

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, July 11, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners, Diane Hopkins and Larry Ethridge. Commissioners Norman Davis and Marian Solomon-Gaines were not present.

City Manager Raphel Maddox introduced Caleb Lancaster, Pastor, Remnant Church of God in Waycross who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Under Executive Duties, City Attorney Rick Currie announced the scheduling of a Public Hearing for August 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. to change the name of Martin Luther King Street to Martin Luther King Drive.

City Attorney Rick Currie announced a Called Joint Meeting with the City of Waycross Commissioner and Ware County Board of Commissioners scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ware County Commission Meeting Room to discuss the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Referendum including the Rate of the Tax and Possible Projects.

City Manager Raphel 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 Raphel Maddox thanked City Staff who participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration for a job well done. Mr. Maddox reminded citizens that the Okefenokee Classic College Football game will be September 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Waycross Stadium. Valdosta

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Knox 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, June 19, 2017; and City Commission Meeting, June 20, 2017.

An Ordinance re-zoning Hicks Street from R-50 Residential to C-2 Highway Commercial was presented for the second 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**

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

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Privilege License for new owner, Nimesh Patel, d/b/a Fast Lucky Lottery, 610 Memorial Drive, Package Sales / Beer and Wine was presented for approval. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; all voted in favor and the Privilege License was approved.

A Privilege License for new owner, Prabhuds Patel d/b/a Topsy's, Inc., 1711 Ossie Davis Parkway, Package Sales / Beer, Wine and Liquor was presented for approval. The Privilege License was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; all voted affirmatively and the Privilege License was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 18-01 Surplus Real Property. The City owns approximately .11 acres that intersects at McDonald Street and Brunswick Avenue. The City has received a request from an adjacent property owner to purchase this property. If declared surplus, the property will be advertised for sale by sealed bid and brought back to the commission for approval to sell to the highest bidder. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare this property surplus and sell by sealed bid to the highest bidder. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented WAYX 18-02 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 to the highest bidder or on GovDeals.com.

WAYX 18-02 Surplus Property was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; and approved with a 3-0 vote.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross to Re-zone 1600 Riverside Avenue was presented for an emergency first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 1600 RIVERSIDE AVENUE FROM R-75 RESIDENTIAL TO M MEDICAL DISTRICT; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Ordinance No. O17-13 was approved for its emergency first reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved.

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross to Re-zone 1600 Riverside Avenue was presented for an emergency second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O17-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 1600 RIVERSIDE AVENUE FROM R-75 RESIDENTIAL TO M MEDICAL DISTRICT; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve Ordinance No. O17-13 re-zoning 1600 Riverside Avenue for its second emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a 3-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Declare the property located at the intersection of McDonald Street and Brunswick Avenue as Surplus was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-40**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO DECLARE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
McDONALD STREET AND BRUNSWICK AVENUE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO  
AUTHORIZE SALE TO HIGHEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross, Georgia, is the owner of certain real property located in the northwest corner of the intersection of McDonald Street and Brunswick Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, by quitclaim deed dated February 5, 2008, that certain real property from an abandoned railway right-of-way was given to the City of Waycross by CSX Transportation, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, there were no conditions placed on the transfer of real property to the City of Waycross by quitclaim deed from CSX Transportation, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, an adjoining property owner has expressed an interest in purchasing a portion of said real property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has no useable purpose for said real property and desires to declare said property as surplus property, and more particularly described as follows:

**Being a portion of Ware County Parcel number WA0803 085 A; and more particularly, being the 0.110 acre lot abutting on McDonald Street, and shown in a plat prepared by Charles H. Tomberlin on July 11, 2017, and incorporated herein by reference, said reference being made hereto for all property purposes; and**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 36-30-2 provides that the city commission has the discretion in the disposition of its property, where exercised in good faith; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to dispose of said real property as allowed by O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Commission hereby consents to and authorizes that the above-described real property be declared as surplus property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Waycross shall make such sale of said real property to the highest responsible bidder, either by sealed bids or by auction after due notice

has been given as provided and required by O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6 (a); and further that the City of Waycross shall have the right to reject any and all bids or to cancel any proposed sale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Purchasing Director are authorized, empowered and directed to make such sale to the highest responsible bidder, of said above-described real property as allowed by Georgia law, ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said city officials, and to be done, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this matter shall be brought back to the City Commission for approval to approve the sale and transfer said real property to the highest responsible bidder.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Julie Dinkins, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve declaring the property located at the intersection of McDonald Street and Brunswick Avenue as Surplus. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Purchase Two Submersible Grit pumps for the Wastes Water Treatment Plant was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO PURCHASE SUBMERSIBLE GRIT PUMPS FOR THE WASTE TREATMENT  
PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Waycross Waste Water Treatment plant is in dire need of replacing two of the submersible grit pumps; and

**WHEREAS**, a grit pump will trap the sand and protect downstream infrastructure from sediment damage; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter having been properly considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that a contract be awarded to Tekwell Services of Cartersville, Georgia, for the purchase of two (2) Hayward Gordon submersible pumps, for a total cost not to exceed \$33,000.00 and to be paid for from Water & Sewer funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Engineer be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the Contract on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Julie Dinkins, City Clerk**

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Purchase Two Submersible Grit pumps for the Waste Water Treatment Plant as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted positively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Travelers Public Sector Program to Provide the City of Waycross with Public Entity Insurance coverage was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-39**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE TRAVELERS PUBLIC SECTOR PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THE CITY  
OF WAYCROSS WITH PUBLIC ENTITY INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Human Resources Department sent requests for proposal (RFP) to Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Travelers, One Beacon, Liberty Mutual, Wright Specialty, Peachtree Special Risk and Nova Casualty; and

**WHEREAS**, the top three (3) proposals were from Travelers, GMA and a combination of Liberty Mutual and One Beacon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Resources Department is requesting approval of Travelers Public Sector Program because Travelers is the nation's leading provider of property and casualty insurance for public entities and is also the lowest premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Travelers will provide insurance coverage for property damage, inland marine, general liability, crime, professional liability, cyber liability, automobile and terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the City of Waycross has determined that this request is in the best interest of the City of Waycross; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Commission hereby approves the proposal by Travelers to provide the City of Waycross with public entity insurance coverage, effective July 1, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Department of Human Resources and her staff, and the Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager, are authorized and directed to take the necessary action to forthwith implement this insurance coverage by Travelers for the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, and to be done, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**  
**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**Julie Dinkins, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve Travelers Public Sector Program to Provide the City of Waycross with Public Entity Insurance coverage as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Following last call, Commissioner Larry Ethridge made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

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JOHN KNOX, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk