

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016**  
**7:00 PM**

The City Commissioner of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, November 15, 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 Larry Ethridge, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Jon Tindall.

City Manager Raphel Maddox introduced Pastor Carlos White, Kingdom Dominion Church who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Waycross City Engineer Jessica Deal, City Manager Raphel Maddox, Community Improvement Director Sloan Fountain and Mayor John Knox presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Robbie Williams and Alesha Daniel applauding the donation of fencing for the Dog Park at Grove Street.

Mr. Raphel Maddox asked Fire Chief David Eddins to come to the podium and announce the Fire Department promotions. Chief Eddins announced that effective November 23, 2015, Dee Meadows would be promoted to Battalion Chief and Roger Smith would be promoted to Captain.

Mr. Maddox informed the Commission that Purchasing Director Linda Jones was honored by GPAC Governmental Procurement Association of Georgia who named her Procurement Officer of the Year and presented Ms. Jones her plaque.

City Manager Maddox announced that negotiations are in progress for the 2017 Rumble in the Swamp with Valdosta State University and Fort Valley State University.

Dr. Johnnie Swinson, appeared before the Commission requesting the Commission consider exempting lounges, clubs, and/or from the proposal for re-zoning Walters Street as MU Mixed Use. Mrs. Swinson stated she would be opposed to any club, lounge or bar being located in her neighborhood.

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, October 31, 2016; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

One ordinance second reading was presented:

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-23**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED IN THE AREA OF WALTERS STREET FROM R-50MH MOBILE HOME TO MU-MIXED USE; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Privilege license renewals as follows:

1. American Legion d/b/a John Sutton Post 517, Gerald Willis, 710 A Dorothy Street, Waycross, GA 31501; Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor.
2. American Legion d/b/a John Sutton post 517, Gerald Willis, 710 Dorothy Street, Waycross, GA 31501; Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine and Liquor.
3. Cheers Package Store, Roy Rhodes, 508 City Blvd, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales, Beer, Wine and Liquor
4. Fancy Sushi, Inc, Lin XiuFeng, 514 Mary Street, Waycross, GA 31501  
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.
5. Kroger #439, Kim Braverman, 1606 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine.
6. Rite Aid of Georgia dba Rite Aid #1974, Mark Allen Smart, 701 Riverside Ave., Suite B, Waycross, GA 31501 Package Sales Beer and Wine.
7. Eckerd Corporation dba Rite Aid #11849, Mark Allen Smart, 1803 Knight Ave, Waycross, GA 31501 Package Sales Beer and Wine.
8. Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, Leonides Escalera, 2020 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501 Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
9. State Street Package Store, Yogesh Kumar Patel, 1711 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, GA 31501 Package Sales, Beer, Wine and Liquor.

10. Stop n Save, Amrutlal G Patel, 1333 S Georgia Parkway, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine.
11. Waycross Food & Beverage, Kalpeshkumar Patel, 1302 Brunnel ST, Waycross, GA  
31501 Package Sales, Beer and Wine.

No Consent Resolutions were presented.

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

Purchasing Director Linda Jones, presented a request from the Public Works Department to purchase a used 1987 Ford F-700 Dump Truck for \$5,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Administrative Services. Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the purchase; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted yes and the motion was approved.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones requested that the City donate a surplus patrol unit to Coastal Pines Community College for their Police Department. The State has mandated that Coastal Pines maintain their own Police Department, but no money was budgeted for an automobile. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion that a surplus patrol car be donated to Coastal Pines Community College for their Police Department. Commissioner Jon Tindall seconded the motion; the vote carried unanimously. When a surplus automobile becomes available, the City Attorney will prepare a Resolution.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross by amending Chapter 18 Open Burning and Outdoor Fires was presented for the first reading.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 16-24**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 18-1 PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING AND OUTDOOR FIRES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross by amending Chapter 18 Open Burning and Outdoor Fires was approved for the first reading by motion from Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Diane Hopkins; and approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to table the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Declare the Results of the Referendum on Sunday Sales of Alcohol until all

results can be obtained from the Elections Superintendent. Commission Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the resolution was tabled.

A Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Used Ford F-7 Dump Truck for the Public Works Department was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-77**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A USED FORD F-7 DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Public Works Department has an approved budgeted line item to purchase a used dump truck, account # 100-55-4-200-52-1300; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department and Public Works Department located a suitable vehicle, being 1987 Ford F-700 dump truck from State of Georgia Department of Administrative Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of said vehicle being five thousand dollars (\$5000.00); and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the purchase order for purchase of a 1987 Ford F-700 dump truck be approved with Georgia Department of Administrative Services at a cost of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to be paid for from the Public Works Departments' budgeted line item account for said equipment.

**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 15th day of November, 2016.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Used Ford F-7 Dump Truck for the Public Works Department as presented.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Approve the Administrative Services Agreement with UHC/UMR for employee health benefit plan services agreement as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-79**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UHC/UMR –  
UNITED HEALTHCARE FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SERVICES  
AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross has previously appointed MMSI, Inc. – Mayo Clinic Health Solutions as the administrator of the employee health benefit plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased cost of the health benefit plan due to the rise in premiums, expected costs and claims made it necessary to explore other options; and

**WHEREAS**, changing to UHC Choice Plus and changing Reinsurance carrier to HCC will lower total annual fixed cost of the plan resulting in a cost savings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross wishes to change the appointment to UHC/UMR (United Healthcare) as the administrator of the employee health benefit plan for the calendar year of 2017; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross at the City of Waycross enter into a formal agreement with UHC/UMR (United Healthcare) for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2017, according to the terms and conditions agreed upon.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 15th day of November, 2016.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**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 Administrative Services Agreement with UHC/UMR for employee health benefit plan services agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; the vote was unanimous in approval.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize a Sales Contract with JE Lott Property, Inc. for the purchase of land on which to construct Waycross Fire Stations #4 was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-80**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA  
TO AUTHORIZE A SALES CONTRACT WITH J.E. LOTT PROPERTY, INC.  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND ON WHICH TO CONSTRUCT  
WAYCROSS FIRE STATION #4; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, to meet the needs of the citizens of this City, there must be appropriately located land on which to construct and build Waycross Fire Station 34; and

**WHEREAS**, a suitable location has been determined for Waycross Fire Station #4 and negotiations have taken place between representatives of the City of Waycross and representatives of J.E. Lott Property, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.1 of the Charter of the City of Waycross gives the City of Waycross the power and authority to “enter into contract and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms and corporations”; and

**WHEREAS**, a Sales Contract and Settlement Statement have been prepared to memorialize the sale of this property for twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000,00) in the forms attached and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, and to be paid for from SPLOST funds; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves of the Sales Contract and Settlement Statement with J>E> Lott Property, Inc. for the purchase of property, more specifically described in the sales contract attached hereto, on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to be paid from SPLOST funds.

**BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute sale Sales Agreement and Settlement Statement on behalf of the City of Waycross and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Settlement Agreement and Settlement Statement, 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 15th day of November, 2016.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize a Sales Contract with JE Lott Property, Inc. for the purchase of land on which to construct Waycross Fire Stations #4 was approved by motion made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Larry Ethridge; and approved by unanimous vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**