

**MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016
7:00 PM**

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor John R. Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Mayor John R. Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Larry T. Ethridge, Norman Davis and Jon Tindall.

Public Works Director Wilton Deloach was standing in for City Manager Raphel Maddox who was out with a family illness. Mr. Deloach introduced Pastor Christopher Smithson, Assembly of Worship who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Officer Matthew Beauregard of the Waycross Police Department who was named Employee of the month for the City of Waycross for March 2016.

Mayor John R. Knox announced the appointment of Linda Titus to the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging, for a Three-year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

Mayor Knox presented a Proclamation announcing American Red Cross Month to Ms. Barbara King who was representing the American Red Cross Board.

**PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2016**

In Waycross, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members.

These heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella.

The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Waycross who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects 40 percent of

the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration.

We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross of South Georgia, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Knox, Mayor of Waycross by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitutions and laws of Waycross, and Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, in Waycross, Georgia.

John Knox, Mayor

Ms. Ginger Peagler and Selena Perry representing A Children's Initiative appeared before the Commission to discuss the Elimination of Under Age Drinking in Waycross and Ware County.

Commissioner Jon Tindall introduced the Georgia State USA Wrestling Winners Kooper Thomas and Banner Thomas, both 8th Grade Students at Ware Middle School.

Mr. Charles Miller and the Nursing Home Kings informed the Commission of a planned Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Garlington Park on Saturday, March 26, 2016.

PW Director Wilton Deloach presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Deloach began with Police Chief Tony Tanner who told the Commission about the Children's Camp planned for April 3 – 6 for 8 to 12 year olds. He also discussed the Citizens Police Academy, stating that the PD is still taking applications for both events.

Ms. Trinija Molina-Martin informed the Commission of planned activities for Georgia Cities Week, April 17 – 22. The week begins on Monday with Get to Know Your City; Tuesday concentrates on Downtown businesses, Wednesday is Centurion Day, Thursday is the Employee Appreciation Luncheon; and Friday a Veterans Benefit Fair and Movies in the Park.

Mr. Deloach reminded citizens about Swamp Fest, April 1 and 2 and announced the football game planned for October 1, Kentucky State University vs Valdosta State University.

Mr. Deloach reminded citizens about the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day planned for Saturday and congratulated Ms. Dana Chancey on being named Finance Director.

Mayor John Knox reported on the Newly Elected Officials training attended by himself and Commissioner Jon Tindall.

There were no 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 and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, February 29, 2016; City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Ordinance Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-05

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF O.C.G.A. SECTIONS 36-36-20 AND 36-36-21 AND PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. SECTIONS 36-36-3 and 36-36-4 TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 525 WOODWARD AVENUE; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; 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 Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Privilege License for Himanshu G. Patel, d/b/a Bunkys, 1545 Ossie Davis Parkway, Retail Beer and Wine. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution Celebrating the life of W. Lynn Taylor, requesting the GDOT dedicate and name a highway crossing in his memory was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF W. LYNN TAYLOR AND REQUESTING THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEDICATE AND NAME A
HIGHWAY CROSSING IN HIS MEMORY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, W. Lynn Taylor was a native son who returned home to Waycross and served his community his entire life; and

WHEREAS, W. Lynn Taylor was a dedicated community servant, having first dedicated his professional life to serve as Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police from 1978 until 2001; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, he returned to public service when he was elected as a City Commissioner serving District 5 from 2004 until 2007; and

WHEREAS, health issues prevented him from seeking a second term and forced him into retirement; and

WHEREAS, although Chief Taylor left this world too early, having passed away peacefully in 2011, his legacy lives on in the Public Service arenas, not only in Waycross but throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission to name the crossing of U.S. Highway # 1 South (Memorial Drive) at South Point Mall and Waycross Market Place Plaza entrances, said crossing being south of the Hatcher Point Road intersection, in his honor; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's understanding that this crossing has not been officially named and is unofficially called and referred to by the Georgia Department of Transportation as the "Lowe's Entrance"; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the City of Waycross honors W. Lynn Taylor for his dedicated service to this community by respectfully requesting that the Georgia Department of Transportation dedicate and name the crossing at U.S. Highway # 1 (also known as Memorial Drive) and South Point Mall and Waycross Market Place Plaza entrances, in the city limits of Waycross, Georgia so that it may be known as "**LYNN TAYLOR CROSSING**".

BE IT FURTHER 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 W. Lynn Taylor and to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

SO RESOLVED this 15th day of March, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution Celebrating the life of W. Lynn Taylor, requesting the GDOT dedicate and name a highway crossing in his memory was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted positively and with a 5-0 vote the motion was approved.

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

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BY: 
JOHN R. KNOX, Mayor

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JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk