

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor John Knox at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, John Threat, and Diane Hopkins. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall was absent.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

City Attorney Rick Currie set the following public hearings:

- A. Set Public Hearing for Annexation and Establishment of Zoning for 2630 Memorial Drive and 645 Woodward Avenue from CDD County to C-2 Highway Commercial City Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 4:15 p.m.
- B. Set Public Hearing for Annexation and Establishment of Zoning for 2730 Aaron Street and 751 Donald Street from CDD – County and A – Agriculture to C-2 Highway Commercial City Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Erin Harvey and Nicole Ethridge Russell addressed the Commission to thank the Commissioners, Police Department, Fire Department and all other City employees for everything done during their bereavement and the death of their father, Larry Ethridge.

Interim City Manager, David Eddins, addressed the Commission reminding them of the Mayor's Motorcade coming up in December. He stated that Fire Station #4 will receive the final inspection on Monday, showcasing the benefits of SPLOST in our community. Also, the Public Works Building is in the final design phase, another SPLOST project. Community Improvement Director, Sloan Fountain, stated that the Christmas Parade will be great this year. Included in the festivities will be lighting of the parks and the Christmas tree, photos with Santa, S'mores and a bounce house. Mr. Eddins thanked local businesses for donations for the lights.

Mayor John Knox informed the Commission that the City received a Compliance Evaluation Inspection from GA DNR, EPD, which stated our plant was well operated and well maintained. Rep. Jason Shaw informed the Mayor he plans to step down and accept an appointment from the Governor on the Public Service Commission.

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, November 5, 2018; Public Hearing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 6, 2018; Special Called Meeting and Executive Session, Wednesday, November 7, 2018; and Special Called Meeting and Executive Session, Tuesday, November 13, 2018..

There were no consent resolutions or ordinance second readings.

Privilege license renewals were submitted as follows:

1. Applebee's Bar and Grill, Tammy Rubcnbauer, 1901 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA  
Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine and Liquor
2. Bunky's, Himanshu Patel, 1545 Ossie Davis Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
3. Corner Stop, Jeetendra Patel, 2401 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
4. Crossway, Nayanababen Patel, 385 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer only
5. Dick's Wings & Grill, Donna Dixon, 2470 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Ga 31501  
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.
6. Friendly Express #14, David Turner, 507 City Blvd., Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
7. Friendly Express #50, David Turner, 1720 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
8. Friendly Express #103, David Turner, 1811 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
9. LL Creek Bar and Grill, Lita Boykin, 421 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA 31501  
Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine and Liquor
10. GMRI, Inc. d/b/a Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 2497 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA  
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.

11. OM Convenience St., Reshma Patel, 935 Tebeau St., Waycross, GA 35101  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
12. Pizza Hut, EYM Pizza of Georgia, LLC, Shari Chatman, 1110 Plant Ave, Waycross GA  
Consumption on Premises, Beer Only.
13. Stop N Save #23, Vinaben Patel, 500 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
14. Two Guys Beverage and Tobacco, Josh Fowler, 2100 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA  
Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor
15. Walmart #556, Lawanna Gamage, 2425 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Two privilege licenses with new owners were submitted for approval:

1. Crossway, Ankit Patel, 385 Ossie Davis Parkway, Waycross, GA  
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, and approved with a positive vote.

2. Eddie's Express, Samantha Lane, 507 S. City Blvd., Waycross, Ga 31501  
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Surplus Property WAYX 19-02. Ms. Jones presented a list of items no longer needed in any City department and is requesting that these items be declared surplus property so that they may be sold on Gov.Deals.com. Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Surplus Property request, seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted favorably and the motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia to rezone the property at 416 Folks St was presented for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE NO. O18-19**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 416 FOLKS STREET FROM R – 50 RESIDENTIAL TO C – 4 CENTRAL BUSINESS; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia to rezone the property at 416 Folks St was approved for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted yes and the Ordinance was approved for the first reading.

An ordinance to approve organizational restructuring of a city staff position to classify the position of Technology Production Coordinator was presented for the first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. O18-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING OF A CITY STAFF POSITION; TO CLASSIFY OR RE-CLASSIFY THE POSITION OF TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTION COORDINATOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve an ordinance to approve organizational restructuring of a city staff position to classify the position of Technology Production Coordinator. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and it was approved with a 4-0 reading.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for Calendar Year 2019 was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-83**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR MICROSOFT LICENSING FOR CALENDAR  
YEAR 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross makes use of Microsoft computer software on all City computers; and

**WHEREAS**, by purchasing a licensing agreement, the City is able to load the software lawfully onto all computers; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate for the licensing agreement for Calendar Year 2019 is \$19,957.70 under the State of Georgia enterprise agreement; 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 approves the annual payment to Dell Marketing L.P., for the Microsoft License Agreement for Calendar Year 2019 in the amount of \$19,957.70, being invoice number 10271910766.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Director be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any agreement on behalf of the City and remit payment in said amount as above to Dell Marketing L. P.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 20th day of November, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS  
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

**ATTEST:  
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk**

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for Calendar Year 2019 was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. Motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to approve payment to Accela for services to be provided during Calendar Year 2019 was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R18-84**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,  
TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO ACCELA INC. FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED  
DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Accela, Inc. is the leading provider of civic engagement solutions for government which includes mobile apps designed to enable and improve core processes for city government; and

**WHEREAS**, the City began using Accela, Inc. during calendar year 2017 to implement the WAYX311 service; and

**WHEREAS**, WAYX311 allows citizens, by use of their app, to report missed residential garbage pick-ups, missed yard waste pick-ups, to schedule garbage pick-up and to report trash can damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate for the annual renewal for calendar year 2019, beginning January 2, 2019 and ending January 1, 2020, is \$5,713.05; 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 hereby approves the annual payment to Accela Inc. for perpetuation of WAYX311 in the amount of \$5,713.05.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to pay the annual renewal fee 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 20th day of November, 2018.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**  
**BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor**

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

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve payment to Accela for services to be provided during Calendar Year 2019 as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion and all voted in approval.

During last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines informed the public that the dedication of the C C McCrae City Auditorium has been changed to December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. due to the state-wide run-off election. Commissioner John Threat addressed the issues with the utility billing, stating that perhaps a discount on all water bills and/or manually reading everyone's meter would help to re-establish trust with our customers. Discussion continued with Commissioner Threat asking that this issue be researched and brought back to Commission.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk**

**BY:**

  
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**JOHN KNOX, Mayor**