

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016
7:00 PM

The City Commissioner of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Diane Hopkins, Larry Ethridge, Norman Davis and Jon Tindall.

Commissioner Jon Tindall introduced Reverend Rodney Thrift, Pastor, Destination Church of Blackshear, Georgia who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Mayor John Knox presented a Proclamation in honor of HIV Awareness Day, December 1, 2016 to Mr. Curtis Virgil, Chief Operations Officer for Georgia Minority Alliance for Advocating Community Awareness and Action, Inc. (MAACA).

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

HIV AWARENESS DAY

DECEMBER 1, 2016

Whereas, the global effect of HIV infection necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education, and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, the joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop and spread of HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, the American Association for World Health is encountering a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase with 1.5 million people in the U.S. and 50,000 in Georgia now infected; and

Whereas, World HIV/AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and AIDS and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and

Whereas, because men represent the majority of people living with HIV/AIDS, the World AIDS Day urges all men and women to increase their awareness of the risk of HIV/AIDS for themselves, their partners and their children and to use their influences in their families, among their friends and in their communities to help stem the tide of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that I, John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby declare that the City of Waycross observe December 1, 2016, as being World HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. I urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and to join in the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

In witness whereby I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of October, 2016.

John Knox, Mayor

Mayor John Knox presented a Proclamation in honor of Sound of Gold Marching Championship Day to Albert L. Bussey Jr., Director of Banks of the Golden Gator Band.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

SOUND OF GOLD MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

WHEREAS, *The Waycross community is proud the Band Boosters of the Ware County Golden Gator Marching Band is sponsoring the Sound of Gold Marching Championship at Memorial Stadium in Waycross on October 22, 2016; and*

WHEREAS, *the 2016 marching season of the Ware County High School Golden Gator Marching Band herald a long history of fine musical performance by our renowned high school marching band that is comprised of more than 100 talented members; and*

WHEREAS, *the Ware County High School Golden Gator Marching Band is synonymous with masterful musicianship and excellent performance precision both on and off the field and it is appropriate these talented musicians host a marching championship in our community.*

NOW THEREFORE, *in honor and in recognition of the Golden Gator Sound of Gold Marching Championship in Waycross, I, John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross, and I Jimmy Brown, Chairman of the Ware County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare Saturday, October 22, 106, as the Sound of Gold Marching Championship Day in Waycross and Ware County and we call upon our citizens to appropriately welcome the numerous bands, hundreds of band students, their families and friends that will be in Waycross on October 22nd for the championship program. We commend the Gold Gator Marching Students for their performance distinction they bring to Waycross and Ware County.*

In witness whereof, *we have hereunto set our hands and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross and Ware County to be affixed this 30th day of September, 2016.*

Jimmy Brown, Chairman

John Knox, Mayor

Human Resources Director Trinija Martin introduced Mr. Rafeal James of the Engineering Department who was named Employee of the Month for October, 2016.

City Manager Raphael Maddox presented trophies to Commissioner Jon Tindall and Community Improvement Director Sloan Fountain for winning the Georgia Warden's Golf Tournament. Mr. Maddox thanked all City Commissioners and employees for who volunteered their services to make the Okefenokee Classic a success. He also thanked Mr. Robert Young, who as an employee of the Board of Education who also assisted with the game.

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 and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, September 19, 2016; City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 20, 2016; Public Hearings Regarding proposed Millage Rate, Tuesday, September 27, 2016; Monday, October 3 at 10 am and Monday, October 3 at 11 am.

No Consent Resolutions, Ordinance Second Readings or Privilege License Renewals.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY17-02 Cameras for Waycross Police Department. The Waycross Police Department has approved FY17 SPLOST funds to purchase six (6) Martel DC3 in car camera systems. Purchasing is recommending the City award the bid to Hasty's Communications as being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications totaling \$25,525.00. The bid was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted yes and the purchase was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY17-03 Cameras for Waycross Police Department. The Waycross Police Department has approved FY17 SPLOST funds to purchase six (6) Kenwood 50W Mobile Radios to be installed in the new police cars. Purchasing is recommending the City award the bid to Monroe Communications as being the best value bid meeting all specifications in the amount of \$9330.00. This price includes a \$330.00 rebate offered by the manufacturer. Monroe has included 6 external speakers at no charge (\$240.00 value.) Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the purchase of radios. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Waycross Police Department has approved FY17 SPLOST funds to purchase 6 new Whelen Light Bars to be installed on the new police cars. FY17-04 Light Bars was presented by Purchasing Director Linda Jones who made the recommendation that the bid be awarded to West Chatham Warning Devices as being the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications. This bid came in at \$9,758.60 for 6 Whelen Light Bars. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the bid to West Chatham Warning Devices. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented FY17-05 In Car Equipment for Waycross Police Department. The Waycross Police Department has approved FY17 SPLOST funds to purchase six (6) each of the required equipment. Purchasing is recommending the City award the bid to Hasty's Communications as being the lowest and best bid meeting all specification with our 5% Local Preference Ordinance. The bid totaled \$23,100.00. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the purchase of radios. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge and approved with a 5-0 vote.

The Engineering Department has FY17 SPLOST building funds to replace the shingle roof at the Water Plant on Alice Street. Purchasing Director Linda Jones recommended awarding FY17-06 which includes the labor/shingle portion of this project to Childers Roofing of Jacksonville, Florida as being the lowest and best bid meeting all of our specifications in the

amount of \$55,700.00. (Low bid did not meet specs.) The bid was approved by motion from Commissioner Jon Tindall; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted positively and the bid was approved.

The Engineering Department has FY17 SPLOST building funds to replace the shingle roof at the Water Plant on Alice Street. Staff recommends purchasing roofing materials for the Water Plant project off the US Communities Contract #09-5408 excluding the shingles, which are a part of the labor bid from Garland Company. Along with the purchase of these materials, we will also receive project management services, inspections, bidding documents and drawing prep work at no additional cost. Total material cost not to exceed \$18,816.00. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the award of the bid to Garland Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted yes and the bid was awarded.

An Ordinance for Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2016 and setting the millage rate at 10.998 mills was presented to the Commission for approval of the first emergency reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-21

AN ORDINANCE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTING AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2016; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2016 as presented for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

An Ordinance for Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2016 and setting the millage rate at 10.998 mills was presented to the Commission for approval of the second and final emergency reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-21

AN ORDINANCE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, AND ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTING AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE YEAR 2016; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance Levying and Collecting Ad Valorem Tax for the Year 2016 as presented for the second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross changing the time of the Commission's regular meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning November 1, 2016 was presented to the Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-22

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, PERTAINING TO MEETINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION; TO CHANGE THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross changing the time of the Commission's regular meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning November 1, 2016 was approved by motion from Marian Solomon-Gaines. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion. Commissioners Jon Tindall, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge voted yes; Commissioners Diane Hopkins and Marian Solomon-Gaines voted no. Motion carried 3 – 2.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Purchase of In Car Cameras for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF IN CAR CAMERAS FOR NEWLY PURCHASED POLICE CARS FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved SPLOST funds to purchase in car cameras for six (6) newly purchased police cars, specifically six (6) Martel DC3 cameras and which includes all equipment and storage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Hasty's Communications of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project and meeting all specifications, at a cost of \$25,525.00, and which includes installation; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of six (6) Martel DC3 in car cameras for newly purchased police cars, and which includes installation, for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to Hasty's Communications of Waycross at a cost of \$25,525.00 to be paid for from approved SPLOST 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of October, 2016.**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Purchase of In Car Cameras for the Waycross Police Department as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The Resolution to approve the purchase of six Kenwood Radios for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-70

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF KENWOOD RADIOS FOR NEWLY PURCHASED
POLICE CARS FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved SPLOST funds to purchase six (6) Kenwood 50W Mobile Radios for newly purchased police cars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Communications of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the best value bid meeting all specifications for the project, at a cost of \$9,330.00, and which includes installation and six (6) external speakers at no charge; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of six (6) Kenwood 50W Mobile Radios for newly purchased police cars, and which includes installation and six (6) external speakers at no charge, for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to Monroe Communications of Waycross at a cost of \$9,330.00 to be paid for from approved SPLOST 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of October, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution to approve the purchase of six Kenwood Radios for the Waycross Police Department was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; and a unanimous vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve the purchase of light bars for newly purchased police cars for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-71

