

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, William Simmons and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins was absent due to illness.

Reverend William Simmons, Commissioner and Pastor of Light of the World Ministries offered the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager reported Elmer Thrift Construction is scheduled to begin December 1 on that new capital project to remove and replace approximately 4600 linear feet of sanitary sewer main, 1600 linear feet of water main and approximately one mile of paved surface on Lee Street. This project will impact all the water, sewer and street infrastructure along Lee Avenue between Memorial Drive and Marion Street and portions of Hicks and Calhoun Street infrastructure.

Mr. King commended Officer Kathy Durance for her work on the recent Security Fair. Officer Durance did an excellent job of organizing the event. Thanks also to Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines for her work on the Security Fair as well.

In presenting the Mayor's Report, Mayor Clarence Billups reminded the citizens of Waycross that we are entering the season to be thankful and to share with those who are less fortunate.

Mayor Billups informed the Commission and public that the Housing Authority is currently soliciting bids for the demolishing of the Bailey Heights Housing Project.

Mayor Billups informed the Commission and citizens of the upcoming GMA Mayor's Christmas Motorcade, December 8, 2010. Donations of new, wrapped gifts for residents of the regional hospitals will be accepted until December 5 at City Hall, all three Fire Stations and the Okefenokee Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Billups commended Chief Tony Tanner in his role as President of the Exchange Club for the National BBQ weekend. He also commended Commissioner William Simmons and Ware County Commissioner Carlos Nelson for a successful Oak St. Festival.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Ordinance 10-07 Closing a Portion of Richmond Avenue was presented for its second reading. A resolution authorizing David Strickland to Reconvey Block 38, Lot 24, Spaces 2, 3 and 4, Northeast Oakland Cemetery to Billy F. and Darrell E. Boatright. The following privilege licenses were presented for renewal:

1. Paresh Shah, JIT VIJ Inc d/b/a Petro Station, 1001 Reynolds Street, Waycross, GA.; Retail Beer and Wine
2. Geetaben Patel, Waycross Food and Beverage d/b/a Shree Geetazi LLC, 1302 Brunel St., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine
3. Nitesh Patel, Bunkley's Bottle Shop, 610 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor
4. Kevin Woods, KD's BBQ and Café Inc., 504 Elizabeth Street, Waycross, Georgia 31501; Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.
5. James Carl Jones, III, Flash Foods #176, 1401 Tebeau street, Waycross, Georgia 31502; Retail Beer and Wine
6. James Carl Jones, III, Flash Foods, #150, 1712 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine
7. James Carl Jones, III, Flash Foods #258, 1736 South Georgia Parkway West, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine
8. James Carl Jones, III, Flash Foods #1, 505 Reynolds Street, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine
9. James Carl Jones, III, Flash Foods #82, 201 North Nicholls St., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine
10. Nayanababen Patel, Arpita Inc. d/b/a Crossway Cigarette & Beer Outlet, 385 State Street, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer
11. Tammy Lawrence-Rubenbauer, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1901 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia 31501; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
12. Gerald Willis, American Legion, 710 Dorothy Street, Waycross, Georgia, Consumption on premises, Beer and Liquor.
13. Gerald Willis, American Legion, 710 A Dorothy Street, Waycross, Georgia, Package Sales, Retail Beer and Liquor.
14. Mukesh K. Gandhi, Johnny's Food Store, 819 Glenmore Avenue, Waycross, Georgia; Retail Beer and Wine.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented WAYX 11-04 Declaring Surplus Property. The surplus property list contains miscellaneous items to be sold on Govdeals.com.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to declare the property surplus; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Accept Transfer of former National Guard Armory Property to the City of Waycross was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-63

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION
TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORMER NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY PROPERTY
TO THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of real property located in Ware County, Georgia, known as the “National Guard Armory Property Waycross Ware County, Georgia,” containing approximately 7.14 acres, as shown on that plat or survey by Felton Davis and John T. Huff, Architects, dated December 9, 1954, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; and

WHEREAS, said property is in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, which has declared the property as surplus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is desirous of acquiring the former National Guard Armory Property for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Senate Resolution Number 1083 (S.R. No. 1083), Act Number 657 of the Georgia General Assembly, approved by Governor Sonny Purdue on June 4, 2010, the State of Georgia, acting through the State Properties Commission is authorized to convey the above-described property to the City of Waycross, Ware County, Georgia for a consideration of \$1.00; so long as the property is used for public purposes, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, said matter has been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve and accept the conveyance of the above-described property, formerly known as the National Guard Armory Property, to the City of Waycross by the State of Georgia, acting through the State Properties Commission, as provided in S.R. 1083, Act Number 657 of the Georgia General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director, be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to accomplish the transfer of said real property to the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED this 16th day of November, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Accept Transfer of former National Guard Armory Property to the City of Waycross as presented. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioners Davis and Solomon-Gaines voted yes; Commissioners Yarbrough and Simmons voted no. Mayor Billups voted no to break the tie. The motion was not approved.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve a Lease between the City of Waycross, Georgia, Concerted Services, Inc., and McKinney Community Health Center, Inc was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-62

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION
TO APPROVE A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, CONCERTED
SERVICES, INC. AND MCKINNEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Concerted Services, Inc. and McKinney Community Health Center, Inc., desire to lease certain property from the City of Waycross located in the Hazzard Hill Community identified in Exhibit "A" attached to the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Concerted Services, Inc. desires to obtain use of the premises for operation of its Headstart Programs, and McKinney Community Health Center, Inc. desires to obtain use of the premises as part of its outreach programs for community health services; and

WHEREAS, there being presented to the Commission of the City of Waycross a proposed Lease between the City of Waycross as Lessor, and Concerted Services, Inc., and McKinney Community Health Center, Inc., as Lessees; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the Lease shall be for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on November 1, 2010 and ending October 31, 2011, and is subject to annual renewals of one (1) year terms, unless terminated as set forth in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, said Lease provides for rental at the sum of \$1.00 for each year during the term of the Lease; and

WHEREAS, said Lease being considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Lease, in the form attached hereto, is hereby approved, retroactively to November 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the same on behalf of the City of Waycross, and that the same is hereby ratified and confirmed as executed.

SO RESOLVED, this the 16th day of November, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

Clerk's Certificate

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the Clerk of the City of Waycross, Georgia (the "City"), and that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the governing body of the City at a meeting duly held on November 16, 2010, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the same has not been rescinded or modified and is now in full force and effect. Given under the seal of the City, this 2nd day of November, 2010.

Julie C. Dinkins, City Clerk

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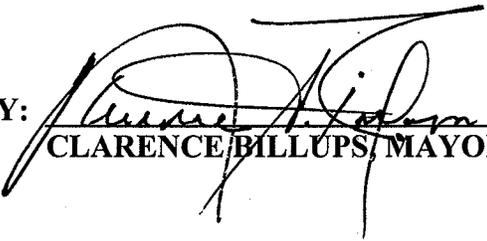
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Mr. James M. Thomas, 520 S. Crawford Street addressed the Commission concerning his utility bill. Mr. Thomas said he was not receiving his utility bill every month like he should.

Mr. Jimmie Burke of A Forgiving Chance, People and Communities Corporation, addressed the Commission regarding his group's initiative. Mr. Burke cited the problems of the increasing dropout rate among black males in high school and the increasing rate of repeat offenders in the judicial system as being the catalyst for their initiative. Their plan is to assist young men coming out of jail with training and assistance to become viable citizens as well as finding the means to encourage young black males to stay in school and graduate. Mr. Burke requested the appointment of one member from the City of Waycross to their Board of Directors.

Following closing remarks, the meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

