

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011
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, December 6, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Daniel Yarbrough, William Simmons, Norman Davis and Marian Solomon-Gaines present for the meeting. Mayor Clarence E. Billups was absent.

City Manager Deron King introduced Junior Debutante, Shaniece Rawls, who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Avis Staten, HR Department introduced Donna Carter as the Employee of the Month for December, 2011.

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. King reported that work on the 2011 Street Rehabilitation Project is continuing. The plans include resurfacing Dorothy and Riverside Streets and drainage, curb and gutter and resurfacing on Goodwin, Howe, Bunche, Bethune, and Carter Streets. The paving work on Riverside Dr. is almost complete and the project is currently ahead of schedule. This project should be complete the first of 2012. As a result of the sewer main failure on Suwannee Drive, Suwannee will be closed until March of 2012 for repairs. The bid for the Suwannee Drive project will be let tonight and construction should begin within two weeks. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas.

A letter from the United States Postal Service discussing the possible closing of the Waycross Customer Service Mail Processing Center was reviewed by the Commission. A public meeting will be held at Waycross College on December 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public input. The Commissioners urged citizens to attend the meeting and contact their congressional representatives to show their opposition to this plan.

Mr. King also noted that the December 3 Christmas Parade was great. He thanked Main Street Director, Sloan Fountain for her work overseeing the parade. He also thanked City Employees in Public Works, Police, Fire, Community Improvement, Finance and Human Resources for their work. He also thanked Marian Solomon-Gaines, who served as the Grand Marshall.

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins presented the Mayor's Report and informed the public that Mayor Clarence E. Billups had some minor surgery and send best wishes for a swift recovery. Ms. Hopkins reminded citizens to attend the meeting at Waycross College concerning the Waycross Customer Service Mail Processing Center and to contact their congressmen.

Ms. Sloan Fountain, Main Street Director, informed the Commission that the Christmas Parade was a great success. Ms. Fountain commented that there were almost 100 floats in the Christmas Parade this year. She thanked the City of Waycross and employees from Public Works, Traffic, Human Resources, Community Improvement, Engineering, Police, Fire and the Finance Department for their help. She also thanked the Waycross Journal Herald, Calloway Communications, Mattox Broadcasting and the many volunteers that made the parade a success. Most of all she thanked the sponsors Coke, Georgia Power and Mediasstream who make the Christmas Parade possible. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported the Christmas Parade.

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

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters, Monday, November 14 and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2011. There were no consent resolutions or ordinances.

The following privilege licenses were submitted for renewal:

Privilege License Renewals – 2012

1. Donna Justice, Aden's Minit Market #48, 2198 Brunel St., Waycross, GA;
Package Sales, Retail Beer and Wine.
2. Tammy Lawrence-Rubenbauer, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1901 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
3. Nitesh Patel, Bunkley's Bottle Shop, 610 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor
4. Brandi Patel, Club Chaos, 509 Alice St., Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
5. Jeetnedra Patel, Corner Stop, 2401 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
6. Robert Kohbänder, CVS Pharmacy 3348, 1936 ABC Drive, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
7. Jessika Musgrove Phillips, Dick's Wings & Grill, 2470 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine.
8. Darrell Dakin, Dollar General, 9826; 1803 Knight Ave., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor.
9. Pamela J Collins, Edd's Package Store, 608 Reynolds St., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine
10. Alfredo Jaime, El Potro Mexican Restaurant, 1506 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
11. Christopher Bagley, Food Lion #689, 701 Riverside Avenue, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.

12. Molly Rowland, Friendly Express #14, 507 City Blvd, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
13. Molly Rowland, Friendly Express #50, 1720 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
14. Ritesh Patel, George's Liquor Store, 2401 ½ Plant Ave., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor.
15. John Arnold, Harveys Supermarket #2319, 1312 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
16. Mukesh K. Gandhi, Johnny's Food Store, 819 Glenmore Ave., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
17. Rupush Patel, The Junction, 215 Knight Ave., Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises; Beer, Wine and Liquor.
18. Nova Riseden, Kroger Store, #439, 1606 Memorial Dr., Waycross GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
19. Lita Osburn, LL Creek, 421 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
20. Kanaiyalal T Patel, Oscar's Bar & Grill, 1725 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
21. Leung Bun Ko, New Hong Kong Restaurant, 2306 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.
20. Tejash Patel, OM Convenience, 935 Tebeau St., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
21. Paresh Shah, Petro Station, 1001 S. Georgia Parkway, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
22. Shari Chapman, Pizza Hut, 1110 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA;
Consumption On Premise Beer and Wine.
23. Marla Howell, Plant Café, 504 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA;
Consumption On Premise Beer and Wine.
24. Cynthia Smart, Rite Aid 1974, 701 Riverside Ave, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
25. John Gainey, Rite Aid 11849, 1803 Knight Ave., Waycross, GA
Retail Beer and Wine.
26. Leonides Escalera, Rodeo Mexican Rest., 2020 Memorial Dr, Waycross, GA;
Consumption On Premise Beer, Wine and Liquor.
27. Amrutlal Patel, Stop N Save, 1333 S Georgia Parkway, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer Sales Only.
28. Rakesh Patel, Stop N Save #23, 500 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
29. Sylvester James, Traffic Light, 540 Oak St., Waycross, GA;
Consumption On Premise Beer and Wine.
30. Jimmy Cox, Walgreens #09277, 1740 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.
31. Ankur Patel, Wally's Food Mart, 1565 State Street, Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.

32. Ching Ping Tang, Wong's Palace, 903 Knight Avenue, Waycross, GA;
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
33. Snehel Patel, Yogi's, Stop & Save, 800 State St., Waycross, GA;
Retail Beer and Wine.

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

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department presented Surplus Property WAYX 12-05 to declare certain property surplus. Ms. Jones requested that the items be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to declare the property surplus sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget by Approving Payment for Certain Water and Sewer (W&S) Rehabilitation Projects with Available Funds; To Transfer Excess Funds from One Account to Another to Provide for Payment of Certain Expenses was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET BY APPROVING PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER (W&S) REHABILITATION PROJECTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS; TO TRANSFER EXCESS FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §36-81-3(d) allows a local government to amend its budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during a budget period; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Waycross adopted a balanced Water and Sewer Fund Budget of \$5,964,900.00 for Fiscal Year 2012 on June 21st, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it necessary to amend the Water and Sewer Fund Budget by:

1. Using available funds to complete design of W&S capital program to include the Lee Avenue Project (Ph2 W&S Rehab) and impending Suwannee Drive Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation Project, from FY2011 Debt Service Capital Project account with a \$224,000 unexpended balance remaining in the W&S Enterprise Fund Balance, and available to re-program into FY2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above said adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget be made and a copy of the amended Water and Sewer Fund Budget be attached hereto and made a part hereof for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of December, 2012.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget by Approving Payment for Certain Water and Sewer (W&S) Rehabilitation Projects with Available Funds; To Transfer Excess Funds from One Account to Another to Provide for Payment of Certain Expenses as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. The Resolution passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Contract for Suwannee Drive Emergency Sewer Replacement Project was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-59

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SUWANNEE DRIVE EMERGENCY SEWER
REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross 2012 Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Program included replacement of an old segment of sanitary sewer main on Suwannee Drive between Seminole Trail and Cherokee Circle; and

WHEREAS, before said project could be designed and executed, a portion of said sewer main failed near the intersection of Cherokee Circle and was completely blocked requiring upstream bypass pumping; and

WHEREAS, the failed sewer main created an imminent risk of interruption of service and environmental compliance issues if the bypass pumping were to fail and release sewage outside the collection system; and

WHEREAS, City staff assembled bid documents for an emergency sewer replacement project contract and offered for expedited two-week advertisement, with Underground Pipeline Rehabilitation, Inc. being the apparent lowest and best bidder at a project cost of \$133,140; and

WHEREAS, permission is sought to award an emergency contract to Underground Pipeline Rehabilitation, Inc., to complete the emergency repairs to the Suwannee Drive sanitary sewer main; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to award and ratify a contract to Underground Pipeline Rehabilitation, Inc., to complete the emergency repairs to the Suwannee Drive sanitary sewer main at a cost of \$133,140, and to do all the acts and things necessary to complete the emergency repairs as outlined in this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2011

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: DIANE L HOPKINS

MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to Approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Contract for Suwannee Drive Emergency Sewer Replacement Project as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4 – 0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Purchase of Six New Police Vehicles to be Paid for From the FY 2012 Approved Line Item Budget was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-60