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF LIGHT BARS FOR NEWLY PURCHASED POLICE
CARS FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved FY17 SPLOST funds to purchase six (6) Whelen Light Bars for newly purchased police cars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, West Chatham Warning Devices of Savannah, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications for the project, at a cost of \$9,758.60, and which includes installation; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of six (6) Whelen Light Bars for newly purchased police cars, and which includes installation, for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to West Chatham Warning Devices of Savannah, Georgia, at a cost of \$9,758.60 to be paid for from approved FY17 SPLOST 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of October, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve the purchase of light bars for newly purchased police cars for the Waycross Police Department was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall and approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to approve the purchase of in car equipment for newly purchased police cars for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-72

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF IN CAR EQUIPMENT FOR NEWLY PURCHASED
POLICE CARS FOR THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved FY17 SPLOST funds to purchase in car equipment for newly purchased police cars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Hasty's Communications of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications for the project with the City's 5% local preference Ordinance, at a cost of \$23,100.00, and which includes installation; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of in car equipment for newly purchased police cars, and which includes installation, for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to Hasty's Communications of Waycross at a cost of \$23,100.00 to be paid for from approved FY17 SPLOST 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 and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 4th day of March, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the City of Waycross, Georgia Resolution to approve the purchase of in car equipment for newly purchased police cars for the Waycross Police Department. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion. All voted yes for a 5 – 0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award Bid FY17-06 Replace Roof Water Plant was presented to the Commission for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-73

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO CHILDERS ROOFING AND SHEETMETAL,
INC., FOR ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AT WAYCROSS
WATER PLANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Water Plant has experienced multiple roof leaks in recent years and is in dire need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of FY17 SPLOST Building Improvement funds for the roof repair and replacement at Waycross Water Plant; and

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

WHEREAS, said bid is for labor only and the City of Waycross will purchase materials for the project from Garland Company; and

WHEREAS, Childers Roofing & Sheet metal, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project of \$55,700.00, and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for roof repair and replacement at Waycross Water Plant be awarded to Childers Roofing & Sheet metal, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida, and said contract not to exceed \$55,700.00), to be paid for from FY17 SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk 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, this 4th day of October, 2016.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS
JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award Bid FY17-06 to Replace Roof Water Plant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Purchase of Roofing Materials from Garland Company for the water plant roof repair and replacement project was presented to the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-74

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ROOFING MATERIALS FROM GARLAND
COMPANY FOR THE WAYCROSS WATER PLANT ROOF REPAIR AND
REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Water Plant on Alice Street has experienced multiple roof leaks in recent years and is in dire need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of FY17 SPLOST Building Improvement funds for the shingle roof repair and replacement at Waycross Water Plant on Alice Street; and

WHEREAS, it is the staff's recommendation to purchase materials from the US Communities Contract Award # 09-5408 and only offer the project by bid for labor only; and

WHEREAS, along with the purchase of material from Garland Company, the City will receive project management services, inspections, bidding document and drawing preparation work at no additional charge to the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, the total material cost is not to exceed \$18,816.00; 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 purchase material for the Waycross Water Plant on Alice Street roof repair and replacement project from Garland Company from the US Communities and Contract Award # 09-5408 and at a price not to exceed \$18,816.00, to be paid for from FY17 SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said 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, this 4th day of October, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Purchase of Roofing Materials from Garland Company for the water plant roof repair and replacement project was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion carried.

Following last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

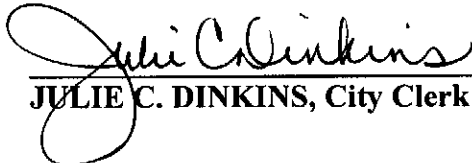
CITY OF WAYCROSS

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JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:



JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk