

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018
5:00 PM

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their Regular City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, John Threat, and Diane Hopkins.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Pastor Rod Swinson of the Family Worship Center who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor John Knox.

Human Resources Director Trinija Martin introduced Kenny Jones, Waste Management Supervisor, Public Works Department as the December, 2018 Employee of the Month.

City Attorney Rick Currie noted that the Commission meetings for January have been changed as follows:

1. Monday, December 31, 2018 Work Session changed to Monday, January 7, 2019
2. Tuesday, January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting changed to Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
3. With Martin Luther King holiday on January 21, the Work Session will be moved to January 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. with the Regular meeting following at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall made the motion to approve the following appointments to the Tourism Board: Dr. William Clark III; Commissioner Diane Hopkins; and Preyen Patel, Owner, Hampton Inn. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.M

Interim City Manager, David Eddins, addressed the Commission to remind them the Mayor's Motorcade is Wednesday. Matt Hall and the committee will deliver the donated items to Savannah. He stated that Fire Station #4 will begin daily operations on Wednesday, December 5 until the rest of the furniture is received. 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. Should rescheduling be necessary, due to weather, a decision will be made by Thursday.

Interim City Manager, David Eddins recommended Marc Hawkins be hired to fill the Community Improvement Director position. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to accept the City Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved with a unanimous vote. City Manager Eddins expressed the City's appreciation for a job well done to Sloan Fountain and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Mayor John Knox reminded the Commission of the dedication of the C C McCrae City Auditorium Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Knox also asked the public to report any damages from the rain this week to EMA Director Jonathan Daniells or the City Manager.

Mayor Knox urged the citizens of Waycross and Ware County to "Go Vote".

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 19, 2018; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 20, 2018; Special Called Meeting and Executive Session, Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

There were no consent resolutions.

Ordinance second readings were presented as follows:

1. Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Waycross; To Rezone the Property Located at 416 Folks Street from R-50 Residential to C-4 Central Business;
2. Approving Organizational Restructuring of a City Staff Position to Re-classify the position of Technology Production Coordinator

PRIVILEGE LICENSES RENEWALS FOR 2019 FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL DECEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING

1. Cavagnaro's, Amy Cavagnaro, 1810 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
2. Dollar General Market 9826, Mary Ann Karanik, 1803 Knight Ave., Waycross, GA
Package Sales Beer and Wine
3. Edd's Package Store, Pamela Collins, 608 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor
4. Flash Foods #127, Jamie Mills, 2307 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine

5. Flash Foods #150, Jamie Mills, 1712 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
6. Flash Foods #176, Jamie Mills, 1401 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
7. Flash Foods #258, Jamie Mills, 1736 South Ga Parkway, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
8. Flash Foods #1, Jamie Mills, 505 Reynolds St., Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
9. HAMPTON INN, Rena Hargrove, 1720 Brunswick Hwy, Waycross, GA
Package Sales Beer and Wine
10. HARVEY'S, Michael Hoyle, 1312 Plant Ave, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
11. Johnny's Food Store, Harmohinder Bawa, 819 Glenmore Ave, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
12. Kroger Company #439, Kimberly Braverman, 1606 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA
Package Sales Beer and Wine
13. Petro Station, Harmohinder Bawa, 1001 S. Georgia Pkwy, Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
14. Plant Café, Marla Howell, 504 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA 35101
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine
15. Ruby Tuesday, Inc., Amber Nicole Dixon, 2263 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Ga
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
16. THAI SMILE, Patrick Yakorn, 314 Pendleton St., Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine
17. Traffic Light Lounge, Sylvester James, 650 Oak St., Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine
18. WALLY'S, Himanshu Patel, 1565 Ossie Davis Pkway, Waycross, GA
Package Sales Beer and Wine

19. Walmart #4527, Allena Lewis, 1630 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
20. Waycross Food & Beverage, Shivang Shah, 1302 Brunel St., Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales Beer and Wine
21. WONGS PALACE, Ching Ping Tang, 903 Knight Aven., Waycross, GA 31501
Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine and Liquor

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, and approved with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 38 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI, to revoke one-way designation for Reagan Circle was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. O18-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE VI. – SCHEDULES, SECTION 38-158, PERTAINING TO ONE-WAY STREETS DESIGNATED; TO REVOKE ONE-WAY DESIGNATION FOR REAGAN CIRCLE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 38 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI, to revoke one-way designation for Reagan Circle as presented for the first reading was approved for the first reading by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all voted yes and the Ordinance was approved for the first reading.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines asked why this Ordinance was not presented as an emergency since it affects the safety of City of Waycross residents. City Attorney Rick Currie responded that it could be changed to reflect an emergency reading.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 38 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI, to revoke one-way designation for Reagan Circle and to declare an emergency was presented for the second reading and final approval.

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Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve an Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross to amend Chapter 38 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI, to revoke one-way designation for Reagan Circle and to declare an emergency was presented for the second reading and final approval. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Reduce Car Allowances for Certain City Department Heads and to Eliminate Car Allowances for Other City Department Heads and Employees was presented for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. R18--87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO REDUCE CAR ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS; AND TO ELIMINATE CAR ALLOWANCES FOR OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, some department heads and certain employees of the City of Waycross receive a set monthly vehicle or car allowance as their duties may require exclusive and unrestricted use of an automobile, regardless of the frequency of travel for city-related business matters; and

WHEREAS, this includes the following departments: Community Development and Improvement, Engineering, Finance, Human Resources and Public Works; and also the position of Information Technology Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, this vehicle or car allowance may be used by the department head or employee, to purchase, to lease or to own, to operate and maintain a personal vehicle; and

WHEREAS, department heads and employees are responsible for paying for liability, property damage, collision, and comprehensive insurance coverage for such vehicle, and responsible for all expenses attendant to the purchase, operation (including gasoline and oil), maintenance, repair and replacement of such vehicle; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission that only certain department heads shall receive a reduced car allowance, and that other City department heads and employees no longer receive a monthly car allowance for unrestricted use of an vehicle while on city-related business matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires that department heads presently receiving a car allowance, specifically being Engineering Department, Human Resources Department and Public Works Department, shall continue to receive a car allowance but such allowance shall be reduced to \$225.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission further desires that all other department heads and employees shall receive a *per diem* mileage reimbursement for traveling out of town for mandatory or required training events and meetings related to their position with the City of Waycross and based on existing travel reimbursement policies of the City of Waycross for all employees; and that, for all local travel, the City Commission decrees that those department heads and employees not receiving a car allowance are expected to use one of the city-owned vehicles which are specifically designated for staff travel unless a vehicle has been assigned to the department head for exclusive use as is done for the City Fire Chief and City Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that, effective January 1, 2019, the department heads of Engineering Department, Human Resources Department and Public Works Department, shall continue to receive a car allowance but said allowance shall be reduced to \$225.00 per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that, effective January 1, 2019, no other City department head or City employee shall receive a monthly vehicle or car allowance unless it is expressly authorized by written contract which shall be approved only by the City Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City HR Director, City Interim Finance Director and Acting City Manager be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed 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 4th day of December, 2018.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
BY: JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Reduce Car Allowances for Certain City Department Heads and to Eliminate Car Allowances for Other City Department Heads and Employees as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall asked if the Commission had not agreed not to add this item to the agenda, but to discuss further. And further stated his opposition to this proposal. Commissioner Norman Davis said a consensus was reached by the Commission not to put on agenda. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines stated she requested this be put on the agenda and that the Charter states that any Commissioner may add items to the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Norman Davis voting No, Commissioner John Threat voting yes, Mayor Pro Tem Jon Tindall voting no; Commissioner Diane Hopkins voting yes and Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines voting yes for approval. Item passes with a 3 – 2 vote.

Mr. Rudolph Solomon, 507 Lister Street addressed the Commission regarding a problem with Alice Street and the dip remaining from the paving project. He also addressed his displeasure that his complaints are not always handled promptly citing an example of a leak at 509 Lister Street.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk