

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, and John Threat. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent. Mr. Wilton Deloach was present, serving as Interim City Manager.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Ms. Robin Brookins, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Mr. Rex Lyons, Building Maintenance Technician, Engineering Department, as the Employee of the Month for August, 2018.

Mr. Wilton Deloach, Interim City Manager, informed the Commission that Republic Services has been experiencing some issues. Trash is being hauled to Broadhurst in Jesup delaying some pickup times. However pickup should be back on schedule Monday. Public Works received their new street sweeper and building on Fire Station 4 is right on schedule.

Public remarks on official action included the following citizens who all expressed their support for Mr. Raphael Maddox: Bennie Reed, Lawrence Ethridge, Freddie J Maddox, Leonard Burse, Ossie M. Andrews, Pater Samuel Sellers, III, James Medlock, Renae Sellers, Johnny Mitcham, Charles W Johnson, Clarence Billups, Steven Blackerby, Stacy Taylor and Ola Smith.

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 Commissioner Called Meeting and Executive Session, Friday, July 13, 2018; Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, July 16, 2018; Public Hearing on Renaming the City Auditorium, July 17, 2018 and Waycross City Commission Meeting and Executive Session, Monday, July 17, 2018.

Two Ordinance Second Readings: 1) Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control and 2) Amending the Code of the City of Waycross, Clothesline Ban.

There were no consent resolutions, and no privilege license renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Privilege License for new owner, Towana Brown, d/b/a Jay Food Mart, 1302 Sweat Street, Beer and Wine, Package Sales was presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the privilege License; seconded by Commissioner John Threat; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Surplus Property WAYX 19-01, requesting that certain property be declared surplus. The surplus bicycles will be sent to D Ray James Prison in Folkston for repair and returned to WPD and donated the various charities around Waycross. The remainder of the items will be sold on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to declare these items surplus; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

An Ordinance the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia Amending Chapter 30, Parks and Recreation, renaming the City Auditorium to C.C. McCray City Auditorium was presented for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 018-11**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 – PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE III. – PARK AND PUBLIC FACILITY NAMING BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 30-59 PERTAINING TO THE NAMING OF THE CITY AUDITORIUM AS C.C. McCRAY CITY AUDITORIUM; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance renaming the City Auditorium to C.C. McCray City Auditorium as presented for the first reading. Commissioner John Threat seconded the motion; Commissioners Solomon-Gaines and Threat voted yes; Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and Commissioner Diane Hopkins voted no; Mayor John Knox broke the tie by voting No and the motion failed.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to Amend Chapter 34, Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations, pertaining to the number of yard sales a person is allowed was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O18-12**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 – TAXATION, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XII. – YARD SALES, SECTION 34-352 – NUMBER AND DURATION, PERTAINING TO THE NUMBER OF YARD SALES A PERSON IS ALLOWED; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to Amend Chapter 34, Taxation, Licenses and Business Regulations, pertaining to the number of yard sales a person is allowed as presented for the first reading was approved by motion Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Remove the City Manager from office and to Terminate the Contract of the City Manager for the City of Waycross was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-62**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REMOVE THE CITY MANAGER FROM OFFICE AND TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT OF CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager of Waycross, Georgia, Raphael D. Maddox, was placed on paid Administrative Leave pending an investigation, effective July 13, 2018, and said investigation having been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, an independent investigation revealed sufficient evidence of inappropriate behavior and conduct toward other employees in the work environment such that the City Commission believes further disciplinary action is warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 25 of the City Charter provides that the City Manager shall be appointed for an indefinite period and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission, subject to removal by them at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of the City Manager's Contract provides that a majority of the Commission may vote to terminate the City Manager's employment at a duly authorized public meeting; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a majority of the Commission of the City of Waycross that Raphel Maddox is hereby removed from his position as City Manager and that the Contract of the City Manager, Raphel D. Maddox, be, and the same is hereby terminated, effective immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that WILTON DELOACH shall continue as Acting or Interim City Manager and that his monthly base salary shall be fixed at **\$6371.76** payable for a period of time not to exceed six months from July 13, 2018.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Remove the City Manager from office and to Terminate the Contract of the City Manager for the City of Waycross as presented for approval was approved by motion from Commissioner John Threat; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Purchase Pipe from Consolidated Pipe and Supply for the Georgia Street Emergency Storm Drain Replacement Project was presented to the Commissioners for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-63**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO PURCHASE PIPE FROM CONSOLIDATED PIPE AND SUPPLY FOR THE GEORGIA STREET EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, there was recent storm drain pipe collapse and cave-in on Baker Street between Georgia Street and Ann Street; and

**WHEREAS**, this work needs to be completed on an emergency basis in order to prevent further collapse and danger to citizens and property; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waycross, section 2-320 (b), the city manager, or his designee, used best efforts to obtain competitive pricing for said emergency services and all actions taken by the city manager, or his designee, were pursuant to Code section 2-320 and were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, all labor for the project will be provided in-house by the City and only the purchase of the drain pipe is required; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were requested from three (3) contractors who responded with bids, with Consolidated Pipe and Supply of Waycross, Georgia, submitting the lowest and best bid for at a cost of \$8,092.00 for 200 feet (200') of 42" dual-wall HDPE corrugated storm drain pipe, and to be paid out of S.P.L.O.S.T funds; and

**WHEREAS**, said matter being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approves the emergency procedures used by the city manager and/or his designee and that the above-described 200' feet of pipe be purchased from Consolidated Pipe and Supply of Waycross, Georgia for a price not more than \$8,092.00 for the Georgia Street emergency storm drain replacement project, and to be paid out of S.P.L.O.S.T. funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be 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 of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

**SO RESOLVED**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
**JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Purchase Pipe from Consolidated Pipe and Supply for the Georgia Street Emergency Storm Drain Replacement Project as presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

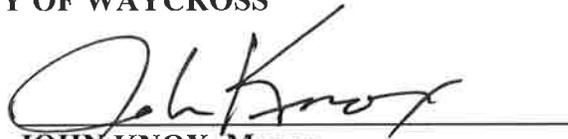
Following last call, Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted yes and the meeting adjourned into Executive Session. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to return the meeting to open session; seconded by Commissioner John Threat; all voted positively and the meeting returned to open session.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**ATTEST:**

**BY:**

  
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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

  
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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**