

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor John Knox. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Norman Davis, John Threat, Diane Hopkins and Marian Solomon-Gaines.

Human Resources Director Trinija Martin offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Ms. Trinija Martin introduced Darius Perry, Public Works Department, as the March, 2018 Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to appoint Guy Harris to fill an unexpired one-year term on the Waycross-Ware County Land Bank Authority began on October 25, 2017 and expires December 31, 2018. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

Mr. Larry Rood was appointed to fill a three-year unexpired term on the Waycross-Ware County Land Bank by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The term began on October 25, 2017 and expires December 31, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor John Knox re-appointed Marian Blount to a five-year term on the Waycross Housing Authority beginning March 21, 2018 and ending March 21, 2023. Ms. Cleo Price was also re-appointed to a one-year term beginning March 21, 2018 and ending March 21, 2019.

Mayor John Knox announced that Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall was appointed to a one-year ex-officio term on the Waycross-Ware County Library Board to expire December 31, 2018.

City Manager Raphael Maddox reminded everyone to set your clocks forward this weekend. Mr. Maddox thanked all visitors for attending the Commission meeting.

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: Planning and Information Session Monday, February 19, 2018, and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Two Ordinance Second Readings:

**ORDINANCE NO. 018-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.6 – RECORDS MANAGEMENT PLAN; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 018--03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO DESIGNATE AN ENTERPRISE ZONE; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License renewals.

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 submitted for approval:

EYM PIZZA OF GEORGIA LLC, PIZZA HUT, Shari Chatman, 1110 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501; Consumption on Premises Beer Only.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the new Privilege License. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall. All voted yes and the license was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Surplus Property WAYX 18-09. Ms. Jones presented a list of items no longer needed in any City department and is requesting that these items be declared surplus property so that they may be sold on Gov.Deals.com. The bicycles will be repaired by prisoners and returned to Chief Tony Tanner for distribution. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Department. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Hold the April 17, 2018 Commission Meeting at the City Auditorium was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO HOLD THE  
APRIL 17, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING AT THE CITY  
AUDITORIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 21 of the Waycross City Charter, “on the first Tuesday in January in each year next following the regular municipal election at which the commissioners are elected, the commission shall meet at the usual place for holding meetings of the legislative body of the city”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-60 of the Waycross Code of Ordinances, “[a]ll meetings of the city commission shall be held in the commission chambers located in the city hall”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross, in conjunction with and in recognition of Georgia Cities Week to be held **April 22 -28, 2018**, will host an art contest for children ages 5-12 and their artwork will be displayed at the City Auditorium; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission will recognize the winners of the art contest at the City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the turnout from the event in 2016 and 2017, the Commission Chambers at City Hall cannot accommodate the large number of children, parents and relatives; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. shall be held at the Waycross City Auditorium.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed 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 6th day of March, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Hold the April 17, 2018 Commission Meeting at the City Auditorium was approved as presented by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All voted affirmatively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Submit an Application to Obtain FY2018 CDBG Funds for Neighborhood Revitalization was presented for approval:

City Attorney Rick Currie announced that no Commissioner has a conflict of interest in this project.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. R18-15**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN FY 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS 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; and

**WHEREAS**, FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter referred to as "CDBG") funds are sufficient to address this 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 2018 CDBG application; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has agreed to provide sufficient matching funds and in-kind services to complete this project; 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, Georgia, will submit a FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant application to address the identified needs.

**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 6th day of March, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Submit an Application to Obtain FY2018 CDBG Funds for Neighborhood Revitalization as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in approval and the motion passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Adopt 2018 Amendments to the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan was submitted for approval.

City Attorney Rick Currie announced that no Commissioner has a conflict of interest in this project.

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO ADOPT 2018 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 NORTHSIDE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has previously passed a resolution defining an area in the city limits of Waycross, and known as the “Northside Urban Redevelopment Area”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has further resolved that the aforesaid Northside Urban Redevelopment Area suffers from slum and blight conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan was prepared bearing in mind the requirements of the Urban Redevelopment Act of 1995 (O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et. seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross adopted the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan on March 21, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan has now been amended to meet requirements for a Community Redevelopment Plan and to include updated information, including project timeframes and more specific project details; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Commission of the City of Waycross does hereby adopt the 2018 Amendments to the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered 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 6th day of March, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Adopt 2018 Amendments to the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved by unanimous vote.

After last call, Mayor John Knox addressed the Commission concerning an article placed in the Waycross Journal Herald. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

  
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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**