

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in the Commission Chambers of 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, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Larry Ethridge, and Norman Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall was absent.

In the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Mayor Knox introduced Johnny Mitchum, Associate Pastor, Destination Church, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox. Pastor Mitchum reminded the public that DC Downtown is open at 301 Brunel on Tuesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with food and clothing available.

Under Executive Duties, City Attorney Rick Currie announced the scheduling of two public hearings:

- 1) Text Amendment to Amend Sign Ordinance Pertaining to Feather Flags;
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:15 pm
- 2) Rezoning 1600 Riverside Avenue from R-75 to M-Medical;
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:30 pm

City Manager Raphael Maddox announced that The Waycross City Commission will conduct its next work session and regular commission meeting on Monday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m. rather than July 3 and July 4 due to the July 4 holiday closing.

City Manager Raphael Maddox thanked Pastor Johnny Mitchum for the invocation. Community Improvement Director Sloan Fountain announced the July 4th Celebration will be held at Bit Tanner Field from 3:00 until 9:00 pm. Two bands will be playing throughout the event and water slides and bounce houses will be set up for the children. The Fireworks Display will begin at 9:15 p.m. The event will include fun activities for everyone.

Mr. Maddox thanked the City Staff, Department of Labor and the Employee Committee for a warm reception for the Georgia Labor Commissioner, Mark Butler.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox presented the Consent Calendar as read by Acting City Clerk Terri Smith for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Monday, June 5, 2017; Executive Session, June 5, 2017; Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting, June 6, 2017.

No Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions or Privilege Licenses Renewals were presented.

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

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid #FY17-16 Decommissioning Two City Water Wells. Our Engineering Department has been mandated by EPD to Decommission City Well #1 (Doughboy Park) and City Well #4 (Alice Street – well not elevated tank) at their last Sanitary Survey. Engineering has approved FY17 funds for the decommissioning. Purchasing received 2 bids on the decommissioning of the 2 city wells. After staff review it is Purchasing's recommendation to award the bid to Rowe Drilling Company, Savannah, GA for \$57,670.00. This is the lowest and best bid meeting specifications.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid for decommissioning the two wells. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid #FY17-18 for two Hustler 54" X-One mowers for Public Works. Public Works has FY17 approved funds to purchase two new 54" cut, rear discharge riding mowers to be used at the City cemeteries. These mowers will replace the contract with the State for maintenance at the cemeteries. Purchasing has received 4 bids on mowers. After staff review, it is the recommendation to award the bid to Vidalia Small Engine Service of Vidalia, Georgia for \$13,200.00. This is the lowest and best bid meeting specifications.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the bid for the purchase of two Hustler 54" X-One mowers for Public Works. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 17-09 Surplus Property including a list of items that are no longer needed in any City department. Purchasing is requesting that these items be declared surplus so that they may be sold on GovDeals.com.

WAYX 17-09 Surplus Property was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance Rezoning 500 Hicks Street from R-50 Residential to C-2 Highway Commercial was submitted for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO.017-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 500 HICKS STREET FROM R-50 RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Ordinance Rezoning 500 Hicks Street from R-50 Residential to C-2 Highway Commercial as submitted for the first reading was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages and Servers’ Permits was presented for an emergency first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O17-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II - LICENSES, DIVISION 3 – SERVER’S PERMIT, SECTION 6-96 – REGISTRATION OF PERSONS WHO SELL AND TAKE ORDERS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ADDING REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANT FOR SERVER’S LICENSE MUST HAVE HIS OR HER CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKED BY WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordinance No. O17-14 was approved for its emergency first reading by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge and approved.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages and Servers’ Permits was presented for an emergency second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O17-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II - LICENSES, DIVISION 3 – SERVER’S PERMIT, SECTION 6-96 – REGISTRATION OF PERSONS WHO SELL AND TAKE ORDERS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ADDING REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANT FOR SERVER’S LICENSE MUST HAVE HIS OR HER CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKED BY WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordinance No. O17-14 was approved for its emergency second reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-36

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 (JULY 1, 2017, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018) BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2017, the Commission of the City of Waycross held budget hearings and examined the proposed balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the budgets are being considered by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, said budgets indicate anticipated revenues as follows:

General Fund	\$14,599,887.00
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 6,379,440.00
Waste Management Fund	\$ 2,341,296.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 218,450.00
WPD Information Technology Fund	\$ 25,000.00
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	\$ 340,000.00
SPLOST 2008-2013 Fund	\$ 1,677,682.00
SPLOST 2014 Fund	\$ 5,680,000.00
City Auditorium Fund	\$ 34,603.00

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Waycross has prepared and submitted to the Commission of the City of Waycross budgets for expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$14,599,887.00
Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 6,379,440.00
Waste Management Fund	\$ 2,341,296.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 218,450.00
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for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, said budgets are balanced budgets and have been prepared in accordance with accepted budgeting practice; and

WHEREAS, said revised budgets are line item budgets in compliance with the provisions of Sections 2-376 of the Code of the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross has studied and revised the proposed budgets and considers it in the best interests of the City to adopt said revised budgets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 and related sections, on June 6, 2017, the Commission of the City of Waycross held a public hearing on said proposed budgets at which time persons wishing to be heard on the budgets were allowed to appear and be heard, notice of said hearing having been given pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5 (f).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the budgets, as revised, attached hereto and made a part hereof for the fiscal year 2018 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, for the City of Waycross, are approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that amendments to the budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the fiscal year may be made in accordance with the provision of O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of June, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
Terri Smith, Acting City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Annual Work Detail Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-37

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE ANNUAL WORK DETAIL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS AND THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, a proposed Work Detail Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross to be effective from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, has been presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said Work Detail Agreement is for the Department of Corrections to provide two (2) Offender Work Details on public works projects in accordance with O.C.G.A § 42-5-60 (e); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said agreement, the Department of Corrections will provide one full time Correctional Officer and a maximum of ten (10) inmates for each Work Detail; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the City shall be thirty-nine thousand and five hundred dollars (\$39,000.00) for the year, commensurate with labor supplied and calculated at \$39,500.00 per detail, and salary and benefits for one Correctional Officer, exclusive of overtime provided by the Correctional Officer in performing the work per each work detail; and

WHEREAS, either Party may terminate said Agreement for convenience upon seven (7) days written notice to the other Party; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Work Detail Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross, Georgia in the form that is attached hereto, is hereby approved.

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

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of June, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS


ATTEST:
TERRI SMITH
Acting City Clerk

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Annual Work Detail Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Waycross. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted positively and the motion was approved.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk