

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018
5:00 PM

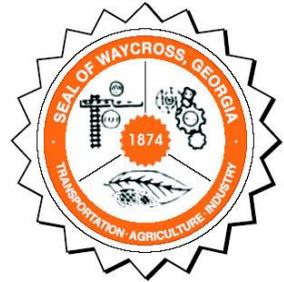
The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor John Knox. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, John Threat and Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall introduced Dakota Downing, Intern serving at Destination Church who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

During Executive Duties, Mr. Huey Spearman, Assistant City Attorney scheduled a Public Hearing which was continued from April 17, 2018 for June 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. for 636 Plant Avenue from C-4 Central Business to C-2 Highway Commercial.

A Proclamation celebrating National Police Week and Police Memorial Day was presented to Police Chief Tony Tanner.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Declaring National Police Week and Police Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States of America have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City of Waycross law enforcement agency play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property,

by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Waycross unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor and in recognition of the outstanding contributions law enforcement officers of this nation, state and, indeed, our city have made in the line of duty, I, John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim May 13 through May 19, 2018, as POLICE WEEK and May 15 as NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY as we commemorate law officers past and present who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Waycross to observe May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross
to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2018.

John Knox, Mayor

Mayor John Knox and City Manager Raphel Maddox presented Ms. China Williams, Deputy Finance Director, with the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2018.

City Manager Raphel Maddox welcomed visitors Mrs. Knox and Ms. Spearman to the meeting. Mr. Maddox thanked Ms. Kimberly Jewell for a news packed newsletter and thanked her for going over and above. He also acknowledged Ms. Allie Lindsey, who, on her own, set up the Missing Soldier table in the lobby honoring all of the lost and missing soldiers. Thanks to both of you for a wonderful job.

There were no public remarks on office action.

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

Approval of Minutes: Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, April 16, 2018, Waycross City Commission Public Hearings, April 2, 1028, Rezoning 607-609-699 Hicks St., 636 Plant Avenue and 1200 Colley Street; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 2018. There were no Ordinances, Consent Resolutions or Privilege License renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines, second by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

City Engineer Jessica Deal informed the Commission of the status of the City Boulevard project. City Boulevard storm drain pipe is deteriorating and with pavement caving in outside southbound lane. Ms. Deal stated that final design plans were received April 13, 2018 and sent to 5 contractors for a Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:00 pm bid opening and award at 5:00 pm meeting. Project includes using 3 60" RCP pipe and lowering the upstream elevation. Every effort is being made to shorten this project from 90 days to closer to 2 months Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the bid to Thrift Construction in the amount of \$315,761.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, Georgia; to Amend Chapter 30 – Parks and Recreation, Pertaining to the City's Policy Controlling the naming of Parks and all other Public Facilities was presented to the Commission for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 018-04

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 AMENDING SECTION 30-56 PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S POLICY CONTROLLING THE NAMING OF PARKS AND ALL OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, Georgia; to Amend Chapter 30 – Parks and Recreation, Pertaining to the City's Policy Controlling the naming of Parks and all other Public Facilities was approved for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Diane Hopkins casting the dissenting vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Waycross, Georgia Rezoning 607-609-611 Hicks Street from O – Office to C-2 Highway Commercial was presented to the Commission for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O18-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 607, 609 and 611 HICKS STREET FROM O – OFFICE TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Waycross, Georgia Rezoning 607-609-611 Hicks Street from O – Office to C-2 Highway Commercial for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize the City Attorney to Sign a Letter to the Georgia Attorney General Requesting Ware County be removed from the Regional TSPLOST Referendum on May 22, 2018 was presented to the Commission for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SIGN LETTER TO GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUESTING WARE COUNTY BE REMOVED FROM THE REGIONAL TSPLOST REFERENDUM ON MAY 22, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in a joint Resolution with the Ware County Board of Commissioners, being Resolution Number R18-26 dated March 26, 2018, the City Commission of the City of Waycross called upon Christopher M. Carr, Attorney General of the State of Georgia, to forthwith take appropriate action to remove Ware County from the Regional TSPLOST referendum set for May 22, 2018, and to prevent Ware County from having to be subjected to the levy and rate of the regional TSPLOST one percent (1%) sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Attorney General has advised that the letter referencing said Resolution lacks “proper bureaucratic protocol”, and therefore will not be considered, because it was not signed by the attorneys; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Waycross that Richard E. Currie, as City Attorney, is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute and sign a letter to Chris Carr, Georgia Attorney General, and any additional documents needed or appropriate, and to take any action necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution in the most effective manner possible.

SO RESOLVED, THIS 1ST Day OF May, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize the City Attorney to Sign a Letter to the Georgia Attorney General Requesting Ware County be removed from the Regional TSPLOST Referendum on May 22, 2018 as presented to the Commission for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia Supporting the Construction of 1912 Bunn Building as an Affordable Housing for Families Residential Community was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1912 BUNN BUILDING AS AN AFFORDABLE
HOUSING FOR FAMILIES RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, 1912 Bunn Building, L.P. has proposed to construct up to 50-units of affordable housing for Family Tenancy known as the 1912 Bunn Building generally located at 513 Elizabeth Street in the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the construction of said residential apartment community will provide affordable housing for Family tenancy and will be in the best interest of residents of Waycross, Georgia; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that enthusiastic and exclusive support is hereby granted to 1912 Bunn Building, L.P., for the 2018 application to DCA - Office of Affordable Housing for tax credits to assist in the development and financing of the aforementioned project.

SO RESOLVED, THIS 1ST Day OF May, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Supporting the Construction of 1912 Bunn Building as an Affordable Housing for Families Residential Community as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

Mr. James Thomas, 520 S. Crawford St. addressed the Commission regarding the safety and accuracy of the new meters being installed. City Engineer Jessica Deal assured Mr. Thomas of the safety and accuracy of the new meters, stating meters are positive displacement meters and only water that flows through meter will be billed. Mr. James Thomas stated that he would like to opt out of the new meter program and continue with the same meter.

After last call, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion for the meeting to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned to Executive Session. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion for the meeting to return to open session; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and the meeting returned to open session.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: _____
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk