

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 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, July 5, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Norman Davis, Marian Solomon-Gaines William Simmons, and Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins was absent.

Mayor Clarence Billups introduced Minister Otis Welch, Pentecostal Deliverance Holiness Church who offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties Mayor Billups introduced Mr. Michael Rivera, Regional Project Manager, Southern Georgia Regional Commission. Mr. Michael Rivera explained that every ten years each city and county should examine their Census numbers and determine if there is a plus or minus variation of 5%. The 2010 population of the City of Waycross was 14,649, with an average of 2,930 being optimal for the voting districts. Each of the five districts was over the 5% ratio. Mr. Rivera was asked to meet with the City and help with the redistricting process. The Commissioners met with Mr. Rivera and were able to adjust the districts to meet the criteria.

Mr. Raphael Maddox, Director of Human Resources and Community Improvements introduced Ms. Maria Mata as the July 2011 Employee of the Month.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King congratulated Ms. Maria Mata for being named Employee of the Month and commented that she is a great employee. Lee Avenue Water and Sewer Improvements are continuing with sewer main work complete and water main installation complete. Resurfacing should be complete by the end of July. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas. Mr. King commented that the fireworks display was great. Thanks were given to the Police and Fire Departments and especially Chief Eddins.

Mayor Clarence Billups presented the Mayor's Report. Mayor Billups informed the Commission and public that it was a wonderful Independence Day! He thanked all of the sponsors of the fireworks display as well as the Police Department and Fire Department.

State Representative Mark Hatfield addressed the Commissioner concerning redistricting/reapportionment. Mr. Hatfield urged the Commission to hold a public hearing on the redistricting to ensure that the public has adequate notification of the changes.

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

Approval of Minutes: Alcoholic Beverage License Hearing, June 16, 2011; Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session Executive Session, Monday, June 20, 2011, Waycross City Commission Budget Public hearing – FY2012 Budget, Monday, June 20, 2011; and Waycross City Commission Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 21 2011. There were no ordinance second readings, consent resolutions or privilege license renewals.

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend the Charter of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to reapportion municipal election districts based upon publication of the US Decennial Census of 2010; to Establish new Election District Boundaries in Compliance with the Requirements of the US Constitution and Pertinent Laws, Governing Future Elections for Members of the City commission for the City of Waycross, Georgia, was presented:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED AT O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-35-4.1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH AT O.C.G.A. SECTION 36-35-3(1)(b) AND SECTION 6.1 OF THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REAPPORTION MUNICIPAL ELECTION DISTRICTS BASED UPON PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS OF 2010; TO ESTABLISH NEW ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND PERTINENT LAWS, GOVERNING FUTURE ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Redistricting Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept Offer of Dedication of Potable Water Mains, and Associated Easements of the Holiday Inn Express was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO ACCEPT OFFER OF DEDICATION OF POTABLE WATER MAINS,
AND ASSOCIATED EASEMENTS OF
THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, OHM NAMAH SHIVAY, Limited Liability Company and SILPA CORPORATION Developers of The Holiday Inn Express, having offered for dedication the potable water mains and associated easements in connection with providing potable water and fire suppression water to the Holiday Inn Express property; 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 and associated easements on a plat of a survey of The Holiday Inn Express, 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 main and associated easement from the owners and developers of The Holiday Inn Express to the City of Waycross in the form attached hereto, dedicating said utility and easement, as shown on a plat of survey of The Holiday Inn Express, are hereby accepted and are hereby made part of the potable water distribution system of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED this 5th day of July, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Accept Offer of Dedication of Potable Water Mains, and Associated Easements of the Holiday Inn Express as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Al Whitfield addressed the Commissioners concerning economic development in Waycross and Ware County. He encouraged businesses to take advantage of funding opportunities through the Southern Georgia Regional Commission.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: *Diane L. Hopkins*
DIANE L. HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

Julie C. Dinkins
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK