct and build a public works facility and garage; and

WHEREAS, a suitable location has been determined for the public works facility and garage; and negotiations have taken place between representatives of the City of Waycross and Rodney H. Dillon; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

WHEREAS, a Sales Contract has been prepared to memorialize the sale of this property for twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000.00), in the form attached and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, and to be paid for from SPLOST funds; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves of the Sales Contract with Rodney H. Dillon for the purchase of property, more specifically described in the Sales Contract attached hereto, on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to be paid from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Public Works Director be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute said Sales Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Sales Contract, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to ratify, confirm and carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of February, 2017, *nunc pro tunc* to 02/20/2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS
JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to authorize a Sales Contract with Rodney H. Dillon for the Purchase of Two Parcels of Land on Satilla Lane was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The vote was unanimous so the motion carried.

City Attorney Rick Currie announced that out of an abundance of caution, the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to authorize an Agreement with Russell H. Lee and W. I. Thrift for the demolition of the apartment building on 909 Richmond Avenue will be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to table this Resolution; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; vote of 5-0 and the motion was tabled.

Mr. Rudolph Solomon appeared before the Commission to thank the City for completion of the Alice Street project, especially Jessica Deal. He informed the Commission that there is a dip in Alice Street by the cemetery which should be repaired by the City. Mr. Solomon also inquired about demolition projects. City Manager Raphel Maddox asked Mr. Solomon to call and schedule an appointment with Ms. Kilmark to meet with him to discuss this matter.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk