

## MINUTES

### WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their regular meeting in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Along with Mayor Clarence Billups, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, William Simmons, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins, and Daniel Yarbrough were present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00p.m.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Miss Cierra Pierre, a student at Ware County High School, who offered the invocation, which was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups scheduled the following Public Hearings: Rezoning 2197 Brunel Street from RM-75 to C-2 on April 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and Annexation/Zoning Hearing for 908 Blackshear Avenue from R-90 in the County to R-75 in the Waycross City Limits on April 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Pete Pyrzenski presented the City Manager's Report. City Engineer, Frank Baugh and Richard Love are working to get all street lights in working order. In order to do this they are asking citizens to report any street lights which are out or are blocked by trees to the Engineering Department at City Hall. Mr. Pyrzenski commended Frank and Richard for taking on this project. The Special Olympics will be held on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. at the Ware County High School Track. Chief Eddins and officers from our Fire Department will be on site volunteering their time for this great event. Please go out and support the Special Olympics. Mr. Pyrzenski informed the public that there will be a Route of Homes on Gilmore Street on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 11:00 until 2:00. Nine restored homes will be open for viewing by the public. Mr. Pyrzenski offered kudos to the organizers of this special event. The City Manager informed the Commission that the smoke behind Lowes is Georgia Forestry conducting a series of control burns. Congratulations were offered to Chief Eddins for two years with the City of Waycross.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Billups also congratulated Chief Eddins for two years with the City of Waycross. He reminded everyone about the Census coming up this month. He also urged the Commissioners and the public to support the Special Olympics on Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Ware County High School Track. Mayor Billups noted that it took a great community effort to pull off the Tour of Homes on Gilmore Street and thanked the organizers.

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, March 2, 2010. There were no Ordinance Second Readings, Privilege License Renewals, or Resolutions.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented a Bid for the purchase of 100 Standardized Garbage Carts for the Public Works Department. The PW Department has an approved FY10 line item budget to purchase these carts. Otto Environmental quoted \$53.00 per container which includes shipping for a total price of \$5,300.00

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the purchase of 100 Standardized Garbage Carts for the Public Works Department from Otto Environmental for the total price of \$5,300.00. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented Bid FY10-17 for the purchase of five (5) Laptops for the Waycross Police Department on State Contract. These will be purchased by WPD with revenue from their Technology Fund. The State of Georgia has previously bid these laptop computers with Dell being awarded the State Wide Contract. It is the staff's recommendation to purchase these units from the State Contract directed from Dell Computers at a total cost of \$5,676.55 for 5 units.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Bid FY10-17 from Dell Computers for \$5,676.55 as per the recommendation of the Purchasing Director. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing an Easement from the City of Waycross to Georgia Power Company granting the power company permission to install and maintain the main services lines to the facility located at 1403 Pendergast Street was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
AND GEORGIA POWER COMPANY FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING A UTILITY  
EASEMENT TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SERVICE LINES TO 1403 PENDERGAST  
STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross is preparing to establish main power to the Hazard Hill Head Start & Health Center Facility located at 1403 Pendergast Street, Waycross, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Power will need an easement from the City of Waycross granting the Company permission to install and maintain the main service lines to the said facility; and

**WHEREAS**, it is beneficial to both the City and Georgia Power that main service lines be installed to the facility and maintained by Georgia Power; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered and determined to be just and adequate compensation for the premises and for the use of said property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross enter into the Agreement for the City to grant a utility easement to Georgia Power to install and maintain service lines to 1403 Pendergast Street within the easement area and other conditions outlined in the Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:  
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Easement from the City of Waycross to Georgia Power Company as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Award SPLOST FY2010 Street and Drainage Improvements for Contract 12 Phase III which includes construction of curb, gutter, and street paving and drainage improvements for approximately 6,000 feet of unimproved streets was presented. This project includes the following street segments: Izlar Street. (Mary to Isabella); Carver Street (Bethune to Walter); James Street (Walter to dead end); Pine Street (Perham to Crawford); Seaman Street (Roosevelt to Carswell); Jane Street (Garlington to Columbus); Porter Street (Robert Lane to Elkins RW); Robert LN (I Street to Greer); and Watts Street (Garlington to Johnson). Littlefield Construction Co. was the apparent low bidder at \$424,198.17.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO AWARD SPLOST FY2010 STREET AND DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to begin and complete construction of curb, gutter, and street paving and drainage improvements for approximately 6000 feet of unimproved streets in the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, said project includes Izlar Street. (Mary to Isabella); Carver Street (Bethune to Walter); James Street (Walter to dead end); Pine Street (Perham to Crawford); Seaman Street (Roosevelt to Carswell); Jane Street (Garlington to Columbus); Porter Street (Robert Lane to Elkins RW); Robert LN (I Street to Greer); and Watts Street (Garlington to Johnson); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, Littlefield Construction Company had the lowest and best bid for the project in the amount of \$424,198.17; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to award the contract for street and drainage improvements to Littlefield Construction Company in the amount of \$424,198.17 to be paid from FY2010 SPLOST Street and Drainage Improvements Funds.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:  
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Award SPLOST FY2010 Street and Drainage Improvements for Contract 12 Phase III to Littlefield Construction for the amount of \$424,198.17 as presented. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Last year, GDOT approved the City of Waycross for a Georgia Transportation Enhancement (GATEWAY) Grant for landscape enhancement and beautification. The Grant includes up to \$50,000 toward landscape improvements on DOT rights-of-way. Proposed improvements include landscaping at north and south approaches of US-1 and on Victory Drive at the corporate park entrance. The Engineering Department recommends accepting the bid from Wright's Landscaping & Irrigation Inc. in the amount of \$38,408.67 subject to GDOT approval

of the special encroachment permit. The Resolution approving the GATEWAY Grant Award was presented for approval as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO AWARD GATEWAY LANDSCAPE CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPE  
ENHANCEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION ON GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the City of Waycross applied for and was approved for a Georgia Transportation Enhancement (GATEWAY) Grant for landscape enhancement and beautification improvements on Department of Transportation (DOT) rights-of-way within the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant includes up to \$50,000.00 toward landscape improvements on DOT rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, said improvements include landscaping at north and south approaches of US-1 and on Victory Drive at the corporate park entrance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross retained a Landscape Architect to prepare the plans for submittal to DOT for a special encroachment permit, with approval of said permit being imminent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross offered the GATEWAY Landscape Project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, Wrights Landscaping and Irrigation, Inc. had the lowest and best bid for the project in the amount of \$38,408.67; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to award the contract for GATEWAY Landscape Project to Wrights Landscaping and Irrigation, Inc. in the amount of \$38,408.67 to be paid from the GATEWAY Grant funds up to \$50,000.00 toward landscape improvements on DOT rights-of-way within the City of Waycross.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the award of the GATEWAY Landscape Project contract as provided in this Resolution is subject to final approval of the special encroachment permit by DOT.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to approve the Award of the GATEWAY Grant to Wright's Landscaping and Irrigation for \$38,408.67. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve the Purchase of Five Laptop Computers for the Waycross Police Department from Dell Computers on the State Contract as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE FOR FIVE LAPTOP COMPUTERS  
FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has considered that its Police Department is in need of five (5) new laptop computers for patrol cars; and

**WHEREAS**, Waycross Police Department has a special revenue fund account collected for the Police Department's Information Technology Fund from which said laptop computers may be purchased; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia has previously bid laptop computers with Dell Marketing, L.P. being awarded the State Wide Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, a selection board met and considered the laptop units are configured to be used in patrol cars and meet all the required specifications for the Waycross Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, said laptop computers may be purchased under the State Wide Contract for the sum of \$5,767.55 for five units, which is below the cost for the City's previous purchases from various vendors; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the purchase of five (5) laptop computers for the Waycross Police Department patrol cars from the State Wide Contract with Dell Marketing, L.P., in the amount of \$5,767.55, from funding source 205-53-9-034-80-2500 WPD IT Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the award on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 16th day of March, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:  
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Approve the Purchase of Five Laptop Computers for the Waycross Police Department from Dell Computers on the State Contract as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve the Purchase of One Hundred Standardized Garbage Carts was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED STANDARDIZED  
GARBAGE CARTS TO USE WITH THE CITY'S ROLL OUT SERVICE;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has considered that many of its garbage carts used in connection with its roll out service are beyond repair and in need of replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Sanitation Department has an approved FY10 line item budget to purchase garbage carts; and

**WHEREAS**, Otto Environmental Systems (NC) LLC submitted its statement of qualifications and proposal for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, a selection board met and considered the qualifications submitted and based on the evaluation process recommended Otto Environmental Systems (NC) LLC to provide One

Hundred garbage carts at a price of \$53.00 per cart which includes shipping, for a total cost of \$5,300.00; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the purchase of One Hundred (100) garbage carts to be used in connection with its roll out service from Otto Environmental Systems (NC) LLC, for the sum of \$5,300.00, from the Public Works Sanitation Department funding source 540-54-4-530-65-2500.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the award on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 16th day of March, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion Approve the Purchase of One Hundred Standardized Garbage Carts from Otto Environmental for the amount of \$5,300.00 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Contract to Mill and Resurface Portions of Satilla Boulevard was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-24**

**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE A CONTRACT TO MILL AND RESURFACE PORTIONS  
OF SATILLA BOULEVARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2010, the City of Waycross adopted a Resolution to approve a Contract to Mill and Resurface portions of Satilla Boulevard, Project # WXTX 10-072; and

**WHEREAS**, Dixie Road Builders was awarded the contract as the lowest and best bidder for the project in the amount of \$59,430.35; and

**WHEREAS**, said Project scope included milling the entire length of Satilla Boulevard and asphalt resurfacing of the segment between Euclid Avenue and Screven Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the milled segment between Ava and Euclid Avenue was to receive a 1.25 inch inlay under a companion DOT LARP contract; and

**WHEREAS**, during milling operations, it was discovered that the existing asphalt surface between Ava and Euclid was less than 1 inch thick, thus requiring the contractor to mill down to the road base; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1.25 inch overlay under the existing LARP contract did not provide sufficient bearing surface requiring a field adjustment to add additional asphalt thickness to this segment of Satilla Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, additional contractor pay requests came in at \$21,187.00 over the award amount, making the total cost \$80,617.36, and it having been determined that the cost increase is almost entirely attributable to the extra 0.50 inch asphalt thickness that was required along the LARP segment of Satilla Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission approval is requested for an amended Resolution authorizing an increase of the award amount to \$80,617.36.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Commission that the previous Resolution adopted on February 2, 2010 awarding the Mill and Resurface Contract for Satilla Boulevard to Dixie Road Builders is hereby amended, and that the total contract amount for said Project is hereby increased to \$80,617.36.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to give effect to this Amended Resolution in order to complete the project and pay all expenses in connection therewith.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

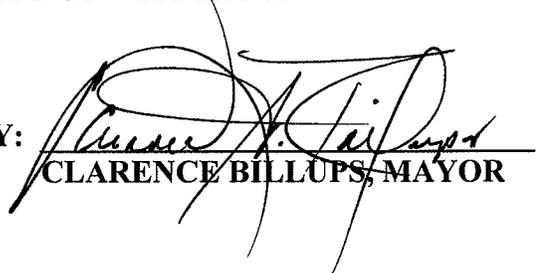
**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Approve the Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Contract to Mill and Resurface Portions of Satilla Boulevard as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

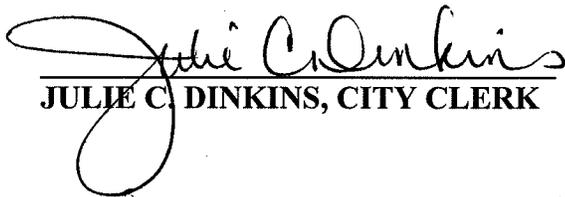
Mr. Ed Copeland and Mrs. Betty Copeland (aka the “Easter Bunny”) appeared before the Commission to remind the Commission and all of the children in the community that the Easter Bunny will be at Food Lion on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010 at 12:00 Noon bringing candy to all of the children.

After closing remarks from the Commissioners and Mayor Billups, the meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups declared the meeting adjourned.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:   
**CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**