

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016
7:00 PM

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, April 5, 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 Larry T. Ethridge, Norman Davis and Jon Tindall. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was not present for the meeting.

City Attorney Richard Currie introduced Pastor Carlos White, Kingdom Dominion Ministries who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Fire Chief David Eddins presented Joy Graves who was pinned by her aunt as the first female Driver Engineer in the Waycross Fire Department.

Mayor John R. Knox announced two appointments to the Waycross Housing Authority: Martin Eaves to a five year term ending March 21, 2021 and Cleo Price a one year term ending March 21, 2017.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for May 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. for a street name change from I Street to Evans Way.

City Attorney Raphael Maddox presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Maddox congratulated Joy Graves on being the first female Driver Engineer in the Waycross Police Department. In honor of this accomplishment, the City Manager asked Ms. Joy Graves to carry the City of Waycross flag in the Parade of Flags at the GMA Conference in Savannah on June 27, 2016. Mr. Maddox announced the Kentucky State University vs Valdosta State University football game to be played in Memorial Stadium on October 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The City Manager thanked the citizens and City staff for supporting Swamp Fest and wished Mr. Norman Davis a Happy Birthday.

Mayor John Knox reported that Swamp Fest was the best ever and thanked the City employees for a job well done. Mayor Knox also commented on the Police Youth Camp, saying that the kids are having a great time and having an opportunity to learn new things.

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, March 14, 2016; Zoning Public Hearing Considering Rezoning 215 Walters Street; Public Hearing Regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update for Submission to Georgia Department of Community Affairs; Public Hearing to Review and Update the 2005 Urban Redevelopment Plan for the City of Waycross and City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

There were no consent Resolutions, Ordinances or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Privilege License for Himanshu G. Patel, d/b/a Wallys, 1565 Ossie Davis Parkway, Retail Beer and Wine. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross pertaining to Vacancy Permits and Inspections was presented for first emergency reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 40, SECTION 103, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (J) PERTAINING TO BUILDING AND MOBILE HOME VACANCY PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross pertaining to Vacancy Permits and Inspections was approved for the first emergency reading by motion from Commission Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall and approved by unanimous vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross pertaining to Vacancy Permits and Inspections was presented for second emergency reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 40, SECTION 103, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (J) PERTAINING TO BUILDING AND MOBILE HOME VACANCY PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross pertaining to Vacancy Permits and Inspections as presented for the second and final emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commission Norman Davis and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Authorizing the Signing of a Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the City of Waycross is vulnerable to a wide range of natural and man-made disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Emergency Management Act gives local governments of the State of Georgia the authority to make agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pre-existing agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies help to ensure the timely provision of mutual aid assistance and the reimbursement of costs incurred by those parties who render such assistance; and

WHEREAS, this mutual aid agreement is entered pursuant to the authority contained in Articles I through III, Chapter 3, Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement, in the form attached and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager, City Finance Director and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement, in the form attached hereto, on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Agreement, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to ratify, confirm and carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jonathan Daniel, Director of Ware County Emergency Management Agency is authorized to request, offer or otherwise provide and coordinate mutual aid assistance on behalf of the City of Waycross and to sign Appendix A of said Agreement reflecting this authorization.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of April, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross Authorizing the Signing of a Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Recognizing April 17-23, 2016 as Georgia Cities Week was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS RECOGNIZING
APRIL 17-23, 2016, AS GEORGIA CITIES WEEK, AND
ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE
CELEBRATION AND
CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, municipalities and city government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents and citizens; 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, Georgia Cities 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;

WHEREAS, said matter having been properly considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that April 17 through April 23, 2016 be declared Georgia Cities Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 17-23, 2016, is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of April, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution Recognizing April 17-23, 2016 as Georgia Cities Weeks was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted positively and with a 4-0 vote the motion was approved.

During last call, Human Resources Director Trinija Martin announced the events planned for Georgia Cities Week would include, Get to Know Your City Day, Downtown is Alive, Centenarian Davy, City Employee Appreciation Day, Veterans Workshop and Movie in the Park. Commissioner Jon Tindall reminded citizens that April is Autism Awareness Month. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 

JOHN R. KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk