

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Honorable Michael-Angelo James, Mayor of the City of Waycross. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Mayor Pro Tem John Threat, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Henry Strickland. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem John Threat introduced Pastor Richard Gifford, Pentecostals of Waycross Church to do the invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James.

Marc Hawkins Community Improvement Director suggested the Appointment of Joe Skinner for Waycross & Ware County Planning Commission Post 8. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for approval of appointment, and Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion.

City Manager Tonya Miller reminded Commission of the Mileage Rate Public Hearings.

There were no Public Remarks on Official Action.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Michelle Love for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. 2) Public Hearing, Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 4:45 p.m. 3) Waycross City Commission Meeting and Executive Session, Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

There were no Ordinances presented for second readings.

There were no Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis, second by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and approved with all votes.

The following Privilege License was presented for approval:

1. Nayana Inc DBA OM Convenience, Dipal Patel, 935 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales Beer and Wine.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for approval of Privilege License presented as read; Commissioner Henry Strickland second the motion. The motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented the following bid:

1. Bid #FY21-01 Tebeau Street Repair, Resurfacing, and Utility Improvements. Purchasing issued bids in two divisions to obtain best pricing. Two bids were received for street repair and resurfacing, and three competitive bids were received for utility improvements. After staff review, it is the recommendation to award East Coast Asphalt LLC of Douglas, Georgia and Underground Excavation of Patterson, Georgia for a total of \$1,248,466.70. Bids were the lowest and best for the project of \$ 1,248,466.70 meeting all requirements and specifications.

Commissioner Henry Strickland moved that the bid be accepted for the approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was approved by all present.

An Ordinances was presented for first reading.

### **ORDINANCE NO. O20-09**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII – SIGNS, SECTION 806 – PERMITTING AND MAINTENANCE, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 806.6 – MAINTENANCE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Amend Article VIII – Signs, Section 806 – Permitting and Maintenance, by Amending Subsection 806.6- Maintenance was motioned for approval as submitted by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem John Threat. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to East Coast Asphalt LLC for Tebeau Street Repair and Resurfacing Project was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-73**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO EAST COAST ASPHALT L.L.C. FOR TEBEAU STREET REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1.7 miles of Tebeau Street is in need of street repair, resurfacing and utility improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Tebeau Street was designated as one of the top priorities for resurfacing needs under the Local Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (hereinafter “T-SPLOST”); and

**WHEREAS**, this bid was issued in two (2) divisions in order to obtain the best pricing – one for street repair and resurfacing and the other for utility improvements ; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project for street repair and resurfacing through competitive bidding, and received and opened two (2) bids tendered from area contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, East Coast Asphalt L.L.C. of Douglas, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project of **\$1,248,466.70**, and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Waycross City Commission that the Bid Contract for the above-described Tebeau Street repair and resurfacing project be awarded to East Coast Asphalt L.L.C. of Douglas, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed **\$1,248,466.70**, and to be paid from T-SPLOST funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Bid 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 AND ADOPTED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to East Coast Asphalt LLC for Tebeau Street Repair and Resurfacing Project was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Underground Excavating, Inc. for Tebeau Street Utility Improvements Projects was presented to the Commissioners for approval.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. R20-74**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO UNDERGROUND EXCAVATING, INC. FOR TEBEAU STREET UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1.7 miles of Tebeau Street is in need of street repair, resurfacing and utility improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Tebeau Street was designated as one of the top priorities for mill, repair, resurfacing and replacing water services under the Local Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (hereinafter "T-SPLOST"); and

**WHEREAS**, this bid was issued in two (2) divisions in order to obtain the best pricing – one for street repair and resurfacing and the other for utility improvements ; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project for utility improvements through competitive bidding, and received and opened three (3) bids tendered from area contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Underground Excavation of Patterson, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project of **\$574,860.00**, and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Waycross City Commission that the Bid Contract for the above-described Tebeau Street utility improvements project be awarded to

Underground Excavating of Patterson, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed **\$574,860.00**, and to be paid from T-SPLOST funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney be authorized and directed to execute the Bid 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 AND ADOPTED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Mayor Pro Tem John Threat made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Bid Contract to Underground Excavating, Inc. for Tebeau Street Utility Improvements Projects as presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Correct and Amend Resolution R19-74 was presented to the Commission for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-75**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO CORRECT AND  
AMEND RESOLUTION R19-74; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution R19-94, adopted on December 18, 2019, the City Commission authorized and approved the signing and execution of WPD Training Reimbursement Agreements with five (5) candidates for employment with the Waycross Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) of those candidates, **Joshua Henderson** (who did not accept the offer of employment from the Waycross Police Department) and **Jesse Shook** (who was already a

certified police officer in the State of Georgia) did not sign and execute said WPD Training Reimbursement Agreement; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission of the City of Waycross hereby corrects and amends Resolution R19-74, adopted on December 18, 2019, to reflect that the Training Reimbursement Agreements with Joshua Henderson and Jesse Shook were not signed and executed since Joshua Henderson did not accept the offer of employment from the Waycross Police Department and Jesse Shook was already a certified police officer in the State of Georgia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute this Resolution and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Correct and Amend Resolution R19-74 was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Modify the City of Waycross Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Priority List was presented to the Commission for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-76**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO MODIFY THE CITY OF WAYCROSS TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PRIORITY LIST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross receives funds from 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 created a TSPLOST Priority List on July 21 2017, attached hereto as an Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if fully set out; and the City Commission having modified said Priority List on May 19, 2020, by Resolution No. R20-51; and

**WHEREAS**, the TSPLOST Priority List is “subject to modification based on logistics and changes in field conditions”; and

**WHEREAS**, such logistics and changes in field conditions now exist requiring that Central Avenue project, being number 56 on said attached Exhibit A, be given more priority on the TSPLOST Priority List; 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 hereby modifies the TSPLOST Priority List, being Exhibit A, as follows: the Central Avenue project, shall become Priority Number 56 on said attached Exhibit shall become Priority Number 6; and furthermore, it is the intention of City Commission, and it is hereby resolved, that the projects following the Central Avenue project as new Project Number 6, and starting with the Crawford Street N project, be thereafter re-numbered sequentially.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be empowered, authorized and directed 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Modify the City of Waycross Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Priority List was motion for approval by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines as presented. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

BY: *+ Michael Angelo James*  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

*Michelle Love*  
**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**





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