

**MINUTES**  
**WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**  
**5:00 PM**

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael-Angelo James at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor Michael-Angelo James, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, Henry Strickland, and Diane Hopkins. Mayor Pro Tem John Threat was absent.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Chief Eddins, Waycross Fire Department who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James.

Human Resources Director Ed Lastinger introduced Johnathan Brinks, Public Works Department as the November, 2020 Employee of the Month.

City Tonya Miller reported that our Downtown Waycross Development Authority had a lot of advertisement about the Christmas Downtown. Unfortunately, most of our Christmas decorations are still on a ship in Savannah. The decorations were expected to be here. They're actually supposed to be in Waycross tomorrow, but that is not going to happen now until next week. So we're going to get it out. There will be a lighting of the Christmas tree and ice rink on Saturday.

Chief Eddins announced Santa would be riding the fire engine throughout City.

Major Michael-Angelo James informed the community of testing at the Ware County Health Department.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor James presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Michelle Love for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, November 16, 2020; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

There were no consent resolutions.

No ordinance second readings were presented.

The following privilege license were presented for approval.

- a. Traffic Light Lounge, Sylvester James, 650 Oak St., Waycross, GA 31501  
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine

- b. Plant Café, Marla Howell, 504 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA 35101  
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine
- c. Walmart #556, Bruce Landrum, 2425 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
- d. Friendly Express #50, Jamie Mills, 1720 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
- e. LL Creek Bar & Grill LLC, Lita O Boykin, 421 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA  
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, and Liquor.
- f. Edd's Package Store, Pamela Collins, 608 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA  
31501; Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor
- g. Two Guys Beverage and Tobacco, Josh Fowler, 2100 Memorial Drive, Waycross,  
GA 31501; Package Sales, Beer, Wine, and Liquor.
- h. Corner Stop, Jeentendara Patel, 2401 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
- i. Petro Station, Harmohinder Bawa, 1001 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501  
Package Sales Beer and Wine
- j. Flash Foods LLC DBA Circle K #2745000, Jennifer Bennett, 505 Reynolds St.,  
Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales Beer and Wine
- k. Flash Foods LLC DBA Circle K #2745051, Jennifer Bennett, 2307 Plant Avenue,  
Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales Beer and Wine
- l. Flash Foods LLC DBA Circle K #2745068, Jennifer Bennett, 1712 Memorial  
Drive, Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales Beer and Wine
- m. Flash Foods LLC DBA Circle K #2745085, Jennifer Bennett, 1401 Tebeau Street,  
Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales Beer and Wine
- n. WALLY'S, Himanshu G. Patel, 1565 Ossie Davis Pkway, Waycross, GA  
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
- o. Friendly Express #103, David L. Turner, 1811 South Georgia Parkway, West,  
Waycross, GA 31502, Package Sales, Beer and Wine

- p. Pizza Hut, Shari Chatman, 1110 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501, Consumption on Premises, Beer
- q. My Place Lounge, Christy Williams/Luella Robinson, 1007 Albany Avenue, Waycross, GA 31503, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, and Liquor
- r. CVS, Pharmacy, Cody Goode, 1800 Brunswick Highway, Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales, Beer and Wine
- s. Nayana Inc., Dipal Patel, 935 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA 31501, Package Sales, Beer and Wine
- t. Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #5814, Kristy R. Smith, 2497 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, and Liquor
- u. Petro Station, Harmohinder Bawa, 1001 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501 Package Sales Beer and Wine

Attorney Currie mentioned the name on letter k. should be Jennifer Bennett. The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. Discussion was made by the Commission. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines addressed letter p was read as beer and wine; the correction is beer. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines motioned for letter q. My Place Lounge moved off of the consent calendar for independent consideration. The motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

The following privilege license was present for renewal:

- q. My Place Lounge, Christy Williams/Luella Robinson, 1007 Albany Avenue, Waycross, GA 31503, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine, and Liquor.

Commissioner Marion Solomon-Gaines moved that the privilege license renewal be denied. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

There were no privilege license presented.

The following bids were presented for approval:

1. FY21-02 Water Tank Inspections and Washouts. A few months ago Purchasing issued a request for proposals for our annual water tank maintenance, which includes our repairs and paving as needed on all seven of our water tanks. Those prices come in at an annual cost of 114,000 to 135,000. After the recommendation from our engineering staff in an effort to save on annual cost, and to pay for maintenance and painting on an as needed basis, it was requested all three submitting vendors were

asked to submit a proposal on the only inspections and washouts. It is the staff's recommendation to award the bid to American Tank Maintenance ATM, Perry Georgia. It has been our lowest and best proposal submitted annual cost \$14,691 for a period of five years. All major repairs and painting will be bid out on an as needed basis. Commissioner Norman Davis motion for approval of bid FY21-02.

Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. Discussion was made by the Commission requested for the item to be rebid.

City Manager Tonya Miller informed the Commission of concerns about having to report an annual visual inspections to EPA. City Manager Tonya Miller wanted to make sure there was enough time to rebid the entire thing and meet year-end deadline of December 31. If there is a deadline with EPA the item will be present at the next meeting. And maybe we can do one year with this company. But if not, it's not an issue, we'll rebid the entire thing. The option of your concern of bidding it separately in doing the entire major interior exterior renovation separate.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motion for the bid to be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

2. FY21-11 Central Avenue/Morningside Drive. ESG has prepared documents and issued bids for Central Avenue covert repair and Morningside Drive pavement repair. Purchasing has received 3 bids from licensed contractors. After discussion with the Commission, it is the recommendation to award Thrift Brothers LLC, Waycross, Georgia for \$204,238. Commissioner Norman Davis motion to receive the bid. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all votes.

No ordinances were presented for first reading.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Authorize and Approve a Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation was presented to the Commission for approval.

### **RESOLUTION NO. R20-106**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT OF 2010 PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; KNIGHT AVENUE REGIONAL T-SPLOST PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of Georgia adopted the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 which created 12 special districts and authorized elections which would allow each special district independently of any other district to approve and authorize the imposition of a special

district transportation sales and use tax to fund transportation projects within the special district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Georgia special tax district, which includes Waycross and Ware County, voted to levy the special district sales and use tax on May 22, 2018, by voter referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter “GDOT”) is authorized to manage the execution, schedule, budget and delivery of the projects on the approved lists for the special districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, qualified and experienced to provide such services, desires to deliver all or part of the scope for Knight Avenue Resurfacing, SGRC-154, P.I. 0016313, project (herein referred to as “Project”), and as set forth in the agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk be, and the same are, hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Knight Avenue Resurfacing, SGRC-154, P.I. 0016313, Project Agreement by and between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Waycross, Georgia, in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, on behalf of the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done and to be done to give effect to this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MAYOR MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize and Approve a Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation as presented. Commissioner Henry Strickland seconded the motion. Commissioner Diane Hopkins declared a

conflict of interest from voting on the item due to having property on Knight Avenue. Item pass with a 3 – 1 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC, of Waycross, Georgia, for Central Avenue and Morningside Drive Project was presented for approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-107**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO THRIFT BROTHERS, LLC OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, FOR CENTRAL AVENUE AND MORNINGSIDE DRIVE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Central Avenue culvert is in need of repair and Morningside Drive pavement needs to be replaced;

**WHEREAS**, City Staff worked with ESG Engineering to identify scope of work and prepare plan drawings and issue bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department received and opened three (3) bids tendered from licensed area contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Thrift Brothers, LLC of Waycross, Georgia, submitted the best bid for the project of \$204,238.00, and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Waycross City Commission that the Bid Contract for the above-described Central Avenue Culvert Repair and Morningside Drive Pavement Replacement project be awarded to Thrift Brothers, LLC, of Waycross, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$204,238.00, and to be paid from Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney 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 AND ADOPTED**, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY: MAYOR MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines motioned to approve a Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Award Bid Contract to Thrift Brothers, LLC, of Waycross, Georgia, for Central Avenue and Morningside Drive Project as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all votes.

Mr. Matt Thomas, 1215 Cherokee Street addressed the Commission regarding his Bio Pro Disinfectant Company. The disinfecting spray created helps during this time with COVID. Buildings can be disinfected, sprayed, or fogged. The products are 30, 60, 90 days active. A disinfectant as well as an antimicrobial coating which will not allow viruses and bacteria to come in contact. The company will service on a distribution level as well. The aloe based spray shown is continuously active against 99.9% of all viruses for up to 24 hours. Mr. Thomas is EPA and FDA approved on all products, and he wanted to ensure everyone could get a hold of him for opportunity.

During last call, the Commissioner Henry Strickland and Solomon-Gaines thanked staff for the work they do. Commissioner Solomon-Gaines encouraged everyone to wear a mask, and Greater Mt Zion is having a Christmas giveaway in the parking lot. Commissioner Hopkins thanked James Smart and his staff. The Mayor's Motorcade was discussed. Commissioner Norman Davis encouraged everyone to wear a mask, and he thanked the employee of the month. An inquiry was made on recreation equipment. Commissioner Davis also inquired about storm drains. Mayor Michael-Angelo James thanked staff for work well done and the citizens for being kind to staff behind the counters. Mayor James sister is now alert. The Kiwanis Club turned 100 years old on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor James adjourned the meeting.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**MICHELLE LOVE, City Clerk**