

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 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 Norman Davis, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was not present.

City Manager Raphael Maddox introduced Reverend Nathaniel Anderson, Evergreen Church, Bristol, Georgia 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 September 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. to close portions of Elizabeth Street and Jane Street.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Officer Rodney Foster, Waycross Police Department as the July 2017 Employee of the Month.

City Manager Raphael Maddox congratulated Officer Rodney Foster on being named Employee of the Month for July 2017. Mr. Maddox thanked Reverend Anderson for his invocation and applauded him for his good works, including his year round mentoring program in Waycross and the surrounding communities.

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 and Executive Session, Monday, July 10, 2017; Two Public Hearings and City Commission Meeting, July 11, 2017.

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

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

An Ordinance of the City of Waycross to Amend the Zoning Text Article VIII – Signs, Feather Flags was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O17-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII – SIGNS, SECTION 805 - DEFINITIONS, SECTION 806 – PERMITTING AND MAINTENANCE, SECTION 807 – GENERAL REGULATIONS; BY ADDING A DEFINITION OF FEATHER FLAGS, BY ALLOWING DISPLAY OF FEATHER FLAGS WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND BY CLEARLY PROHIBITING SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordinance No. O17-16 was approved for its first reading by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to memorialize its desire to host an Annual Football Game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University at Memorial Stadium was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO MEMORIALIZE ITS DESIRE TO HOST AN ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY AND FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY AT MEMORIAL STADIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross will host at Memorial Stadium in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II football game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University on Saturday, September 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross would like to make this an annual event between the two universities on the second Saturday in September for at least the next three (3) years, being 2018, 2019, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves of this annual football game and thus to the memorialization of its desire to have this football game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State

University on the second Saturday in September for at least the next three (3) years, being 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to said Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University, and other appropriate persons or entities.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of July, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Memorialize the City's Desire to Host an Annual Football Game between Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University at Memorial Stadium as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ware County for use and distribution of proceeds generated by the 2017 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS GENERATED BY THE 2017 TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE OPTION SALES TAX REFERENDUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Commission anticipates that the Ware County Board of Commissioners will approve and sign a resolution authorizing the Ware County Board of Elections to call a Referendum on the issue of the imposition of a 1 percent Single County Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (hereinafter referred to as “TSPLOST”) and

WHEREAS, the City Commission and the Ware County Board of Commissioners desire to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement to control the distribution and use of TSPLOST proceeds received, in the form of the Intergovernmental Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned Intergovernmental Agreement is conditioned upon the Referendum actually being approved by a majority of the voters of Ware County on November 7, 2017; 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 enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia, to control the distribution and use of TSPLOST proceeds, in the form of the Intergovernmental Agreement attached to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of July, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Mayor John Knox noted that in comparing the Regional TSPLOST to a local TSPLOST, the City of Waycross is estimated to receive \$15 M per year from a local TSPLOST, while a Regional TSPLOST would net approximately \$11,000,000 for the entire 10 year period. City Manager Raphel Maddox pointed out that (1) With the Regional TSPLOST priorities would be set by committee; priorities for a local TSPLOST would be set by the City Commission; (2) Residential roads have a better chance of being paved with local TSPLOST funds; and with the Regional SPLOST often small communities want to utilize the funds for operations.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ware County for use and distribution of proceeds generated by the 2017 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted positively and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

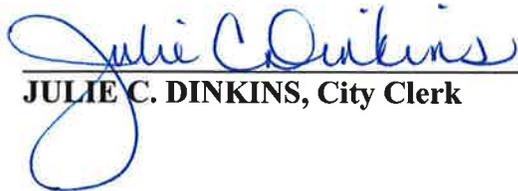
Reverend Romney Bellamy appeared before the Commission asking for support for his Back to School Pep Rally.

Following last call, Commissioner Larry Ethridge made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Norman Davis 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