

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**CITY AUDITORIUM**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 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, Diane Hopkins and Norman Davis.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins introduced Reverend Ben Smith, Pastor, Central Baptist Church who offered the opening Invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor John Knox presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Tony Tanner and representatives from the Waycross Police Department in honor of National Police Week and Police Memorial Day.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

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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 14 through May 20, 2017, 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 2nd day of May, 2017.

*JOHN KNOX, Mayor*

A Proclamation Declaring United States Postal Service Food Drive was presented to Mr. Alvin Nelson, postal representatives and Natalia White, founder of Natalia Project, who is working diligently to help feed the hungry children in Waycross and Ware County, Georgia. Ms. White addressed the Commission to explain her program. Mayor John Knox read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Alvin Nelson, postal representatives and Miss Natalia White and the Natalia Project.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



*Proclamation*

*Recognizing USPS "Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive"*

**WHEREAS**, every year on the second Saturday in May, United States Postal Service letter carriers across this great country collect non-perishable food as part of the nation's largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" is just an example of how letter carriers work to make a difference in the lives of those they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, since the pilot drive was first held in 1991, over 1.4 billion pounds of food have been collected; and

**WHEREAS**, since all of the food collected in our community stays in our community and the City of Waycross supports letter carriers' efforts to help those in need in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we would like to recognize all USPS letter carriers for their hard work and their commitment to their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that we do hereby recognize and proclaim Saturday, May 13, 2017, as "**LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY**" in the City of Waycross, Ware County, Georgia, and encourage each and every citizen of our community to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near your mailbox on May 13, 2017, where your letter carrier will pick up said items while delivering the mail and together, we can all help to feed the hungry.

*JOHN KNOX, Mayor*

Coach Maurice England and members of the Ware County High School rifle team were recognized for winning the State Championship.

Mayor Knox appointed Dr. S. William Clark III to serve a four-year term beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2021 on the Waycross-Ware County Development Authority.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Joshua Welch of the Waycross Fire Department as the May 2017 Employee of the Month.

The City Manager's Report included a thanks to the Division Directors of the City of Waycross for organizing each event held during Georgia Cities Week. Each event went off without any problems and was presented with the high standards associated with the City of Waycross. Mr. Maddox also thanked the community for supporting these events.

Mr. Maddox declared that the City is open for business. When a developer or contractor is about to move here, we are great at communicating the process they need to go through to get anything done. We have procedures that we must follow. We don't jump over anything, we continue to follow the rules and we are open for business.

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, April 17, 2017; Public Hearing, Annex and Zone 2718 Ambrose St; Public Hearing 515 City Blvd; and, Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Ordinance Second Reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II - LICENSES, DIVISION 2 – APPLICATION, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 6-77, PERTAINING TO ONE DAY OR SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

No Consent Resolutions or privilege licenses renewals were presented.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to the addition of Designated through Streets was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 017-09**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE VI. – SCHEDULES, PERTAINING TO THROUGH STREETS DESIGNATED; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia pertaining to the addition of Designated through Streets as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Annex into the Existing Corporate limits of the City of Waycross, 2718 Ambrose Street and establish zoning classification for the annexed property was submitted for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 017-10**

**AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA LAW TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 2718 AMBROSE STREET; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance Annexing 2718 Ambrose Street into the city limits of the City of Waycross and establish zoning classification for the annexed property as submitted for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The Commission vote was unanimous in approval.

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross by rezoning the property at 521 City Boulevard was submitted for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-11**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 521 CITY BOULEVARD FROM R-75 RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross by rezoning the property at 521 City Boulevard was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; and approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as Waste Water Treatment Plant was submitted for the first emergency reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE ZONING MAP; TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS R-S RESIDENTIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as Waste Water Treatment Plant as submitted for the first emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as Waste Water Treatment Plant was submitted for the second emergency reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE ZONING MAP; TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS R-S RESIDENTIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as Waste Water Treatment Plant as submitted for the second emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted yes and the motion passed.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision was submitted for the first emergency reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE ZONING MAP; TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS BLUFFS OF SATILLA SUBDIVISION AS R-90 RESIDENTIAL AND CN CONSERVATION; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision as submitted for the first emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision was submitted for the second emergency reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-07**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND THE ZONING MAP; TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS BLUFFS OF SATILLA SUBDIVISION AS R-90 RESIDENTIAL AND CN CONSERVATION; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross and the Zoning Map by establishing zoning for the property described as Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision as submitted for the second emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted yes and the motion passed.

A Resolution for the dissolution of the Okefenokee Area Development Authority was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE OKEFENOKEE AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Okefenokee Area Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as "OADA") has ceased to conduct economic development activities and does not desire to resume such activities; and

**WHEREAS**, OADA has no assets at this time and has satisfied its remaining indebtedness; and

**WHEREAS**, OADA, acting by and through its Board of Directors, voted at its March 16, 2017, meeting to cease operations and dissolve; and

**WHEREAS**, since this City Commission resolved to organize OADA, it must now vote and resolve to dissolve OADA in order to effectuate said dissolution; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Okefenokee Area Development Authority shall be dissolved upon resolution of this City Commission and the Commissions of Ware County, Pierce County and Brantley County, Georgia, said dissolution of OADA being made pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-62-14 (b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the effective date at which OADA shall cease to exist is July 1, 2017; and that the officers of OADA shall have full authority to execute any and all documents related to or a necessity of said dissolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and the same are, hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any documents ratifying and confirming the execution of this Resolution, and approving the act and things done as necessary to give effect to said Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**JOHN KNOX, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, CLERK**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Dissolution of the Okefenokee Area Development Authority as presented. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous in favor and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Contract with Ware County, Georgia for the Creation of the Waycross – Ware County Land Bank was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT WITH WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR THE CREATION OF THE WAYCROSS – WARE COUNTY LAND BANK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Waycross and the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, in an attempt to strengthen and revitalize the local economy, and it being in the best interests of the public to assemble and dispose of public property, including dilapidated, abandoned and tax delinquent property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission and the Board of Commissioners desire to establish and create a Land Bank as authorized and allowed by Georgia law in order to accomplish this; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract with Ware County to memorialize the understanding between the City of Waycross and Ware County reference the establishment and creation of the Waycross – Ware County Land Bank, in the form of the Intergovernmental Contract attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross enter into an Intergovernmental Contract with the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia, in reference to the establishment and creation of the Waycross – Ware County Land Bank, in the form of the Intergovernmental Contract attached to this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the Intergovernmental Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**JOHN KNOX, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, CLERK**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution approving an Intergovernmental contract with Ware County, Georgia, for the Creation of the Waycross – Ware County Land Bank as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; the vote was 5-0 for approval.

Commissioner Norman Davis made a motion to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement to reflect the same fiscal year as the City of Waycross, July 1 through June 30. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

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**

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JOHN KNOX, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk