

## MINUTES

### WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their regular meeting in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Mayor Clarence Billups called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with Commissioners Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins offered the invocation, which was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups presented Chief Tony Tanner with a Proclamation Declaring National Police Week and Police Memorial Day.

#### *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 9 through May 15, 2010, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

Ware County Commissioner, Carlos Nelson appeared before the Commission to discuss the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Mr. Nelson shared the number of refunds prepared and the total income tax refunds which were received as a result of the program. He also thanked his volunteers for their work during the program.

City Manager, Pete Pyrzenski presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Pyrzenski informed the public that next week the approximately \$1 million SPLOST paving will begin. The litter trap has been installed and a dedication is being planned for May 25, 2010. Plans for the VA Clinic on City Boulevard are progressing quickly. Plans are for a fast track build and a tentative September opening. Mr. Dan Groselle and John Clay Sykes ESG Operations, Inc. appeared before the Commission to present a check in the amount of \$32,513.99 representing money saved on the contract price for operations, maintenance and management services.

Mayor Clarence Billups thanked Commissioner William Simmons for including him in his walk through of District 2 and thanked the WPD for their help with the walk through. Mayor Billups thanked Carlos Nelson for his volunteer spirit in working with the tax assistance program. He also noted that the VA Clinic is going to be a real asset for Waycross and Ware County. Mayor Billups thanked Mr. Pyrzenski and noted that this is his last official meeting.

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:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Meeting, Executive Session Concerning Personnel, April 20, 2010. The Animal Control Ordinance was presented for its second reading. There were no 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.

A Privilege License Applicant Name Change for Roy Rhodes, d/b/a/ Cheers Package Store, 325 Hatcher Point Road, Suite A, Waycross, Georgia 31503, Beer, Wine and Liquor was presented for review.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Roy Rhodes d/b/a Cheers Package Store as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented WAYX 10-06 – Declaring Surplus Property. The surplus property list contains miscellaneous scrap tires, 23 bicycles and 70 Glock guns. The bicycles will be donated between requesting agencies. The tires will be sold on GovDeals.com and the guns will be used as trade-ins for purchase of new weapons.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare the property surplus; seconded by Commissioner William Simmons. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented Bid FY10-21 for Plumbing Fixtures for the new Head Start/Medical Facility at the old Hazzard Hill School location, 1403 Pendergast Street. Purchasing received two bids for the plumbing materials for this building. It is the staff's recommendation to award the bid to Engineering and Equipment, Waycross, Georgia being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications. The low bid is in the amount of \$10,095.50.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the purchase of Plumbing Fixtures for the new Head Start/Medical Facility from Engineering and Equipment, Waycross, Georgia for the total price of \$10,095.50. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The first reading on the Annexation and Zoning of property located at 908 Blackshear Avenue was held:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE ZONING MAP; TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY LIMITS AND ESTABLISH ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED ALONG AND ADJOINING BLACKSHEAR AVENUE BETWEEN DARLING AVAENUE AND EASTOVER DRIVE TO R-75 RESIDENTIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to approve the Annexation and Zoning of Property for 908 Blackshear Avenue as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all Commissioners voted affirmatively and the motion was approve with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Agreement for Professional Administration between the City of Waycross, Georgia and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Administration of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE SOUTHERN GEORGIA  
REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT NO. \_\_\_\_\_; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, Georgia has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 for replacement of inefficient HVAC units, windows, lighting, insulation, and appliances in five city-owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, additional assistance is needed in grant administration, other than the financial administration; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission stands ready, willing and able to provide the needed grant administrative assistance at a cost not to exceed \$22,800.00 and billed monthly upon receipt of invoices for administrative services; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have placed the terms and conditions of the provision of certain services into an Agreement in the form attached hereto; 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 Agreement in the form attached hereto for the provision of services by Southern Georgia Regional Commission in the administration of the Community Development Block Grant No. \_\_\_\_\_.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk or the City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Agreement in the name of the City of Waycross.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:  
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Agreement for Professional Administration between the City

of Waycross, Georgia and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Administration of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement Between ESG Operations, Inc. and the City of Waycross, Georgia for Operations, Maintenance and Management Services was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-31**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 7  
TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
ESG OPERATIONS, INC. AND THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross, Georgia entered into an agreement with ESG Operations, Inc. (ESG) on March 1, 2004 as amended by Amendment No. 2 to add water services, for operations, maintenance and management services at the City's wastewater treatment plant; and

**WHEREAS**, ESG has performed under the terms of this agreement to date and all amendments thereto and City has performed under the terms of the agreement and all amendments thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific changes as reflected in Amendment No. 7 and attached to this Resolution will extend the ESG contract through fiscal year 2011, adding increases effective July 1, 2010, including a contract price increase of \$29,000.00, and increasing the monthly payments by the City to ESG to a total payment of \$202,315.00 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the amendment shall be from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and shall be subject to automatic renewal in accordance with the terms of the original agreement as amended; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement between ESG Operations, Inc. and the City of Waycross, Georgia be and is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Amendment No. 7 on behalf of the City of Waycross.

**SO RESOLVED** this the 4TH day of May, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement Between ESG Operations, Inc. and the City of Waycross, Georgia for Operations, Maintenance and Management Services as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Waycross, Georgia and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to Develop the Ware County and City of Waycross Joint Comprehensive Plan was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-34**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL  
COMMISSION TO DEVELOP THE WARE COUNTY AND CITY OF WAYCROSS  
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, Georgia and Ware County, Georgia desire that the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (“SGRC”) provide technical assistance and administrative services necessary to develop the Ware County and City of Waycross Joint Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission is qualified to prepare a Joint Comprehensive Plan that is consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) Chapter 110-12-1 Standards and procedures for Local Government Comprehensive Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission stands ready, willing and able to provide the needed technical assistance and administrative services to develop the Joint Comprehensive Plan at a cost \$30,000.00 plus direct expenses from May 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have placed the terms and conditions of the provision of said services into an Agreement in the form attached hereto; 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 Contract in the form attached hereto for the provision of technical assistance and administrative services by Southern Georgia Regional Commission necessary to develop the Ware County and City of Waycross Joint Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk or the City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Contract in the name of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

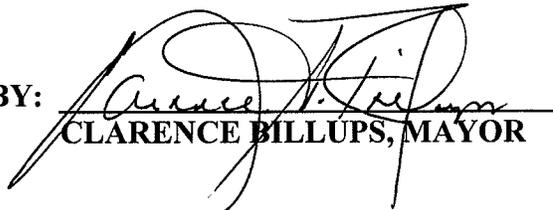
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Waycross, Georgia and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to Develop the Ware County and City of Waycross Joint Comprehensive Plan as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Billups and the Commissioners each shared their closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner William Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups declared the meeting adjourned.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY:

  
**CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**