

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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 17, 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 Reverend William Simmons, Commissioner and Pastor of Light of the World Ministries who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

1. Rezoning 2014 Alice Street from M-Medical to R-75
Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 6:15 p.m., City Commission Chambers.
2. Rezoning 1305 Alice Street from R-50 to M-Medical
Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m., City Commission Chambers.

Mayor Billups appointed Mr. Buster Tyre to the Housing Authority of the City of Waycross for a four-year term beginning and ending.

Waycross Police Officers who have served in the military were honored for their service to our country and to our city. The officers were Greg Kinlaw, Ernest Benton, Casey Caswell, Derek Cobb, William Kicklighter, and Michael Heuett.

Also recognized were children of employees who are graduating seniors. The seniors recognized were Holly Elizabeth Bennett, Abbie Brown, Mykel Chance, Dalton Tatum, Lee Tobler, Bradlen Cobb and Mart Hopkins.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager sent out his condolences to the family of W. Lynn Taylor, Raymond Scurry and Willie Davis, all former employees of the City of Waycross who passed away recently. Lee Avenue Water and Sewer Improvements are continuing with utility boring continuing 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. Construction continues on the Waycross Police Department renovation project. All clerical operations have been moved to the Criminal Investigation Unit office on 407 Pendleton Street.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups congratulated all graduation Seniors and offered encouragement to those students who may not be graduating. He extended his condolences to the families of Willie Davis, Raymond Scurry and W. Lynn Taylor.

He asked citizens to be aware of construction around town and to be careful in those areas. Mayor Billups wished a happy and safe Memorial Day to the citizens of the City of Waycross.

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 Planning and Information Session Executive Session, Monday, May 2, 2011; Waycross City Commission Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2011; and Called Meeting, Friday, May 6, 2011.

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 second 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.

There were no consent resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Bid #FY11-14 for a Mosquito Sprayer for the Public Works Department. Though not a FY11 approved budget line item, monies are available for this purchase. Purchasing received 4 bids. After review, the staff recommends awarding the bid to Univar of Chamblee, Georgia for \$9,499.00 for a new model truck mounted London Fogger with London Flow System, this being the lowest and best bidder meeting all specifications.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to award the bid for a Mosquito Sprayer to Univar of Chamblee, Georgia for \$9,499.00 for a new model truck mounted London Fogger with London Flow System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough. All voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept and Approve the Final Plat of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision – Phase I was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE FINAL PLAT
OF THE BLUFFS OF SATILLA SUBDIVISION- PHASE I;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, JCJ Investments, LLC, the Owners and Developers of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I, have submitted the Final Plat for approval by the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Final Plat of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I, having been approved by the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, said Final Plat of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Final Plat of Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I is hereby approved on the recommendation of the Waycross-Ware County Planning Commission.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of May 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept and Approve the Final Plat of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision – Phase I as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept the Offer of Dedication of Potable Water Mains, Reuse “Purple Pipe” Mains and Associated Easements of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I was presented.

RESOLUTION 11-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO ACCEPT OFFER OF DEDICATION OF POTABLE WATER MAINS, REUSE
“PURPLE PIPE” MAINS AND ASSOCIATED EASEMENTS OF
THE BLUFFS OF SATILLA SUBDIVISION, PHASE I; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, JCJ Investments, LLC, the Owners and Developers of The Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, having offered for dedication the potable water mains, reuse “purple pipe” mains and associated easements in Phase I of said Subdivision, being 5.95 acres; and

WHEREAS, this offer of dedication being presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, said Owners and Developers have offered for dedication the potable water mains, reuse “purple pipe” mains and associated easements on a plat of a survey of The Bluffs of Satilla, Phase I, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, said offer of dedication being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the offer of dedication of the potable water mains, reuse “purple pipe” mains and associated easements from the owners and developers of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I, to the City of Waycross in the form attached hereto, dedicating said utilities and easements, as shown on a plat Bluffs of Satilla, Phase I, are hereby accepted and are hereby made part of the potable water and reuse “purple pipe” distribution systems of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of May, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: **CLARENCE E. BILLUPS**, Mayor

ATTEST: **JULIE DINKINS**, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept the Officer of Dedication of Potable Water Mains, Reuse “Purple Pipe” Mains and Associated Easements of the Bluffs of Satilla Subdivision, Phase I as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution to Approve the Amended Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract for Renovation of the Waycross Police Department Building was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04

**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR RENOVATION OF THE WAYCROSS POLICE BUILDING;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, the City of Waycross adopted a Resolution to award a contract for renovation of the Waycross Police Building to include Roof Replacement, HVAC Replacement, Window and Door Replacement and other similar renovations; and

WHEREAS, R.H. Tyson Construction, Inc. was awarded the contract as the lowest and best bidder for the project in the amount of \$601,700.00; and

WHEREAS, a Roof “pull-out” test performed by the contractor has revealed the load bearing capacity of existing concrete and metal deck is not satisfactory. Existing lightweight concrete, particularly on the upper portion of the roof is damaged from being saturated for long periods, and inspection of metal decking has exposed significant corrosion.

WHEREAS, a contract change is needed to replace the existing roof deck with properly specified metal and lightweight concrete deck, which also includes some user-requested modifications to improve overall floor plan functionality as well as corresponding reductions in costs where savings could be realized; and

WHEREAS, Commission approval is requested for an Amended Resolution authorizing an increase in the award amount up to \$162,770.00, if necessary, for a maximum award amount not to exceed \$764,470.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission that the previous Resolution adopted on December 21, 2010 awarding the contract for renovation of the Waycross Police Building to R.H. Tyson Construction, Inc. is hereby amended, to include an increase of up to \$162,770.00, if necessary, and that the total contract amount for said Project is hereby increased not to exceed \$764,470.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to give effect to this Amended Resolution in order to complete the project and pay all expenses in connection therewith.

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of May, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve the Amended Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award a Contract for Renovation of the Waycross Police Department Building as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Adopt the 2031 Joint Ware County – City of Waycross Comprehensive Plan was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21

CITY OF WAYCROSS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

**2031 JOINT WARE COUNTY – CITY OF WAYCROSS
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross City Commission, together with the Ware County Board of Commissioners have completed the 2031 Joint Ware County – City of Waycross Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005 and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Commission for the City of Waycross does hereby adopt the 2031 Joint Ware County – City of Waycross Comprehensive Plan.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2011.

Clarence Billups
Mayor, Waycross City Commission

ATTEST: Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Adopt the 2031 Joint Ware County – City of Waycross Comprehensive

Plan as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Intergovernmental Contract for Participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Mass Alert System between the City of Waycross, Georgia and Ware County Georgia was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT
FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT
PROGRAM MASS ALERT SYSTEM BETWEEN THE CITY OF
WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the County applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (“HMGP”) award through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, designated as HMGP 1833-005, and the same having been approved; and

WHEREAS, said grant funds will be used to purchase and install a Mass Alert System for the citizens of Ware County, Georgia, for the total approved cost of \$22,500.00, with a Federal share of \$16,875.00, State share of \$2,250.00, and a local share of \$3,375.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mass Alert System will help to ensure that Waycross and Ware County continue to be a safer place for their citizens to live and raise families, and will help to reduce the impacts caused by natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the County has invited the City to be a partner with the County in splitting the local cost share of \$3,375.00, for a total to the City of \$1,687.50, and to enhance the services to be provided for all residents; and

WHEREAS, in a spirit of intergovernmental cooperation and for the good of the entire community, the County and City desire to set forth their mutual understandings and agreement regarding their respective participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award for the Mass Alert System for Ware County, Georgia, in the form of the Intergovernmental Contract attached hereto; 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 approve and execute the Intergovernmental Contract for participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Mass Alert System between Ware County, Georgia and the City of Waycross, Georgia, for one year, with a total cost share to the City of \$1,687.50.

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

SO RESOLVED, this 17th day of May, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

During the discussion on this Resolution, Mr. Jonathan Daniell, Director, Emergency Management Agency addressed the Commission to answer questions regarding the Mass Alert System.

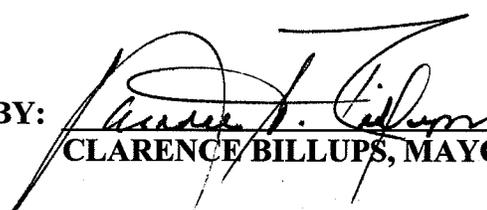
Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Intergovernmental Contract for Participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Mass Alert System between the City of Waycross, Georgia and Ware County Georgia as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; Commissioners Hopkins, Simmons, Yarbrough and Solomon-Gaines voted affirmatively and Commissioner Norman Davis voted no; the motion carried.

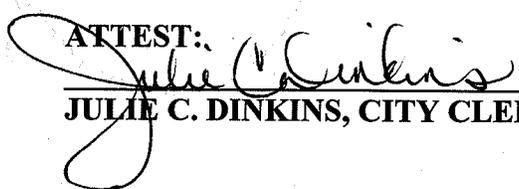
Following the Mayor and Commissioner's closing remarks, Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted affirmatively and the meeting went into Executive Session.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and the meeting returned to open session.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough 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