

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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, March 6, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Norman Davis, and Alvin Nelson present for the meeting.

Mayor Clarence Billups introduced Reverend Linda Titus, Pastor of Brooks United Methodist Church who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups made the following appointments:

- a. Mr. Larry Rood, Five-Year Term beginning March 21, 2012, and Ending March 21, 2017;
- b. Ms. Cleo Price, Resident Commissioner, One-Year Term beginning March 21, 2012, and Ending March 21, 2013.

Ms. Avis Staten introduced the winners of the If I Were Mayor Essay Contest and Mayor Billups and Raphel Maddox presented the winners with a trophy and monetary gift. Keontre Neely and Tori Revels of Waycross Middle School were the two winners.

Ms. Avis Staten introduced Ms. Linda Wilkins of the Finance Department as the Employee of the Month for March 2012.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King congratulated Linda Wilkins, Employee of the Month for March. Mr. King reported that 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 City Talk on Channel 42 has new programming to keep citizens in touch with ongoing activities in the City of Waycross and coming soon will be Sports Chat to keep citizens abreast of sports news.

Mayor Clarence Billups began the Mayor's Report by reminding citizens of Jim Blackburn Senior Safety Day coming up on March 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Waycross middle School. Mayor Billups thanked Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines for presiding over the meeting during his absence.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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 Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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 second 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.**

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

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX 12-07 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 Marian Solomon-Gaines; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 5-0 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 first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-04**

**AN AMENDED 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, AND ADOPTION ORDINANCE; TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF THE ADOPTION ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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 as presented for an emergency first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 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. 12-04**

**AN AMENDED 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, AND ADOPTION ORDINANCE; TO RATIFY EXECUTION OF THE ADOPTION ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Norman Davis 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 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Celebrating the Life of Mr. Ossie Davis and Dedicating a Street in his Memory was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. OSSIE DAVIS AND DEDICATING A STREET IN  
HIS MEMORY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Raiford Chatman Davis better known as Ossie Davis was a native of south Georgia, born in Clinch County on December 18, 1917; and

**WHEREAS**, Davis attended the public schools of Waycross, Ware County, Georgia, and graduated from Center High in 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, Davis attended Howard University, leaving to pursue a writing career, and joined the Rose McClendon Players, an acting group in Harlem; and

**WHEREAS**, soon afterwards Davis enlisted in the army at Fort Benning, Georgia during World War II, where he wrote and put on shows for his fellow troops; and

**WHEREAS**, after the war was over, he made his Broadway debut in “Jeb” in 1946, where he met the love of his life, Ruby Dee, whom he married two years later and with whom he had three children, Nora Davis Day, Guy Davis, and Dr. Hasna Muhammad; and

**WHEREAS**, Davis had a fruitful career on Broadway—appearing in such plays as “A Raisin in the Sun”, “Jamaica”, “I’m Not Rappaport”, and his own “Purlie Victorious”. He also appeared in film and television, and on radio notably in “The Ossie Davis & Ruby Dee Story Hour”, “The Scalphunters”, “Do The Right Thing”, “Get on the Bus”, “The Stand”, “The Client”, “Roots: The Next Generation”; “Evening Shade” and “With Ossie & Ruby”—which he and Ms. Dee created for PBS. Davis was also the author of several books for young readers: “Escape to Freedom: A Play about Young Frederick Douglass”, “Langston”, and “Just Like Martin”; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his work as an actor, director, producer, screenwriter, and playwright, Davis along with his wife Ruby Dee, were well respected and influential African American civil rights activists as well as performers, acting as masters of ceremonies for the 1963 March on Washington, raising money for Freedom Riders arrested in the South for violating segregation laws, and championing the work of Paul Robeson, W.E.B. DuBois, A. Philip Randolph, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fannie Lou Hamer—to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Davis and his wife were the recipients of many awards, including the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award, the NAACP Image Award, the Marian Anderson Award, a Grammy Award for Spoken Word, the National Medal of Art and the Kennedy Center Honors; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2005, he died in Miami, at the age of 87, still at work; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross honors Mr. Ossie Davis for his great influence as an American actor and service as a civil rights activist, by dedicating U.S. Highway No.1, currently known as “State Street”, and changing the name to “**OSSIE DAVIS PARKWAY.**”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the name State Street be changed to “**Ossie Davis, Parkway**” from the City limits proceeding South to the point where State Street ends in the City of Waycross.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution amends a prior Resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Waycross on February 7, 2012, correcting errors in the text.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ossie Davis the legislative delegation in the Georgia General Assembly, and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Celebrating the Life of Mr. Ossie Davis and Dedicating a Street in his Memory as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all present voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Contract for Yard Trash Grinding Services was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR YARD TRASH GRINDING SERVICES; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ware County Inert Landfill was shut down on June 30, 2011, causing the City to stock pile all yard trash debris at the City's Genoa Street location, which location is rapidly filling up; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time the City has large piles of yard trash debris that need to be ground up to make room for more material to come in as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Purchasing solicited bids from vendors to provide grinding services to the City on a temporary basis, pending further action by the City Commission to determine a more permanent solution for disposal of yard trash debris; and

**WHEREAS**, REPUBLIC INDUSTRIES, INC., D/B/A SOUTHLAND WASTE SYSTEMS returned the lowest and best quote meeting all bid specifications for grinding all material suitable for grinding that will save space and produce mulch for further marketing, at the discretion of the City, for an estimated fee of \$9,500.00, during an onsite bid conference on January 31, 2012, which fee includes billing at \$450 per hour, plus a \$500 relocation fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to award the Contract for Yard Trash Grinding Services to REPUBLIC INDUSTRIES, INC., D/B/A SOUTHLAND WASTE SYSTEMS, and reserve therein the right to terminate grinding services at any time without being obligated to pay the Contractor for further services beyond the quantities of yard trash debris actually grinded up at the direction of the City.

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, and City Manager and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Contract in the form attached hereto for Yard Trash Grinding Services to REPUBLIC INDUSTRIES, INC., D/B/A SOUTHLAND WASTE SYSTEMS, for the estimated price of \$9,500.00 as of January 31, 2012 based upon the existing stock pile of yard trash debris, and at the rate of \$450 per hour for grinding additional quantities of yard trash debris as directed by the City of Waycross, in its sole discretion.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

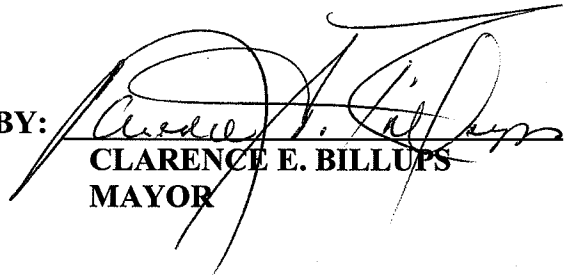
Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Contract for Yard Trash Grinding Services as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Edward Copeland and Mrs. Betty Copeland appeared before the Commission to bring the problem of young people on probation with no employment and to ask the Commissioners and community to pray for jobs for our unemployed young people.

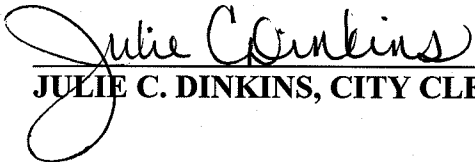
Reverend Fer-Rell Malone requested the Commission grant a waiver to the Parade Ordinance for the Joshua Project scheduled for April 1 – April 8, 2012 in downtown Waycross. Reverend Malone presented the proposed schedule and route for the Way of the Cross Passion Pilgrimage Reenactment saying that this is not a parade but a march. Rev. Malone requested a response from the Commission within five days. After discussion, Mayor Billups directed the City Manager and City Attorney to draft an amended Ordinance for review at the next work session.

Following the closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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**