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF SIX NEW POLICE VEHICLES TO BE
PAID FOR FROM FY2012 APPROVED LINE ITEM BUDGET;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has a FY2012 approved line item budget to purchase six (6) new police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department staff offered a contract for purchase of said police vehicles through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the contract; and

WHEREAS, Hardy Chevrolet of Dallas, Georgia had the lowest and best bid for the contract in the amount of \$115,821.23, which includes a 3.5% early pay State Contract discount; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to award the contract for the purchase of six (6) new police vehicles from Hardy Chevrolet of Dallas, Georgia, for the sum \$115,821.23, which includes a 3.5% early pay State Contract discount, to be paid for from the Waycross Police Department FY2012 approved line item budget.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made a motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Purchase of Six New Police Vehicles to be Paid for From the FY 2012 Approved Line Item Budget as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Purchase of a New Street Sweeper to be Paid for From FY2012 Approved Line Item Budget was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-61

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW STREET SWEEPER TO BE
PAID FOR FROM FY2012 APPROVED LINE ITEM BUDGET;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Public Works Department has a FY2012 approved line item budget to purchase a new model regenerative Air Street Sweeper; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department staff offered a contract for purchase of said Street Sweeper through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the contract; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Disposal of Smyrna, Georgia had the lowest and best bid for the contract in the amount of \$152,105.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to award the contract for the purchase of a new Street Sweeper from Consolidated Disposal of Smyrna, Georgia, for the sum \$152,105.00, to be paid for from the Public Works Department FY2012 approved line item budget.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Purchase of a New Street Sweeper to be Paid for From FY2012 Approved Line Item Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all Commissioners voted favorably with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross Georgia to Angela Woodard Pitts was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-62

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO
AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA TO ANGELA WOODARD PITTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross owns 0.11 acre known as 1732 Mosley Street, B7L9, Parcel #WA 1804 047, which is a wooded vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2011, the City declared the said property surplus in that it no longer serves a public purpose or benefit, and was burdensome to the City to maintain, and authorized the property to be sold to the highest bidder for cash; and

WHEREAS, City staff assembled bid documents and advertised the property for sale to the highest bidder, and Angela Woodard Pitts was the highest bidder for the sum of \$1,033.00, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a Quitclaim Deed to Angela Woodard Pitts to transfer title of said property to her for said bid consideration; and

WHEREAS, said matter has been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross quitclaim its interest in 1732 Mosley Street, B7L9, Parcel #WA 1804 047, to Angela Woodard Pitts for the sum of \$1,033.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the Quitclaim Deed in the form attached hereto.

SO RESOLVED, this 6TH day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made a motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Authorize a Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross Georgia to Angela Woodard Pitts as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Used Police Vehicle for the Waycross Police Department was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-63

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF USED POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE
WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department has need for a Police Vehicle at a modest price, and has located a used 2007 Dodge Charger for sale; and

WHEREAS, Mall of Georgia Ford offered for sale the said used 2007 Dodge Charger for the sum of \$5,399.00 for immediate purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department and the Waycross Purchasing Department having negotiated the purchase of said Police Vehicle for the Police Department, and desire for the City Commission to ratify and approve said purchase at the special price of \$5,399.00; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, and Commission of the City of Waycross hereby ratifies and confirms the purchase of a used 2007 Dodge Charger for the Waycross Police Department for the sum of \$5,399.00, from Mall of Georgia Ford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor City Clerk, and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the documents necessary to ratify the purchase of the used 2007 Dodge Charger, and to secure its delivery for the Waycross Police Department at the earliest possible time.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: DIANE L HOPKINS
MAYOR PRO TEM**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to approve the A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Used Police Vehicle for the Waycross Police Department as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Resolution passed with a vote of 4 – 0.

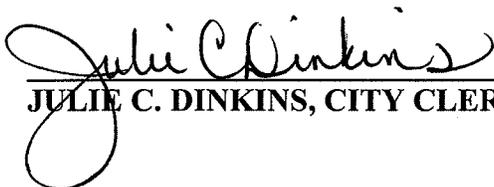
Mr. Alvin Nelson and Randy Grantham addressed the Commissioners regarding the proposed closing of the Waycross Customer Service Mail Processing Center and the public meeting to be held at Waycross College on December 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public input.

Following the Mayor Pro Tem and Commissioner's closing remarks, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK