

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
5:00 PM

The Honorable John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross called the Regular City Commission Meeting to order on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Members in attendance with Mayor John Knox were: Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, John Threat, and Jon Tindall. City Manager Tonya Miller and City Attorney Rick Currie were also in attendance. Commissioner Norman Davis was not present.

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 John Knox.

Under Executive Duties, Human Resources Director Ed Lastinger presented Kelly .Taylor, Code Officer, as the Employee of the month for September 2019,

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: Approval of Minutes: 1.) Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session, Waycross City Commission Meeting, and Executive Session, Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

There were two Ordinance Second Readings as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 019-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 – NUISANCES, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE V. – BLIGHTED REAL PROPERTY AND ITS REMEDIATION, AND BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 26-100 THROUGH 26-106, PERTAINING TO PROVIDING FOR A LEVY OF INCREASE ON AD VALOREM TAXES FOR BLIGHTED REAL PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR IDENTIFICATION OF BLIGHTED REAL PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR ITS REMEDIATION; TO PROVIDE FOR A DECREASE ON AD VALOREM TAXES ON PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES; TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 019-19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 – NUISANCES, ARTICLE III. – ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE ON PROPERTY, BY AMENDING THE TITLE OF SECTION 26. – 55. – BLIGHT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no Privilege License Renewals, or consent resolutions presented.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones, presented Sole Source Purchase Repair Part – Walker Processing Equipment. The WWTP Trickling Filter #2, which was built in the 1960's is in need of repair; this part must be supplied by the manufacturer which is Walker Processing Equipment of Aurora, Il. Mr. Joel Hall, ESG, recommends replacement of the base column, bearing and seals for this filter at the cost of \$21, 7265.00. Funds are available in the Water and Sewer Capital Fund. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the purchase; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director, Linda Jones, presented Bid #FY20-08 Engineering Services. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services on behalf of the City of Waycross for upcoming CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvements. Purchasing received 10 statements of qualifications from area engineers. After staff review, staff recommends awarding the engineering bid to Coastal Engineering of St. Simons Island, Georgia as receiving the highest score. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to table this bid for further review; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins. After discussion; Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines withdrew her motion and Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins withdrew her second. Commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the motion withdrawal. Commissioner Jon Tindall recused himself from all votes with regard to Coastal Engineering due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the RFQ for Engineering Services as presented; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor 3-0; with Commissioner Jon Tindall abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

The Ordinance to Approve Organizational Restructuring of the Engineering Division and to Transfer Certain Personnel in the Engineering Division to Other Departments was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 019-20

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION; TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PERSONNEL IN THE

**ENGINEERING DIVISION TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance to Approve Organizational Restructuring of the Engineering Division and to Transfer Certain Personnel in the Engineering Division to Other Departments was presented for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Amend the FY 2018 Budget was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. R19-57
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has appropriations that were not approved in the original Fiscal Year 2018 budget; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 36-81-3 (d) allows a local government to amend its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 on June 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget by creating the following revenue budgets as reflected in attached Exhibit A, in the amounts and form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, into the Amended Fiscal Year 2018 budget; and

WHEREAS, further, the City Commission deems it also necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget by creating the following corresponding expenditure budgets as reflected in attached Exhibit B, in the amounts and form attached hereto Resolution and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, into the Amended Fiscal Year 2018 budget; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-mentioned adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget be made and a copy of the Amended Budget be attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

SO RESOLVED this 17th day of September, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution to Amend the FY 2018 Budget was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Select Coastal Engineering for the City’s Engineering Services for Community Development Block Grant Projects was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. R19-58

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO SELECT COASTAL ENGINEERING FOR THE CITY’S ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross will have the need to address issues involving water, sewer, street, and flooding and drainage improvements for Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter “CDBG”) Public Infrastructure Improvement projects or other available grants; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission recently issued, on behalf of the City of Waycross, a Request for Qualifications for engineering services for any of the above-mentioned projects; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing department has received ten (10) statements of qualifications from area engineers; and

WHEREAS, after staff review, it is the recommendation that Coastal Engineering of St. Simon’s Island, Georgia, be selected and utilized for engineering services for any CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvement projects during Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 unless the City Commission takes any positive action to terminate this arrangement; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Commission of the City of Waycross selects, and will utilize, the engineering services of Coastal Engineering of St. Simon’s Island, Georgia, for engineering services for any CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvement project, or any other available grants, during Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal 2021 unless the City Commission takes positive action to terminate this arrangement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any actual contract or agreement with Coastal Engineering of St. Simon’s Island, Georgia, for any CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvement project, or any other available grant, shall be approved by separate Resolution of this City Commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute this Resolution 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, this 17th day of September, 2019.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution to Select Coastal Engineering for the City’s Engineering Services for Community Development Block Grant Projects was presented for approval as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner John Threat and approved with a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Jon Tindall abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Following last call, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor John Knox.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

ATTEST:

BY: _____
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk