

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, April 21, 2020**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the C.C. McCray City Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Michael-Angelo James. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Commissioners Norman Davis, Henry Strickland, Diane Hopkins, and Marian Solomon-Gaines.

City Attorney Rick Currie asked Michael Flynn, Pastor of H J Echols Church, to offer the opening invocation. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor James.

Public Hearings was scheduled for Map Amendment Request for 406 & 410 South Georgia Parkway and Text Amendment Request for Article VIII – Signs (Sections 806.6, 806.7, 806.8, and 807.9) was scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the C.C. McCray City Auditorium.

City Manager reported that mosquito spraying would start tonight.

Mayor Michael-Angelo James discussed the City remaining safe during COVID-19, and he would continue to share information with the public.

There were public remarks from Ivan Figueroa, 34773 Harris Road, Waycross, Georgia, 31501 and Misty Arter, 34773 Harris Road, Waycross, Georgia, 31501. They both ask that the Garbage Bid be tabled due to the RFP.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk Michelle Love for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: 1. Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, March 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.; 2.) Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m.; 3.) Waycross City Commission Called Meeting, Friday, March 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.; 4.) Waycross City Commission Called Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 8:00 a.m.; 5.) Waycross City Commission Called Planning & Information Session, Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:30 p.m.; 6.) Waycross City Commission Called Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2020, 6:00 p.m.; 7.) Waycross City Commission Called Meeting and Executive Session, Friday, April 3, 2020, 3:00 p.m. There were no Consent Ordinances, Resolutions, or Privilege License renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis and second by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

China Williams, Finance Director, present Bid #FY20-16 Fireworks. Purchasing has received only one bid. After staff review, it is the recommendation to award the bid to Pyrotecnico, INC for a price not to exceed \$18,000.00. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines

made the motion to approve award bid to Pyrotecnico, Inc.; Commissioner Diane Hopkins second the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

China Williams presented Bid #FY20-18 Garbage Services. Purchasing received two bids. After staff review, it is the recommendation to award the bid contract to Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia. Ryland Environmental has best price and the highest evaluation scores. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the award bid to Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia; Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines second the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Finance Director, China Williams presented Bid #FY20-23 Generators. The City of Waycross has approved the use 75% FEMA, 10% State, and 15% SPLOST Funds, to purchase Generators. Purchasing received two bids. Edge Solution of Savannah, Georgia was the lowest and best bid. After staff review, it is the recommendation to award the bid contract to Edge Solution of Savannah, Georgia for the amount of \$139,919.00 to be installed a Police Department and the City. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made a motion to approve award bid to Edge Solution of Savannah, Georgia. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines second the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia; To Amend Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II. – City Commission, Division 1. – Meetings, By Adding a New Section 2-60 – Where and When Held, Pertaining to Regular Meetings, Special Called Meetings and Work Sessions of the City Commission; To Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability; To Provide for an Effective Date; To Provide for Renumbering or Relettering was presented for the first reading:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 020-04**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II. – CITY COMMISSION, DIVISION 1. – MEETINGS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-60 – WHERE AND WHEN HELD, PERTAINING TO REGULAR MEETINGS, SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS OF THE CITY COMMISSION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance presented for the first reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes, and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotecnico, Inc. for the Fourth of July 2020 Fireworks Exhibition was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-36**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT WITH PYROTECNICO, INC.  
FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY 2020 FIREWORKS EXHIBITION;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross, Georgia, has traditionally purchased fireworks for the Fourth of July fireworks exhibition in the City of Waycross; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened only one bid tendered from PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC., a Pennsylvania Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has successfully contracted for many years with PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC., for this fireworks exhibition; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has been presented with a Fireworks Display Agreement between PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. and THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, in the form of the Agreement attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, and which includes furnishing, delivering and exhibiting fireworks on July 4, 2020, in the City of Waycross, Georgia, for the price of **\$18,000.00**; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Fireworks Display Agreement between PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. and THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, in the form of the Agreement attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, be approved for the Fourth of July, 2020, fireworks exhibition in the City of Waycross, Georgia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Finance Director be authorized, directed and empowered to advance the sum of **\$18,000.00** to PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. and its fiscal agent, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Fireworks Display Agreement with Pyrotecnico, Inc. for the Fourth of July 2020 Fireworks Exhibition. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in approval, and the motion passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia for Garbage Collection, Disposal and Dumpster Services was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO RYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL OF DUBLIN, GEORGIA, FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND DUMPSTER SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has the need for garbage collection, garbage disposal and dumpster services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department issued request for proposals for garbage collection, garbage disposal and dumpster services and two (2) proposals were submitted and both proposed vendors were interviewed by s staff selection board; and

**WHEREAS**, after staff review and evaluation, it is the recommendation of the purchasing department to award contract for garbage collection, garbage disposal and dumpster services to Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia, and since they submitted the best price and had the highest evaluation score; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for the Garbage Collection, Garbage Collection and Dumpster Services be approved and awarded to Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia, for an initial period of one year, beginning July 1, 2020, with the contract being automatically renewed each year thereafter unless terminated by either party as provided in the contract for a total of five (5) years, in the form of contract attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully set out.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney be and are authorized and directed to execute said 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 AND ADOPTED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution to Award Bid Contract to Ryland Environmental of Dublin, Georgia for Garbage Collection, Disposal and

Dumpster Services. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in approval, and the motion passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Purchase of Two New Fixed Generators was submitted for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-38**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FIXED GENERATORS;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated September 25, 2019, the City of Waycross was awarded a grant to acquire four (4) fixed generators to ensure continuity of critical services to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant was the result of a Project Submission Grant Report submitted on behalf of the City of Waycross after Hurricane Matthew in October 2016, being Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4284; and

**WHEREAS**, the total approved grant was \$353,702.00 with a federal share of \$265,277.00, a state share of \$35,370.00 and a City of Waycross share of \$53,055.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department issued requests for bids for 2 new fixed generators and received bids from seven (7) electrical contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Current Edge Solution of Savannah, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the 2 new generators in the amount of \$139,919.00, and meeting all specifications and requirements; 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 approves the purchase of two (2) new generators from Current Edge of Savannah, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed one hundred and thirty-nine

thousand, nine hundred and nineteen dollars (\$139,919.00), to be paid from available FEMA and state grants funds and available city funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any agreement 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Purchase of Two New Fixed Generators. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted to approve the motion as presented.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Plans and Specifications for Downtown Waycross Development Authority Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-39**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,**

**TO APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR DOWNTOWN WAYCROSS  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEPOT CABOOSE DECK AREA UPGRADE; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Waycross Development Authority, hereinafter “DWDA”, has dedicated 2014 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds, kept and maintained by the City of Waycross, for City Projects and for the designated purpose of “construction and infrastructure for economic development” pursuant to the Referendum ratified by the voters in November 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, DWDA has requested use of said designated S.P.L.O.S.T. funds for a Rail Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade with said work to be completed by Tyco Construction and Industrial Services, Inc. of Blackshear, Georgia, (hereinafter “TYCO”) at a cost not to exceed **\$82,563**; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Project of a Downtown Waycross Development Authority Rail Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TYCO shall submit stamped architectural plans to the City Department of Community Improvement for review and approval by the City Department of Community Improvement and the City Fire Department; and upon completion of said City Project, it shall be inspected and approved by Department of Community Improvement and Fire Department; and upon approval, TYCO shall present an invoice to DWDA or the City Manager for payment of a sum not to exceed **\$82,563** to be paid from 2014 S.P.L.O.S.T. funds designated for City Projects by Downtown Waycross Development Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Finance Director and City Manager 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Plans and Specifications for Downtown Waycross Development Authority Depot Caboose Deck Area Upgrade was approved

as presented by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All voted favorably, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Bart McKinney, 2456 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA, addressed the Commission regarding how the mom and pop businesses are affected during COVID-19.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:**

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**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**