

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 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 Marian Solomon-Gaines, Larry Ethridge, and Norman Davis. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was not present.

Commissioner Larry Ethridge introduced Rev. Gerald Copeland, Sr., Greater St. James AME Church, Blackshear, Georgia who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines requested a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr., of Douglas, Ga.

Ms. Gina Marie Senters, Executive Assistant, R.I.V.E.R.S. (Releasing Inhibitions with Visions of Everyone Restored and Successful) Foundation, addressed the Commissioners concerning the current activities of the Rivers Foundation. Two Beaus from the Class of 2017 attended. Ms. Senters encouraged the public to help sponsor beaus for the beautillion.

Mr. Lovett Young, Chick-fil-A addressed the Commission regarding the Emanuel Church Winshape Foundation Day Camp in June in Blackshear, Georgia.

Under Executive Duties, City Attorney Rick Currie announced two public hearings scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 for (1) Annexation and Zoning Designation of 2718 Ambrose Street (4:15 pm) and (2) Map Amendment Request / 521 City Boulevard (4:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium.

Police Chief Tony Tanner, substituting for City Manager Raphael Maddox, informed the Commissioners that the Citizens Police Academy will be starting soon and the 4th Okefenokee Kids Camp will be March 26 – 29, 2017.

Mayor John Knox encouraged citizens to go out and Vote. Polls close at 7:00 p.m. so you still have time. Mayor Knox also announced that the City of Waycross is in the process of acquiring property for a new Public Works facility. In addition, Mr. Bob Sasser has donated the property adjacent to the PW facility for public use. Public Works plans to demolish the house and utilize the property for an employee parking lot.

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: Approval of the Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, March 6, 2017; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

No Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or privilege licenses renewals were presented.

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.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones presented Bid FY17-07, FY2015 Homeland Security Grant to purchase 6 new portable, changeable message signs. The recommendation of the Purchasing Department is best value bid Transafe of Lawrenceville, GA for \$62,059.00, including the message signs, extra batteries and cellular capabilities. Commissioner Marian Solomon Gaines made the motion to approve awarding the bid to Transafe per the recommendation of the Purchasing Department. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; with the motion being approved by a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-23

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

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has passed a resolution, being Resolution No. R17-07, identifying and defining an area within the City of Waycross and generally referred to 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.) in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Waycross does hereby adopt the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of March, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Northside Urban Redevelopment Plan as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Purchase of six Portable Changeable Message Signs through a Homeland Security Grant for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS
FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has received a FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of six (6) portable changeable message signs; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, this City Commission, *nunc pro tunc* to December 20, 2016, approved the acceptance of said FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened bids tendered for the purchase of said portable changeable message signs; and

WHEREAS, Transafe of Lawrenceville, Georgia, submitted the best value bid, meeting all specifications for the purchase, at a cost of \$62,059.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the contract for the purchase of six (6) portable changeable message signs, and six (6)

additional 6V DC batteries, for the Waycross Police Department be awarded to Transafe of Lawrenceville, Georgia, at a cost of \$62,059.00 to be paid for from approved FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of March, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Purchase of six Portable Changeable Message Signs for the Waycross Police Department was adopted by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:



JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk