

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. William Simmons was absent.

Mayor Clarence Billups introduced Public Works Director Wilton Deloach who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties Mayor Billups published the following schedule of meetings:

1. FY12 Budget Work Session, Monday, May 23, 2011, 4:00 p.m., City Commission Chambers.
2. FY12 Budget Public Hearing, Monday, June 6, 2011, 5:00 p.m., City Commission Chambers.
3. Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, June 6, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Billups continued the appointment to the Housing Authority of the City of Waycross until the May 17, 2011 meeting.

A Proclamation announcing the 22nd Annual "Give Burns the Boot" Campaign was presented to Fire Chief David Eddins naming May 6, May 13, and May 20 as "Give Burns the Boot" days in the City of Waycross.

Proclamation

22nd Annual "Give Burns the Boot" Campaign

Whereas, Burns are one of the most painful injuries an individual can have; and

Whereas, the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation is dedicated to helping educate Georgians on how to avoid burn injuries and save lives; and

Whereas, the Foundation also focuses efforts on helping burn survivors in Georgia return to a normal life; and

Whereas, the Foundation's annual "Give Burns the Boot" campaign is the Foundation's largest source of revenue; and

Whereas, the 2011 “Give Burns the Boot” campaign is being conducted on May 6, May 13, and May 20 as “Give Burns the Boot” days in the City of Waycross and I urge every citizen to be as supportive of this worthwhile fund-raising campaign as possible and, in so doing, thereby help lead the way in making the City of Waycross and Georgia a safer place in which to live.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 3rd day of May, 2011.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

City Manager Deron King presented Fire Chief David Eddins with a certificate in recognition of his successful completion of the requisite courses of study and applied research projects from the National Fire Academy. The certificate names David Eugene Eddins as an Executive Fire Officer under the authority granted by the 111th Congress of the United States of America.

Mayor Billups presented Police Chief Tony Tanner with a Proclamation declaring National Police Week and Police Memorial Day, May 15 – May 21, 2011 and May 15, 2011 respectively.

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, **Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross**, do hereby proclaim May 15 through May 21, 2011, as

POLICE WEEK and May 15 as **NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law officers past and present who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established 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 3rd day of May, 2011.

Clarence E. Billups, Mayor

HR Director Raphael Maddox presented Mr. John Burwell of the Engineering Department as the Employee of the Month for May, 2011.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager congratulated Mr. Burwell on being Employee of the Month. Lee Avenue Water and Sewer Improvements are continuing with a 12" sewer main being installed on Pendergast. Next week there will be utility boring under Corridor Z. On the Darling Avenue project the box culvert has been installed with water main installation, curbing and resurfacing to follow. Construction will continue on this project into May. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups announced the City of Waycross and Pierce County will be hosting a GMA listening session on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Southern Georgia Regional Commission offices. Mayor Billups also saluted Pastor Charley Lewis for the food give away on April 30. Three hundred boxes of food were given away and the event was a great success. Thanks go out to the Police Department for their help.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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

Approve of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session Executive Session, Monday, April 18, 2011 and Waycross City Commission Road Closing Hearing and Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2011. No ordinance second readings, consent resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Bid #FY11-12 for Commercial Roll up Doors. The Waycross Fire Department has designated FY11 SPLOST money to purchase 8 new commercial grade roll up doors for Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 3. Purchasing received 5 bids. After review, the staff recommends awarding the bid to Overhead Door of Brunswick, Georgia for \$25,982.00 as the lowest and best bidder meeting all specifications.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the bid to the lowest and best bidder meeting all specifications, Overhead Door of Brunswick, Georgia for \$25,982.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented WAYX 11-08 Declaring Surplus Property. The surplus property list contains miscellaneous items to be sold on Govdeals.com. Purchasing also received a request to transfer the trophy case from the Police Department to the Ware County School Rifle Team.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the property surplus to be sold on Govdeals.com and to transfer the trophy case to the Ware County School Rifle Team. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough. All Commissioners voted positively and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of Hall Street Right of way between Washington Avenue and Holmes Street in Gilchrist Park Subdivision was presented for the first reading as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-06

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE A PORTION OF HALL STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AVENUE AND HOLMES STREET ; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there appears on the city maps of the City of Waycross, Georgia, and the plats of the property of Ware County, Georgia, a 125 foot right-of-way on Hall Street running in a North to South direction from Washington Avenue to Holmes Street, and more particularly

described below, and no portion of said right-of-way having been opened or used by the City of Waycross as a public thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the owners of all of the property abutting on said portion of said right-of-way have petitioned the Commission of the City of Waycross to abandon and close said right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the public has access to and use of sufficient streets and would not be inconvenienced by the abandoning and closing of said right-of-way, all described below; and

WHEREAS, the owners of abutting property have waived the notices required by *O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-1, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the City of Waycross paid nothing for said right-of-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION ONE

The Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia hereby abandons any future interest in the hereinafter described property known as a portion of Hall Street, and hereby closes said area for future use of traffic: the entire width of the platted but unopened 125 foot right-of-way running in a North to South direction from Washington Avenue to Holmes Street, located in Gilchrist Park, a Subdivision in the City of Waycross, Ware County, Georgia.

SECTION TWO

The Commission of the City of Waycross hereby authorizes and approves the execution of quitclaim deeds to the abutting property owners for that portion of right-of-way on Hall Street abandoned and closed by this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in direct conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR

This Ordinance shall be effective when finally approved by the Commission of the City of Waycross upon second reading.

SECTION FIVE

If any portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining portions unless it clearly

appears that such other parts are wholly and necessarily dependent upon the part held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

ADOPTED, this the ____ day of _____, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: _____
CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, CITY CLERK

Read First Time: _____

Read Second Time and approved: _____

Commissioner Solomon-Gaines made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Abandon and Close a Portion of Hall Street Right of way between Washington Avenue and Holmes Street in Gilchrist Park Subdivision as presented for the first reading, Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Engineering and Landscape Design Services for the TE Grant for Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead Project was presented.

RESOLUTION 11-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES FOR
MULTI-USE TRAIL AND TRAILHEAD PROJECT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City of Waycross received and executed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) and Notice-to-Proceed from Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”) for the Transportation Enhancement Project to construct a Multi-use Trail and Trailhead on a segment of retired and abandoned CSX right-of-way using GDOT grant funding; and

WHEREAS, under the MOU, the City is required to bear the cost of Preliminary Engineering and 20% “cash-match” toward construction; and

WHEREAS, **jB+a, Inc.** submitted its statement of qualifications and proposal for the project; and

WHEREAS, a selection board met and considered the qualifications submitted and based on the evaluation process recommended **JB+a, Inc.** for the Preliminary Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the City awarded the contract to **JB+a, Inc.** which successfully provided the services for Concept Development and preparation of the Concept Report; and

WHEREAS, the City is ready to move forward with completion of Engineering and Landscape Design services, and desires to award a professional services contract to **JB+a, Inc.**, for the Waycross Multi-use Trail and Trailhead Engineering & Landscape Design, for a negotiated fee of \$66,600.00; and,

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross award the contract for professional services for the Waycross Multi-use Trail and Trailhead Engineering & Landscape Design to **JB+a, Inc.**, for the negotiated Contract price of \$66,600.00 to be paid for from the City's Professional Services Budget 100-52-1-575-58-1200. Said amount will be applied toward the City's required 20% cash match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the award on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 2nd day of May, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Engineering and Landscape Design Services for the TE Grant for Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead Project as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

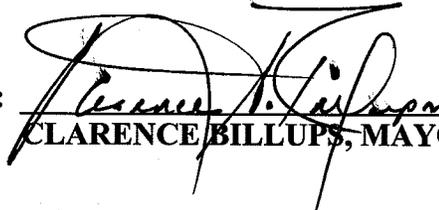
Jorel Flynn (J-Fly)) addressed the Commission soliciting the City's help and support for his 3rd annual J Fly Music Festival. Mr. Flynn also informed the Commission that he had formed the "How Big Is Your Dream" foundation to provide music and musical instruments to deserving students in Waycross that have demonstrated character in the community, maintained good grades, and exhibited a desire to play musical instruments and may be unable to afford them.

Coach Ed Dudley, Ware County Gators Football Head Coach appeared before the Commission to invite the public and Commissioners to become involved with Gator football.

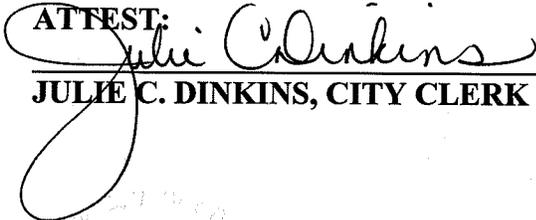
Following the Mayor and Commissioner's reports, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK