

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Jon Tindall and John Threat.

Commissioner John Threat introduced Public Works Director Wilton Deloach, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resources Director Trinija Martin introduced Detective Rodney Davis as the Employee of the Month for March, 2019.

City Manager Tonya Miller requested Police Chief Tony Tanner address the Commission regarding Kids Camp. Fire Chief David Eddins informed the Commission that there will be six Fallen Firefighters Scholarships awarded this year.

Mayor Knox announced that a Welcoming Receipt will be held immediately following the meeting for our new City Manager Tonya Miller.

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: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, February 18, 2019; Public Hearing Renaming Bailey Street Park to Emory "Big O" Marcus Park, Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019; and Waycross City Commission Annual Retreat, Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23, 2019.

No Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; Commissioners, Hopkins, Tindall, Threat and Solomon-Gaines voted yes; Commissioner Norman Davis voted no. Motion was approved with a 4-1 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid #FY19-10 PW Facility. City received 4 bids on this project. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to Lamar Johnson Construction with a price not to exceed \$3,521,450.00 which includes base bid and deductions and additions listed in the bid tabulation. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to award the bid to

Lamar Johnson Construction with a price not to exceed \$3,521,450.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid #FY19-11 SCBA for Fire Department. The Waycross Fire Department was awarded a \$259,000.00 FEMA Grant to purchase 37 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Purchasing received 2 bids and 1 no bid. After review and evaluation, Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to Ten-8 Fire of Bradenton, FL. With a total purchase price of \$244,291.90 for 37 MSA G1 CBA and equipment for the units. The City matching amount is \$12,215 and is an approved FY19 budgeted line item. Purchasing recommends awarding the bid to Ten-8 Fire of Bradenton, Florida. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve awarding the bid to 10-8 Fire; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Surplus Property WAYX 19-02 Public Works Metal Building. Public Works has a metal building (80' x 30' x 13') located on Satilla Lane that will need to be removed prior to demolition of the current building before construction of the new facilities can begin. Purchasing is requesting that this building be declared surplus so that it can be sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Surplus Property request, seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted favorably and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending the Code, Amending Chapter 30 Park and Public Facility Naming by adding the naming or re-naming of a city park, to-wit: Bailey Street Park to Emory "Big O" Marcus Park for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 – PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE III. – PARK AND PUBLIC FACILITY NAMING, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 30-59 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING, OR RE-NAMING, OF A CITY PARK, TO WIT: BAILEY STREET PARK TO EMORY "BIG O" MARCUS PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code, Amending Chapter 30 Park and Public Facility Naming by adding the naming or re-naming of a city park, to-wit: Bailey Street Park to Emory "Big O" Marcus Park for the first reading. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; Solomon-Gaines, Hopkins and Threat voted yes; Commissioners Davis and Tindall voted no. Motion was approved with a 3-2 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia in Opposition to House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19--05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 302, PREEMPTION OF LOCAL BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, House Bill 302 would prohibit local governments from regulating “building design elements” in single or double family dwellings, which could negatively impact economic development efforts and harm competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, appropriate local design standards and land use policies create a diverse, stable, profitable and sustainable residential development landscape; and

WHEREAS, HB 302 is a bill that would undermine self-determination of citizens to establish community standards as illustrated by the following:

- Municipal and county officials are elected in part to make decisions about the look and feel of their communities, which fosters economic development, preserves the character of communities; and
- Municipalities and counties use design standards to ensure that the property values of surrounding property owners remain protected from incompatible development; and
- HB 302 would severely erode the ability of all 538 Georgia cities and 159 counties to address unique and community-specific quality of life issues.

WHEREAS, county and municipal governments use building design standards to protect property values, attract high quality builders, and block incompatible development; and

WHEREAS, building design standards assure residents and business owners that their investments will be protected, and that others who come behind them will be equally committed to quality; and

WHEREAS, local governments spend a large amount of resources studying, surveying, crafting, and defining their vision and development strategies, and design standards are an integral part of those endeavors to attract residents, businesses, and the much-coveted trained workforce; and

WHEREAS, development and redevelopment efforts should reflect the community and its vision while simultaneously creating a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, county and municipal government officials are elected to make decisions about the look and feel of their communities, and HB 302 would transfer that power from duly-elected local leaders to outside groups with little to no stake in the future or success of Georgia's municipalities, including real estate developers and homebuilders; and

WHEREAS, building design standards neither discourage nor favor affordable housing, nor prevent the availability of certain housing types, as supporters of HB 302 purport; and

WHEREAS, local governments should have the ability to provide more affordable housing options without sacrificing their unique character or threatening economic growth; and

WHEREAS, although historic districts are protected in HB 302, which indicates an understanding that standards do in fact make sense, downtown overlays or other similar special zoning districts are not; and

WHEREAS, local governments should be empowered to enforce building design standards to make today's thriving downtown tomorrow's historic district; and

WHEREAS, by limiting the ability of local governments to enforce building design standards in single or double family dwellings, HB 302 would negatively impact quality-of-life issues, including economic growth and the safety and welfare of Georgia citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission does hereby voice its opposition to House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards, and calls upon the Georgia State Legislative Delegation representing the City of Waycross to oppose HB 302.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded and delivered to the Georgia State Legislative Delegation representing the City of Waycross, and to be made available for distribution to media outlets and other appropriate persons or entities.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia in Opposition to House Bill 302, Preemption of Local Building Design Standards as presented for approval. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to approve the Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Waycross Fire Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-07
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES
FOR THE WAYCROSS FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Waycross Fire Department is in need of new self-contained breathing apparatuses for its fire-fighting personnel; and

WHEREAS, in order to address that need, the Waycross Fire Department applied for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter "FEMA") grant; and

WHEREAS, the Waycross Fire Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$232,077.00 for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department issued bids for 37 new MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (and to include face-pieces) to 7 self-contained breathing apparatus vendors, and received 2 bids; and

WHEREAS, Ten-8 Fire of Bradenton, Florida, submitted the lowest and best bid for the 37 new MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses in the amount of \$244,291.90, 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 agreement for purchasing 37 new MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses be approved and awarded to Ten-8 Fire of Bradenton, Florida, in the amount of two hundred and forty-four thousand, two hundred and ninety-one dollars and ninety cents (\$244,291.90), to be paid from FEMA grant funds in the amount of \$232,077.00 and approved FY19 budgeted City of Waycross funds for the balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement 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 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to approve the Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Waycross Fire Department as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Approve a Watershed Protection Plan for the City of Waycross, Georgia was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
APPROVE A WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-20 et seq., known as the Georgia Water Quality Control Act, provides that the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, hereinafter "EPD", is charged with the duty to regulate the withdrawal, diversion or impoundment of surface waters of the State, and to require the use of reasonable methods for the reduction of pollution and economic factors involved to prevent and control the pollution of the waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-23 (a) (1) (S), the EPD has the authority to establish requirements for local governments which have waste-water discharge permits that allow a discharge of at least one million gallons per day to submit to the director of the EPD for approval watershed assessments and watershed protection plans for areas within their political boundaries and for implementation of such plans; and

WHEREAS, to satisfy the requirements from EPD, a Watershed Protection Plan, has now been prepared for the City by Tindall Enterprises, Inc. (pursuant to an agreement with the City that precedes Commissioner Jonathan Tindall's tenure on this Commission), a copy of which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out; 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 adopts said above-described Watershed Protection Plan and will take appropriate steps to implement said Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are empowered, authorized and directed to execute the Watershed Protection Plan on behalf of the City of Waycross, 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 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Jon Tindall declared a conflict and abstained from voting on this resolution. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Watershed Protection Plan; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. All commissioners voted yes; except Commissioner Tindall who abstained and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Priscilla Brown to Provide Training on the Fire Department's Reporting System was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH PRISCILLA BROWN TO PROVIDE
TRAINING ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPORTING SYSTEM; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Priscilla Brown, an administrative assistant to the Chief of the Waycross Fire Department and the National Fire Incident Report System (hereinafter referred to as "NFIRS") Program Specialist, retired on Thursday, February 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there is a need, once her replacement is hired, for her replacement to be trained in the use of NFIRS and Firehouse Software, the comprehensive records management system utilized by the Waycross Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla Brown is the only person at the Fire Department with the necessary qualifications, experience, abilities and capacity to provide this training; and

WHEREAS, the salary shall be fixed at \$1,000.00 per month, for a maximum of three (3) months; 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, 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 agreement with Priscilla Brown upon the terms and conditions as fully set forth in the Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby made part of the public records of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Services Agreement containing the terms and conditions of service and compensation as heretofore set forth and described.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines declared a conflict and abstained from the vote. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Priscilla Brown to Provide Training on the Fire Department’s Reporting System as presented for approval. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted yes except Commissioner Solomon-Gaines who abstained and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Award Bid Contract o Lamar Johnson Construction to Construct the New Public Works Facility was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R19-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO LAMAR JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCT NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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, the City of Waycross has approved the use of SPLOST funds for said construction of a new Public Works Facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding to 11 contractors, and received and opened four (4) bids tendered on the project; and

WHEREAS, Lamar Johnson Construction of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project with a price not to exceed \$3,521,450.00, 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 the construction of a new Public Works Facility be awarded to Lamar Johnson Construction of Waycross, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed three million, five hundred and twenty-one thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,521,450.00) and to be paid from approved SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney be and are authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contracts 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 5th day of March, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution to Award Bid Contract o Lamar Johnson Construction to Construct the New Public Works Facility as presented for approval. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion and it was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner John Threat; all voted positively and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

ATTEST:

BY:



JOHN KNOX, Mayor



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk