

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson; Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Bishop Michael Flynn, Pastor, First Born Church of the Living God who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups scheduled a Public Hearing on an Unopened 10-Foot Alley Closing on Alleyway Running East to West from Nellie Street to Banks Street for Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Raphael Maddox thanked Police Chief Tony Tanner for supporting the Magnolia House by participating in Dancing with the Stars. Much money was raised in support of the battered women's shelter.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups gave kudos to Chief Tanner, thanking him for his participation and the community's support as well. Mayor Billups offered condolences to the Hill family and asked for prayer for the family, school, friends, teammates, and community.

During public remarks on official action, Mr. John Summerlin commented on the Historic Preservation District, stating that he does not wish his property to be a part of the HP District.

Mayor Billups 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, August 3, 2015; Public Hearing on 721 Donald Street and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2015; and a Special Called Meeting to Discuss Pierce County, August 11, 2015.

There were no Ordinance Second Readings, Consent Resolutions and no Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

One Privilege License, a new owner, Kalpeshkumar P. Patel, d/b/a Waycross Food and Beverage, 1302 Brunel Street, Beer and Wine, Package Sales was presented for approval. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Waycross Food and Beverage. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted favorably and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Annexing into the Corporate Limits of Waycross Certain Property at 721 Donald Street and establishing zoning classification was presented to the Commission for approval of the FIRST Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-20

AN ORDINANCE UNDER AUTHORITY OF O.C.G.A. SECTIONS 36-36-20 AND 36-36-21 AND PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. SECTIONS 36-36-3 and 36-36-4 TO ANNEX INTO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CERTAIN PROPERTY AT 721 DONALD STREET; TO ESTABLISH ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE ANNEXED PROPERTY; TO ZONE SAID PROPERTY TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO CHANGE THE LAND USE PLAN; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Annexing into the Corporate Limits of Waycross Certain Property at 721 Donald Street and establishing zoning classification as presented to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 pertaining to set-back requirements and fences was presented to the Commission for approval of the FIRST Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 - BUILDING, ARTICLE V - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 7-111, SUBSECTION B, PERTAINING TO LOCATION OF FENCES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code Pertaining to Set-backs and Fences for the FIRST Reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 15 ½ Historic Preservation was presented for an emergency reading and approval of the FIRST reading;

ORDINANCE NO. 15-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 ½, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15 ½ - 9, PERTAINING TO AUTHORITY TO ACT IF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IS NOT ACTIVE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 15 ½ Historic Preservation for an emergency reading and FIRST reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Norman Davis voting No.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 15 ½ Historic Preservation was presented for an emergency reading and approval of the SECOND and FINAL reading;

ORDINANCE NO. 15-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 ½, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15 ½ - 9, PERTAINING TO AUTHORITY TO ACT IF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IS NOT ACTIVE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 15 ½ Historic Preservation for an emergency reading and SECOND and FINAL reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Norman Davis casting the dissenting vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Fire Code was presented for the FIRST reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-22

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE III – FIRE PREVENTION CODE, ARTICLE VI – LIFE SAFETY CODE, ARTICLE VII – GEORGIA ACCESSIBILITY CODE FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AND ARTICLE VIII – APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND FIRE RELATED CODES TO EXISTING BUILDINGS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The FIRST reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Fire Code was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Curtis Virgil addressed the Commission regarding HIV Awareness. Mr. Virgil thanked the Commission for declaring December 1, 2015 as National HIV Awareness Day.

Mr. Maurice Mungin appeared before the Commission to thank the Commission for their support in his quest to further his singing career and especially thanking Chief Tanner.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

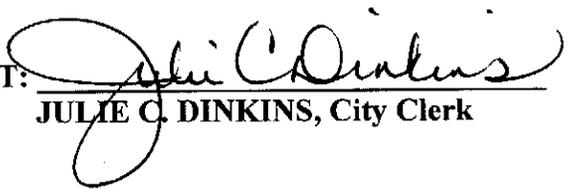
CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS

Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk