

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
7:00 PM

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor John Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis, Larry T. Ethridge, and Jon Tindall. Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines was not present.

Commissioner Larry Ethridge introduced Pastor Herlene Fluker who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Mayor John Knox presented a Proclamation for 2016 National Night Out to Police Chief Tony Tanner.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
“NATIONAL NIGHT OUT” ON AUGUST 2, 2016

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) sponsors a national community-building campaign on August 2, 2016, entitled “National Night Out”; and

WHEREAS, the National Night Out event provides an opportunity for neighbors in the City of Waycross to join thirty-eight million (38,000,000) people in over sixteen thousand (16,000) communities from all fifty (50) states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide; and

WHEREAS, National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to live; and

WHEREAS, neighbors in the City of Waycross assist the Waycross Police Department through joint community-building efforts and support National Night Out 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all neighbors of the City of Waycross come together with police and work together to build a safer and better community; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and the City Commissioners of the City of Waycross do hereby call upon all neighbors of the City of Waycross to join the Mayor and City Commissioners of the City of Waycross and the National Association of Town Watch in support for “National Night Out” on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016.

FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Commission of the City of Waycross does hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 2, 2016, as “National Night Out” in the City of Waycross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Commission urges and encourages all employees, citizens and government officials of the City of Waycross to do everything possible to ensure that August 2, 2016, is recognized and celebrated accordingly.

SO RESOLVED, this 19th day of July, 2016.

John Knox, Mayor

Two Public Hearings were scheduled for August 16, 2016. The first is to Amend the Zoning Map from RS – Residential to R-90 Residential at 909 Richmond Avenue at 6:30 p.m. and a special exception request for 909 Richmond Avenue at 6:45 pm

Public Works Director, Wilton Deloach, standing in for City Manager Raphel Maddox, invited Police Chief Tony Tanner to share with the public about the National Night Out event planned for August 2, 2016. Events are being planned for each District and the City Auditorium.

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 and Information Session and Executive Session; Tuesday, July 5, 2016; and City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Three ordinance second readings:

1. Rezoning Property Located in the Area of Clough/Rosedale/Genoa Streets from GI – General Industrial to R-50 Residential Amending Chapter 32 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article V. – Parks, Grass, Plants, Squares, by adding a new section 32-140 Subsection (10) Pertaining to Renaming Louisiana Avenue to R.L. McGee Drive
2. Amending Chapter 32 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article V – Parks, Grass, Plants, Squares, by adding a new section 32-140 Subsection (10) Pertaining to Renaming Louisiana Avenue to R L McGee Drive
3. Amending Zoning Ordinance Text to Amend Article VII – Requirements by District, Section 717 – Mixed Use Corridor District; to Delete Delineation of Corridor Z from Section 717.

No Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

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

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Resume Funding of the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-51

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO RESUME FUNDING OF THE WAYCROSS AND WARE COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2015, the Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 and which included \$25,000.00 being budgeted for the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority, payable in twelve (12) equal monthly payments of \$2,083.34; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Number 15-27, dated June 16, 2015, the City Commission discontinued and withheld funding of the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary and prudent to provide and resume funding of the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the City of Waycross, on June 21, 2016, adopted a balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and which included \$50,000.00 (to be paid in 12 monthly payments of \$4,166.67) in the General Fund Budget for the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority; 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 shall immediately begin making monthly payments to the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority in the amount of \$4,166.67 a month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Finance Director be directed, authorized and empowered to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 19th day of July, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Larry Ethridge made the motion to adopt the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Resume Funding of the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve a Contract between the City of Waycross and Ware County for the billing and collection of municipal taxes for the City of Waycross was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS AND WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL TAXES FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Roger Collins is the duly elected Tax Commissioner for Ware County, Georgia, and is empowered by the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia to collect State, County and municipal ad valorem property taxes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 48-5-359.1, a county may contract with a municipality, subject to approval by the Tax Commissioner of the County, for the Tax Commissioner to prepare the tax digest for such municipality, and to assess and collect municipal taxes in the same manner as county taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to enter into a Contract with Ware County, Georgia, for the Tax Commissioner to bill and collect City of Waycross municipal ad valorem property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Contract shall be for a period of four (4) years, with the amount being paid to Ware County fixed for Fiscal Year 2017 commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, at \$20,200.00 and 2.5% of the mobile home taxes collected; and for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020, commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020, at \$30,200.00 and 2.5% of the mobile home taxes collected, in the form of the proposed Contract attached hereto; 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 a Contract with Ware County, Georgia for the Tax Commissioner to prepare the tax digest for such municipality, and to assess and collect municipal taxes in the same manner as county taxes, for a term of four (4) years, commencing July 1, 2016,

and ending at midnight on June 30, 2020, in the form of the Contract attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the said Contract 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 19th day of July, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve a Contract between the City of Waycross and Ware County for the billing and collection of municipal taxes for the City of Waycross as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall. Commissioners Davis, Ethridge and Tindall voted yes; Commissioner Diane Hopkins voted no. The motion carried with a 3 – 1 vote.

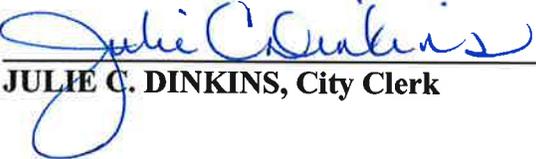
Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk