

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, and John Threat. Commissioners Jon Tindall and Norman Davis were absent.

Commissioner John Threat introduced Pastor Richard Gifford, Pastor of the Pentecostals of Waycross, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Acting City Manager, David Eddins announced the City Manager's recommendation for Finance Director. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to confirm approve Ms. China Williams as the Finance Director for the City of Waycross. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and Ms. Williams was confirmed as the Finance Director for the City of Waycross.

Police Chief Tony Tanner reminded the Commissioners of Kid's camp.

HR Director Trinija Martin informed the Commission of the plans for Georgia Cities Week.

Fire Chief David Eddins reminded graduating seniors that applications for the Fallen Firefighter Scholarships can be obtained from the guidance counselor at your school.

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: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, March 4, 2019; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2019

No Privilege License Renewals.

Three Consent Resolutions were presented:

- a. Leonora Smith Reconveying Section F, Lot W ½ of 73, Spaces 2, 3, & 4 in Oakland Cemetery to Gary & Kathy Cox.
- b. Robert T. Cribb Reconveying Section M, Lot 41, Spaces 5, 6, and 7 in Oakland Cemetery to Patrick L. Jones and James L. Jones.
- c. Robert T. Cribb Reconveying Section M, Lot 41, Spaces 1 in Oakland Cemetery to Miles-Odum Funeral Home.

One Ordinance Second Reading was presented:

**ORDINANCE NO. O19-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 – PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE III. – PARK AND PUBLIC FACILITY NAMING, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 30-59 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING, OR RE-NAMING, OF A CITY PARK, TO WIT: BAILEY STREET PARK TO EMORY “BIG O” MARCUS PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented including three consent resolutions and one ordinance second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The vote was 3-0 for approval.

A Privilege License for Gridiron Grill – Donna M. Dixon, 2470 Memorial Dr, Waycross, GA 31501, Consumption on Premises, beer, wine and liquor was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia was presented to move the April 16, 2019 Commission meeting to the CC McCray City Auditorium for Georgia Cities Week.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO HOLD THE APRIL 16, 2019, COMMISSION MEETING AT THE C.C. McCRAY 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 21 -27, 2019**, will host an art contest for children ages 5-12 and their artwork will be displayed at the C.C. McCray Auditorium; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission will recognize the winners of the art contest at the City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019; 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 16, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. shall be held at the C.C. McCray 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 19th day of March, 2019.

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

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to move the April 16, 2019 Commission meeting to the CC McCray City Auditorium for Georgia Cities Week as presented for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 21-17, 2019 and encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities was presented to the Commission for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-11**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
RECOGNIZING GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, APRIL 21-27, 2019, AND ENCOURAGING  
ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING  
ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.***

**WHEREAS**, city government and municipalities are the closest public entity to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Cities Week offers an important opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Waycross declares April 21 - 27, 2019, as Georgia Cities Week.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Commission urges and encourages all employees, citizens and government officials of the City of Waycross to do everything possible to ensure that the week of April 21 – 27, 2019, is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 19th day of March, 2019.

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

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 21-17, 2019 and encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities was presented to the Commission for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and all voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Approve Entry of an Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for the City Attorney was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19 -12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE  
ENTRY OF AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT  
FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2014, the City entered into an contract services agreement with Richard E. Currie to provide attorney services to the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, said Agreement commenced on July 15, 2014, and remains in full force and effect as of this date; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 of said Agreement gives the City Commission, in consultation with the City Manager and Employee, authority to “fix any such other terms and conditions of employment, as they may determine from time to time, relating to the performance of Employee, provided such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions” of said Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to clarify whether the Employee is entitled to a three (3) percent annual increase each year and whether Employee is subject to an annual performance evaluation, the City and Richard Currie have penned an Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for the City Attorney, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission that the City of Waycross hereby approves the Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for City Attorney, as fully set forth in the Amendment to Contract Services Agreement attached hereto and hereby made part of the public records of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Employment Agreement containing the terms and conditions of service and compensation as heretofore set forth and described.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 19th day of March, 2019.

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

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution to Approve Entry of an Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for the City Attorney was presented for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize and Approve a Contract Item Agreement with the GDOT for Project to Resurface SR 38 was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT ITEM AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT TO RESURFACE STATE ROAD 38 FROM WEST OF McDONALD STREET TO EAST OF CARSWELL AVENUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter "GDOT") proposes to undertake a project to resurface SR 38 from West of McDonald Street to East of Carswell Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has five (5) sanitary sewer manholes and fifteen (15) water valve boxes which will be within the project area that will need to be adjusted before and after milling operations to prepare for new asphalt surface layer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross executed a Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT on October 16, 2018, to have the manhole and valve box adjustments included in the GDOT roadway contract; and

**WHEREAS**, a contract item agreement was contemplated by the parties to confirm that the City of Waycross will be responsible for the cost of manhole and valve box adjustments based on contract costs; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby accepts and approves the foregoing Contract Item Agreement, relative to project N/A, WARE, P.I. No. M005772, to resurface SR 38 from West of McDonald Street to East of Carswell Avenue in Ware County and that Mr. John Knox, as Mayor, and Ms.

Julie Dinkins, as City Clerk, be and they are, thereby authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the City Commission of the City of Waycross.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED**, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize and Approve a Contract Item Agreement with the GDOT for Project to Resurface SR 38 was approved by motion from Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Approve Modification of Promissory Note and Loan Agreement for the Water Meter Replacement Project was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT  
FOR THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, at a duly called meeting of the governing body of the City of Waycross, Georgia, (hereinafter, the "Borrower") held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, the following Resolution was introduced and adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower has borrowed **\$3,500,000.00** from the **GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (hereinafter, the "Lender"), pursuant to the terms of Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), dated **MARCH 7, 2017**, being **Loan Number DW2016005**, between the Borrower and the Lender; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note (hereinafter, the "Note"), dated **FEBRUARY 7, 2017**, of the Borrower; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Note and the Loan Agreement, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note and Loan

Agreement (hereinafter, the "Modification") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting, and is attached hereto as an Exhibit and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Waycross that that the form, terms and conditions and the execution, delivery and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Waycross that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the City Commission designates and authorizes the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made a Resolution to Approve Modification of GEFA Promissory Note and Loan Agreement for the Water Meter Replacement Project as presented for approval. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and it was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner John Threat; all voted positively and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**ATTEST:**

**BY:**

  
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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

  
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