

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson; Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was absent.

Commissioner Larry Ethridge introduced Pastor Judy Yarbrough, Administrative Pastor, Emmanuel International Cathedral of the Holy Spirit who offered the opening invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carriyana Kashay Ware who attends Waresboro Elementary School.

Under Executive duties, Mayor Billups made the following appointments:

1. Housing Authority of the City of Waycross (One, Five-Year Term beginning March 21, 2015 and ending March 21, 2020; and One, One-Year Term beginning March 21, 2015 and ending March 21, 2016.
 - a. Five-Year Term: Edward Tyre; March 21, 2015 and ending March 21, 2020
 - b. One-Year Term: Cleo Price; March 21, 2015 and ending March 21, 2016

2. Waycross – Ware County Planning Commission (Three, Three-Year Terms beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018.
 - a. Post 5: Jim Brown; July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018
 - b. Post 7: Joe Hart; July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018

During the City Manager's Report, City Manager Raphael Maddox offered his condolences to families who had lost loved ones. Mr. Maddox acknowledged the great job Ms. Nicole Price did with the Women's History Month display in the lobby.

Captain Danny Hampton, WPD, informed the Commission that CALEA would be in Waycross March 29 – March 31 during their on-site inspection. Sessions for public input will be held during the week. Call Captain Hampton for information.

Mayor Billups expressed his condolences to families with deaths during the last several weeks. Mayor Billups encouraged citizens to wear their seatbelts and drive safely. He thanked the City staff for the great job.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Billups presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk, Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes, City Commission Planning & Information Session, and Executive Session, Monday, February 16; Zoning Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 16, 2015
2. Ordinance Second Readings:
 - a. Amending Zoning Ordinance to Amend Article IX, Subsections (d) and (e) of Section 908.2 Pertaining to Initiation of Amendments to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances
 - b. Rezoning 2089 and 2191 Golf Course Road and Certain Adjoining Properties from RS Residential to R-90

There were no Privilege License Renewals, Consent Resolutions or Ordinance second readings.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 4 – 0 vote.

A Resolution to Approve a FY2016 Rate Increase with Republic Services LP d/b/a Southland Waste Systems was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE FY-16 RATE INCREASE WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES LP D/B/A SOUTHLAND WASTE SYSTEMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross and Republic Services LP d/b/a Southland Waste Systems (hereinafter referred to as “Republic Services”) entered into an “Exclusive Agreement for Services”, retroactive to an effective date of July 2, 2012, and renewed annually if the City has not given Republic Services a non-renewal notice, with respect to the collection and the disposal of solid waste generated by

residents in the City, and the billing and collection of commercial dumpster customers in the City serviced by Republic Services (hereinafter referred to as the "City-Republic contract"); and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the City-Republic contract provides, *inter alia*, that on each July 1st of each year thereafter for each one year renewal term, the rates set forth in the basic services and fees section shall be increased or decreased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (hereinafter referred to as "CPI") as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City-Republic contract, it shall be the responsibility of Republic Services to make a request at an appropriate time for a rate adjustment prior to the City finalizing its next fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, Republic Services initially requested in January 2015, based upon a January CPI index of 4.6%, an increase of 3.5% on residential MSW, bulk and commercial; and

WHEREAS, after negotiation with City Manager Raphel Maddox and Public Works Director Wilton Deloach, Republic Services agreed to an increase of only 1.75% and to exclude the bulk waste from the increase and only apply this increase to residential MSW and commercial yardage; 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 rate increase of 1.75% for residential MSW and commercial yardage effective July 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute this rate increase in the name of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of March, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS
City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve a FY2016 Rate Increase with Republic Services LP d/b/a Southland Waste Systems as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; all voted unanimously and the motion carried.

Resolution 15-11, A Resolution to Amend the FY15 Budget to transfer funds from Fire Department to Human Resources was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
AMEND THE FY 2015 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT; TO
PROVIDE FOR REORGANIZATIONAL POSITION TRANSFER FROM FIRE
DEPARTMENT TO HUMAN RESOURCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3 (d) allows a local government to amend its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during a budget period; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Budget of \$13,397,773.00 for FY 2015 on June 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget by transferring \$6,680.00 for salary (Account No. 100-51-3-500-48-1100) and \$512.00 for Employer Social Security/Medicare (Account No. 100-51-3-500-48-2200) from the Fire Department and adding it to the Human Resources Department (\$6,680.00 to Account No. 100-51-1-540-36-1100 and \$512.00 to Account No. 100-51-1-540-36-2200) in order to reorganize departments and allow the Human Resources Department to handle anticipated paperwork associated with the Affordable Care Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above said adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget be made and a copy of the amended Budget be attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of March, 2015.

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CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR

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Resolution 15-11 A Resolution to Amend the FY15 Budget to transfer funds from Fire Department to Human Resources was approved as presented by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a unanimous vote.

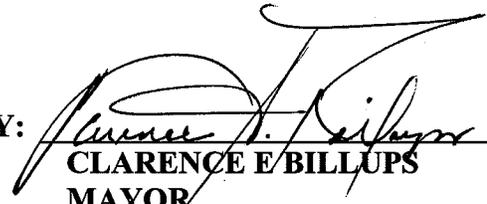
Minister Romney Bellamy, 325 Archer St. appeared before the Commission to request support for his Back to School Pep Rally.

Ms. Oneida Oliver Sanders, representing the Rivers Foundation addressed the Commission inviting them to the Beautillion for young men in Waycross.

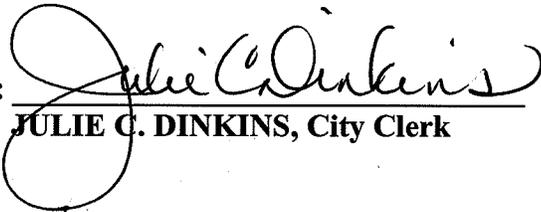
After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk