

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

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Diane Hopkins, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Larry Ethridge. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent.

Mayor John Knox introduced Fire Chief David Eddins who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor John Knox read a Proclamation Honoring Junior Johnson.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Whereas, Daniel “Junior” Jackson, beloved citizen of Waycross, will be honored by the Mayor and Commission of the City of Waycross on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, by its presentation of the “Good Citizenship” proclamation during its regular meeting; and

Whereas, the endearing son of the late Daniel Jackson and Dorothy Jackson, Daniel “Junior” Jackson is highly regarded in the Waycross community. He experiences milestones in his faith, in his vision, and in his steadfastness of serving the lord, the Lord’s children and the member of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church each and every day; and

Whereas, the loving and caring characteristics of this spirited vessel is witnessed daily through the Waycross community as Junior Jackson cares for others. This particular incident is no exception. While walking by a neighbor’s dwelling, Junior Jackson observed that someone had fallen in the yard and was unable to get up and get on this feet after several hours had passed. Noting the problem, Junior Jackson summoned a neighbor who provided this much needed assistance to the fallen neighbor.

NOW THEREFORE, in honor and in recognition of the many, many good deeds performed by Junior Jackson, I, John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do call upon our community to join with the City of Waycross in honoring this good citizen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 5th day of September, 2017.

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

Police Chief Tony Tanner introduced Chief Brian Childress of the Valdosta Police Department. Chief Childress presented the State Certification Plaque to Chief Tanner as well as an award to Captain Danny Hampton. Chief Tanner thanked his staff, stating that they do a great job.

The City of Waycross and ESG were the recipients of several awards. Mr. John Sawyer, Public Works Director for Savannah, Georgia presented one platinum award for 14 years with no violations. One Gold award for 5 years with no violations at the Industrial park Water Treatment plant. Another platinum awarded was presented for 12 years with no violations at the Waycross Water Pollution control Plant. The last award was presented to Ms. June Justice, Top Operator for District 7. Ms. Justice is retiring after a long career with the City and ESG.

HR Director Trinija Martin introduced Mr. Leonard Stewart, Public Works Department as the September, 2017 Employee of the Month.

City Manager Raphel Maddox congratulated all of the award winners.

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, August 14, 2017; Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting, August 15 2017.

Two Ordinance Second Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 017-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 103 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VIII – FENCES, SECTION 103-178, SUBSECTION (8) COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL FENCING; BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (b) (3) (vi), PERTAINING TO USE OF BARBED WIRE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 017-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE II. –NUISANCES AND OFFENSIVE CONDITIONS, SECTIONS 26-19 TO 26-23, INCLUSIVE, PERTAINING TO NUISANCES AND THE ABATEMENT THEREOF; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

No Consent Resolutions or Privilege Licenses Renewals were presented.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

One Privilege License for a new applicant, Anthony Vincent Dixon d/b/a John Sutton American Legion Post 517, 710 Dorothy Street, Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor. The Privilege License was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Second Privilege License for a new applicant, Anthony Vincent Dixon d/b/a John Sutton American Legion Post 517, 710-A Dorothy Street, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor. The Privilege License was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Adoption of Policies and Procedures and Program Design for the CHIP grant was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-49

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND PROGRAM DESIGN
FOR COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Commissioners and it is hereby resolved by authority of same.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have found it necessary to adopt policies and procedures and program design standards for the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant Number 2017-112 and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have adopted the Policies and Procedures for the homeowner rehabilitation design by DCA in accordance with the requirements of the SFY2017 CHIP Program Administrative Manual, HUD and other required federal and state regulations. Whereas, the Manual should be used in conjunction with that already accepted Program Design based on the City's approved 2017 application.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Commission that they have adopted the written Rehabilitation Standards designed by DCA in accordance with the requirements of the SFY2017 CHIP Program Description. Manuals, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other required federal and state regulations. The Standards will be used in conjunction with the City's already accepted design based on the City's Approved application;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Commission that they have adopted the Program Design and the DCA Homeowners' Rehabilitation Assistance Policies and Procedures Manual that will be used to administer the CHIP program as set forth by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for financial assistance pursuant to this housing rehabilitation grant project.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Adoption of Policies and Procedures and Program Design for the CHIP grant as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross Authorizing THE Adoption of CHIP Grant Homeowners Eligibility Requirements for Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR THE
ADOPTION OF CHIP GRANT HOMEOWNERS ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross has found it necessary to adopt homeowners eligibility requirements for the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant Number 2017-112; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby establishes homeowners' eligibility requirements as follows:

- Must be a single unit owner-occupied, stick built or modular housing unit;
- Must be properly owned as per 24 CFR 92.254;
- Gross household income must be less than 80% of the average median income for the county as established by HUD;
- Must be a homeowner in the submitted Northside Area (partial Census Tract 9504) bounded by Bailey Street, Dorothy Street, Tebeau Street, Albany Street and the Railroad Tracks (see attached map);
- Must have and maintain fire insurance;
- Must have property taxes paid up to date;
- After rehabilitation property value limit not to exceed 95% of the median property values for the area as per 24 CFR 92.254.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission will provide assistance through the CHIP grant according to the property value limits for homeownership activities as outlined in the HOME Final Rule published on July 24, 2013; no home receiving assistance will have an after rehabilitation value that exceeds 95 percent of the area median purchase price for existing single-family units, as issued by Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the after rehabilitation will be established prior to any rehabilitation work being performed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Commission that the eligibility requirements that will be used to administer the CHIP program are set forth by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for financial assistance pursuant to this housing rehabilitation grant project.

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.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross A Resolution of the City of Waycross Authorizing the Adoption of CHIP Grant Homeowners Eligibility Requirements for Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion. All voted positively and the motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross adopting the Section 3 Policies & Procedures for Community Home Investment Program Grant (CHIP) was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR THE ADOPTION OF SECTION 3 POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) is a federally funded initiative managed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs but provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and CHIP grants are awarded to help low to moderate income families do home repairs and address code violations affecting the dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross has found it necessary to adopt Section 3 Policies and Procedures for the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant Number 2017-112; 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 does hereby adopt the City of Waycross CHIP Section 3 Policies & Procedures designed by Georgia Department of Community Affairs and in accordance with the requirements of the SFY2017 CHIP Program Description, Manuals, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other required federal and state regulations.

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.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross adopting the Section 3 Policies & Procedures for Community Home Investment Program Grant (CHIP) was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried.

A Resolution adopting a Language Access Plan for Georgia Department of Community Affairs and US Housing and Urban Development Funded Grants and Program was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R17-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR THE ADOPTION OF A LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN FOR GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND U.S. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDED GRANTS AND PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross has found it necessary to adopt a Language Access Plan (LAP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) and other Georgia Department of Community Affairs (GA DCA) & U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded grants & programs; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that City Commission does hereby adopt the City of Waycross Language Access Plan (LAP) in accordance with the requirements of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (GA DCA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other required federal and state regulations.

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.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of September, 2017.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
Julie Dinkins, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution adopting a Language Access Plan for Georgia Department of Community Affairs and US Housing and Urban Development Funded Grants and Program as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines 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