

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013
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 21, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem William Simmons, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Alvin Nelson present.

Pastor Lee Barnes, Seasons Church, Valdosta, Georgia offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Billups announced that the FY14 Budget Work Session is being rescheduled from May 23 to May 22, 2013 at 4:15 p.m.

Ms. Allison Herrin, HR Department introduced the following 2013 Graduates:

1. Mea Anthony (Camden County High), Daughter of Cameron Chance, College/Early Childhood Development and Dance
2. Jamison "Jami" McKenzie Brown (Pierce County High), Daughter of Charles Brown, College/Nursing
3. Megan Grant (Pierce County High), Daughter of Teresa Grant, Plans to attend College/Nursing
4. Jimeshia Clark (Ware County High), Daughter of Stephanie Hunt, South Georgia College/Nursing
5. Sierra King (Ware County High), Daughter of Deron King, Accepted a Track & Field Scholarship at Troy University/Pre-Dentistry
6. Jeffery McCaskill (Ware County High), Son of Joy Thompson, United States Army/Pharmacy Tech
7. Damariquez Springs (Ware County High), Son of Cyrus Taylor, Accepted a Music Scholarship at Georgia Southern University
8. Ashanta M. Smith (Ware County High), Daughter of Linda Wilkins, Enlisted in the United States Army

9. Ashley Brooke Smith (Ware County High), Daughter of J.Bryan Smith, Plans to attend College/Marine Biology
10. Zavorea Tobler (Ware County High), Son of Rodney Davis, Sr., United States Air Force

Mayor Clarence Billups and City Manager Deron King presented each graduate with a certificate of appreciation and several tokens from the City of Waycross.

Mr. Larry Yockachonis, ESG, presented two Certificates of Achievement to Mayor Billups from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. These certificates are in recognition of ESG receiving a Gold and a Platinum award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals for meeting or exceeding the individual NPDES permit requirements for calendar year 2012.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King thanked the Fire Department for hosting a dinner honoring retired firefighters at Station 1. A street dedication will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. for Ossie Davis Parkway at the Greater Mt Zion AME Church. Mr. King thanked Horace Thomas, Carlos Nelson and GDOT for their hard work in putting the street dedication together.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Billups congratulated Chief Eddins for the dinner honoring the retired firefighters. Memorial Day is Monday, May 27, 2013, Mayor Billups asked everyone to thank a veteran. The Mayor thanked Chief Tony Tanner for his efforts in locating the officer who died in the line of duty and setting up the local memorial service. He also congratulated all police officers who received promotions and asked the Commission and citizens to pray for the Oklahoma tornado victims and survivors.

There were no public remarks on official action.

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 & Information Session Monday, May 6, 2013, Executive Session, and Monday, May 6, 2013; Waycross City Commission Zoning Public Hearing / 711 Satilla Boulevard, May 7, 2013; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

There were no ordinance second readings, consent resolutions or privilege license renewals.

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

An application from Jinzhu Zhang, d/b/a Fancy Sushi Inc., 514 Mary Street, for Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine was received. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the privilege license application; seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Linda Jones, Purchasing Director, presented Surplus Property WAYX 13-08 to declare certain items confiscated by the Waycross Police Department or no longer needed by any City Department surplus. Ms. Linda Jones requested that the property be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com or the bicycles donated to local agencies. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the motion to declare the listed property surplus. The motion was seconded by Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize Execution of the Engagement Letter for the Audit of the City of Waycross for the Year Ended June 30, 2013, to be performed by Henderson & Godbee, LLC, Certified Public Accountants was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE AUDIT OF
THE CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013, TO BE
PERFORMED BY HENDERSON & GODBEE, LLC, CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross requested a statement of qualifications for a Public Accounting Firm to perform the audit for the City of Waycross, Georgia for the year ended June 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Henderson & Godbee, LLC submitted its statement of qualifications to perform said yearend audit for the City of Waycross, and appears to meet the qualifications to perform financial audits according to the standards contained in the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross desires to engage the services of Henderson & Godbee, LLC to perform the audit for the City of Waycross, Georgia for the year ended June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Henderson & Godbee, LLC be engaged to perform the audit for the City of Waycross, Georgia for the year ended June 30, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Engagement Letter submitted by Henderson & Godbee, LLC, on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia, and to do all the acts and things necessary to engage the services of said Certified Public Accounting Firm.

SO RESOLVED, this 21st day of May, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize Execution of the Engagement Letter for the Audit of the City of Waycross for the Year Ended June 30, 2013, to be performed by Henderson & Godbee, LLC, Certified Public Accountants was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioners William Simmons; the vote was unanimous in favor and approved with a 5-0 vote..

A Resolution by the City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve the Application for a Loan Under the City's Revolving Loan Fund for Jessica T. White and Kenyetta Williams d/b/a/ "Shoes That Talk" was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION
TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR A LOAN UNDER THE CITY'S REVOLVING
LOAN FUND FOR JESSICA T. WHITE AND KENYETTA WILLIAMS D/B/A "SHOES
THAT TALK"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross maintains a Local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Community Development Block Grant Employment Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, Revolving Loan Funds are designed to fund businesses as an alternative to traditional bank loans when said loans are difficult to obtain due to stricter underwriting

standards, and help businesses to generate jobs and support the local community by employing local workers; and

WHEREAS, the City's Revolving Loan Fund Committee met and considered the application of Jessica T. White and Kenyetta Williams D/B/A "Shoes That Talk," and determined that said business meets all of the qualifications to be approved for a loan from the City's Revolving Loan fund, in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said funds are available and the matter has been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the Application of Jessica T. White and Kenyetta Williams D/B/A "Shoes That Talk," for a business loan in the amount of \$25,000.00, repayable as interest only for the first year on any amounts disbursed at the discretion of the RLF Committee, and amortized thereafter for five (5) years at an interest rate of ten (10) percent, until the balance is paid in full.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute any necessary loan documents needed for the City Attorney to close the RLF transaction for said business, without delay.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of May, 2013.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve A Resolution by the City of Waycross, Georgia To Approve the Application for a Loan Under the City's Resolving Loan Fund for Jessica T. White and Kenyetta Williams d/b/a/ "Shoes That Talk" as presented. Commissioner Williams Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

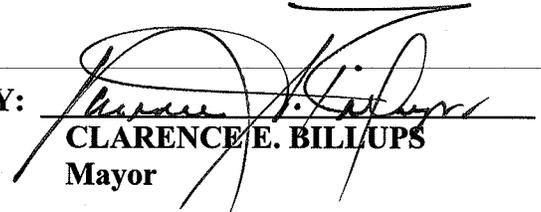
Mr. John Summerlin addressed the Commission on the subjects of code and Mixed Use Zoning on Corridor Z. Mr. Summerlin stated that he is paying taxes on his property at the commercial tax rate and would like to utilize his property for a commercial purpose. He also requested a letter from the City Attorney within five days concerning what they plan to do.

Mr. Roger Collins, Ware County Tax Commissioner, presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the City Manager, Deron King for the Waycross Jaycees Take Pride in America Day.

Following closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

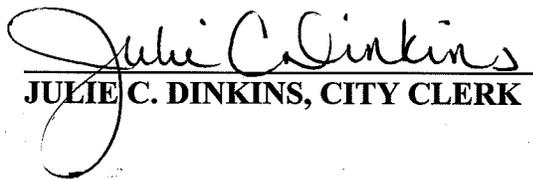
CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:



CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK