

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, October 20, 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, Norman Davis, Diane Hopkins and Larry Ethridge.

Commissioner Norman Davis introduced Mr. James Deen, CEO Finance, St. John Missionary Baptist Association, who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups scheduled four public hearings:

Schedule Annexation Zoning (AZ) and Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) Public Hearings:

1. (AZ) 2540 Memorial Drive and 2490-2498 Memorial Drive from CDD in County to C-2 Highway Commercial in City November 17, 2015 6:00 p.m.
2. (AZ) 2440 – 2488 Memorial Drive from CDD in County to C-2 Highway Commercial City November 17, 2015 6:15 p.m.
3. (AZ) 2098 Brunswick Highway from CDD in County to C-2 Highway Commercial November 17, 2015 6:30 p.m.
4. (ZTA) Section 704.5(g), 705.3(g), 707.3(g), 708.3(e), 709.3(d), and 715.4(e) November 17, 2015 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Billups presented a Proclamation declaring the Third Tuesday of October “Pink Day” in Waycross in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

***Proclamation***

***Declaring the Third Friday of October “Pink Day” in Waycross in  
Recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month***

*Whereas, established in 1985, October has been declared National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. One in every eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer over the course of their lifetime; and*

*Whereas, the efforts of various organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in the Waycross and Ware County area through outreach, education, and screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; and*

*Whereas, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, except for nonmelanoma skin cancer. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women; and*

*Whereas, the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those who are affected.*

*Now, therefore, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby proclaim the 20th of October to be "PINK DAY" in Waycross in Recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and urge all citizens of Waycross area to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.*

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
*Clarence E. Billups, Mayor*

During the City Manager's Report, Mr. Raphel Maddox congratulated Nicole Price on the birth of her daughter, Emily. Mr. Maddox also mentioned the great job the Waycross Police Department did with the Waycross Police Department Camp and the Human Resources Department for the Health Benefit Fair. Both events were huge successes.

Mayor Billups acknowledged the great job the Community Improvement Department did on Pumpkinfest this year. Mayor Billups reminded the public that Early Voting began October 12 and the election is November 3. Get out and vote and don't forget the two referendums on the ballot.

Ms. Stacy Berrian addressed the Commission concerning returning Oak Street to one way. She is a business owner and is concerned with the parking situation.

Mayor Billups presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk, Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

City Attorney Rick Currie presented an objection from Commissioner Marian Solomon on Ordinance Revoking one way designation of Oak Street and specifically Folks Street and asked that this item be removed from the Consent Calendar. This Ordinance will be replaced by two separate ordinances.

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, October 5, 2015; Waycross City Commission Meeting and Alleyway Public Hearing, Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Two Ordinance Second Readings:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 ½, CODE OF ETHICS, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 11 ½ - 23, PERTAINING TO USE OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING OR CREDIT CARDS; 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. 15-28**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IX, SECTION 18-142 PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY CONSUMER FIREWORKS RETAIL SALES STANDS; 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 and no Privilege License renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

An Ordinance Revoking the One-way designation for portions of Oak Street and Folks Street was presented for a second reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-120 PERTAINING TO ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED; TO REVOKE ONE-WAY DESIGNATION FOR OAK STREET FROM TEBEAU STREET TO MCDONALD STREET, FOR OAK STREET FROM STATE STREET TO GROVE AVENUE AND FOR FOLKS STREET FROM STATE STREET TO ALBANY AVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Norman Davis made a motion to table the Ordinance Revoking the One-way designation for portions of Oak Street and Folks Street as presented for a second reading. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and this ordinance was tabled.

The City of Waycross has approved SPLOST funds to build a new Public Works Facility and Fire Station. Purchasing solicited and received Request for Qualifications and Fee Proposals from 8 architectural firms for the planning and design of these two buildings. After review, the selection board recommended Douglas A. Neal Architect, St. Simons Island, Georgia for these projects. Mr. Neal has a reputation for bringing his projects in under budget and submitted a Six Percent (6%) fee proposal of total building cost.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to accept the Request for Qualifications and Fee Proposal for the new Public Works Facility and Fire Station from Douglas A. Neal Architect of St. Simons Island, Georgia for a fee of Six Percent (6%) of the total building cost. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented a list of items no longer needed by any department within the City of Waycross and requested these items be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com. The motion to sell these items on GovDeals.com was made by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; unanimous vote and carried.

An Ordinance to abandon and close an unopened alley at 200 Banks Street between Nellie Street and Banks Street was presented for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-32**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND CLOSE AN UNOPENED ALLEY AT 200 BANKS STREET BETWEEN NELLIE STREET AND BANKS STREET; TO AUTHORIZE A QUIT CLAIM DEED; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the first reading of An Ordinance to abandon and close an unopened alley at 200 Banks Street between Nellie Street and Banks Street as presented. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to revoke the one-way designation for Oak Street from Tebeau Street to McDonald and from Ossie Davis Parkway to Grove Avenue was presented for the first reading of an emergency adoption:

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-120 PERTAINING TO ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED; TO REVOKE ONE-WAY DESIGNATION FOR OAK STREET FROM TEBEAU STREET TO MCDONALD STREET AND FROM OSSIE DAVIS PARKWAY TO GROVE AVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the first reading of An Ordinance to revoke the one-way designation for Oak Street from Tebeau Street to McDonald and from Ossie Davis Parkway to Grove Avenue. Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to revoke the one-way designation for Oak Street from Tebeau Street to McDonald and from Ossie Davis Parkway to Grove Avenue was presented for the second reading of an emergency adoption:

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-27**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-120 PERTAINING TO ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED; TO REVOKE ONE-WAY DESIGNATION FOR OAK STREET FROM TEBEAU STREET TO MCDONALD STREET AND FROM OSSIE DAVIS PARKWAY TO GROVE AVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance to revoke the one-way designation for Oak Street was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines for the second emergency reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code, Chapter 20 pertaining to one-way streets designated; to revoke one-way designation for Folks Street from Ossie Davis Parkway to Albany Avenue was presented for the first emergency reading.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-120 PERTAINING TO ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED; TO REVOKE ONE-WAY DESIGNATION FOR FOLKS STREET FROM OSSIE DAVIS PARKWAY TO ALBANY AVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to deny the Ordinance to revoke the one-way street designation for Folks Street. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of denying the motion.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 20 Article VII, Section 2-124 pertaining to parking restrictions and allowing for parking on the north side of Oak Street was presented for the first emergency reading.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-124 PERTAINING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS; TO ALLOW FOR PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OAK STREET; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to deny the Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 20 Article VII, Section 2-124 pertaining to parking restrictions and allowing for parking on the north side of Oak Street as presented for the first emergency reading. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion for denial; Commissioners voted unanimously and the Ordinance was not approved.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 20 Article VII, Section 2-124 pertaining to parking restrictions and allowing for parking on the south side of Oak Street was presented for the first emergency reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-31**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-124 PERTAINING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS; TO ALLOW FOR PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF OAK STREET; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 20 Article VII, Section 2-124 pertaining to parking restrictions and allowing for parking on the south side of Oak Street as presented for the first emergency reading. The motion was second by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 20 Article VII, Section 2-124 pertaining to parking restrictions and allowing for parking on the south side of Oak Street was presented for the second emergency reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-31**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-124 PERTAINING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS; TO ALLOW FOR PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF OAK STREET; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Code by amending Chapter 20 Article VII, Section 2-124 pertaining to parking restrictions and allowing for parking on the south side of Oak Street as presented for the second emergency reading. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Submit an Application to GEFA for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program was presented for review:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-48**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE  
AUTHORITY FOR THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND  
PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross desires to make certain improvements to its water system for water meter replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Waycross has caused to be prepared an application which establishes a proposed cost and scope of work for such improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross is now desirous of pursuing all appropriate means of funding the aforementioned improvements; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Commission of the City of Waycross, meeting in regular session, approved the submission of an application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (hereinafter referred to as "GEFA") for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund program for the aforementioned improvements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to submit such application and all other documents required therewith; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Waycross authorizes Carter and Sloope, Inc., the City's consulting engineer for the project, to take all necessary actions to advocate for and move the City's application through the appropriate regulatory and funding channels.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR**

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

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Submit an Application to GEFA for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and unanimously approved.

Pastor Jason Hathaway, River of Life Church and Ms. Nicole Harrell presented appreciation plaques to the City of Waycross and Waycross Police Department for their support of their Back to School Empowerment Conference.

Emory O. Marcus addressed the Commission in support of Sunday alcohol sales, urging citizens to vote for the Referendums.

Ms. Deborah Willis addressed the Commission concerning her books, suggesting that citizens purchase her books.

After last call, Commissioner Norman Davis 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