

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016
5:00 PM

The City Commissioner of the City of Waycross held their Regular Session on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Mayor John Knox, Mayor Pro Tem Marian Solomon-Gaines, Commissioners Larry Ethridge, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Jon Tindall.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Pastor Kenneth Kirksey, Powerhouse of Faith, who offered the opening invocation. The Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Knox.

Mayor John Knox scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, January 3, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. for an Alley Closing, E Hamilton to Greenwood, Block 11 and 12, Walters Subdivision.

Human Resource Director Trinija Martin introduced Officer William James as the December Employee of the Month.

Mayor Knox presented a Proclamation to the Waycross Middle School Bulldog Football Team and Coach Kevin Stevenson.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Whereas, the Waycross Middle School Football Team has produced many outstanding football players and teams during its football history and this perfect 8 and 0 season is certainly no exception; and

Whereas, participation in the October 26th Southeast Georgia Middle School Athletic Conference Championship Game capped the 2016 Bulldog football season when Waycross Middle School won the Conference Title by winning 12 to 10 over Appling Middle School; and

Whereas, gridiron excellence by the Waycross Middle School Bulldogs and its outstanding Coach, Kevin Stevenson, remain synonymous with great Southeast Georgia Football and as Coach Stevenson remarked at the end of the game "Today was a great day to be a Bulldog"!

Now, therefore, in honor and in recognition of this exceptional win, I, John Knox, Mayor of the City of Waycross, do hereby officially salute and recognize this outstanding team upon its glorious victory at the close of the 2016 season and name

Waycross Middle School

Football Team of the Year

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 6th day of December, 2016.

Go Bulldogs!

John Knox, Mayor

A Proclamation honoring Vietnam Veterans was read by Mayor John Knox and presented to a group of local Vietnam Veterans.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Whereas, Over the past decade, Georgia has officially recognized and marked the anniversary of the March 29, 1973, withdrawal of the last 2,500 American troops from South Vietnam. Many men and women that wore the uniform of our United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War did not receive the proper respect and gratitude they deserved for their military service because of its very turbulent cultural unpopularity in America; and

Whereas, Of the some 228,000 Georgians that served during this conflict, 1,582 died in combat, 8,534 were wounded, 21 were held prisoner, and 35 still remain missing or unaccounted for; and

Whereas, In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War, the State of Georgia, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, the Honorable Governor Nathan Deal, created the Vietnam War Certificate of Honor program. Every Georgia veteran with honorable service during the Vietnam War is eligible to receive the certificate including also veterans with service in-country and those who served in other capacities; and

Whereas, Vietnam Veterans afford us an excellent opportunity to recall in a spirit of pride and gratitude the sacrifices of Georgia's Vietnam Veterans and the many, many heroic acts of military personnel from the Vietnam War, and the accomplishments of all Americans who served during that most difficult conflict; and

Whereas, we remember and appreciate with grateful hearts the contributions and sacrifices of the 254,000 Vietnam Veterans now living in Georgia and we proudly salute you for your honored patriotism.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waycross to be affixed this 6th day of December, 2016.

John Knox, Mayor

City Manager Raphel Maddox expressed his appreciation to the many volunteers who worked to make the Christmas Parade the success it was. Thanks also to the entire community for supporting the Christmas Parade. Mr. Maddox congratulated Officer William James on being named the City of Waycross Employee of the Month for December.

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 14, 2016; Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 2016.

One ordinance second reading was presented:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-24

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 18-1 PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING AND OUTDOOR FIRES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PRIVILEGE LICENSES FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL
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1. Andy's Express, Himanshu Patel, 1240 Albany Ave, Waycross, GA

Package Sales Beer, and Wine.

2. Applebee's, Tammy Rubenbauer, 1901 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
3. Bunky's, Himanshu Patel, 1545 Ossie Davis Pkwy
Package Sales Beer, and Wine. .
4. Corner Stop, Jeetnedra Patel, 2401 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA 31501
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
5. Crossway, Nayanabahen Patel, 385 Ossie Davis Pkwy,
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
6. Dick's Wings, Dee Fowler, 2470 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine.
7. Edd's Package Store, Pamela Collins, 608 S Ga Parkway East,
Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor.
8. El Potro Mexican Restaurant #7, Alfredo Jaime, 1506 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
9. Flash Foods 1, Cole Fountain, 505 Reynolds St.
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
10. Flash Foods 127, Cole Fountain, 2307 Plant Ave.
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
11. Flash Foods 150, Cole Fountain, 1712 Memorial Drive
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
12. Flash Foods 176, Cole Fountain, 1401 Tebeau St.
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
13. Flash Foods 258, Cole Fountain, 1736 S GA Parkway,
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
14. Friendly Express #14, David Turner, 507 City Blvd, Waycross, GA
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.

15. Friendly Express #50, David Turner, 1720 Memorial Drive,
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
16. George's Liquor Store, Riteshkumar Patel, 2401 ½ Plant Ave,
Package Sales Beer, Wine and Liquor.
17. Harveys 1614, Michael Hoyle, 510 Tebeau St.
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
18. Harveys Supermarket 1610, 1312 Plant Avenue
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
19. Johnny's Foodstore, Harmohinder Bawa, 819 Glenmore
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
20. L L Creek Bar & Grill, Lita O Boykin, 421 Memorial Dr
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
21. Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Kristy Smith, 2497 Memorial Dr,
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
22. Oscar's Lounge, Kanaiyalal Patel, 1725 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
23. Petro Station, Harmohinder Bawa, 1001 S Ga Parkway,
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
24. Pizza Hut, Shari Chatman, 1110 Plant Ave,
Consumption on Premises, Beer Only.
25. Quick Mart, Prabhudas Patel, 800 Ossie Davis Pkwy
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
26. Ruby Tuesday 4801, Tina Marie Moyeno-York, 2263 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
27. Stop N Save 23, Vinaben Patel, 500 Memorial Drive
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
28. Wong's Palace, Ching Ping Tang, 903 Knight Ave
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.

29. Traffic Light, Sylvester James, 650 Oak St.
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine.
- 30.. Two Guys Beverage and Tobacco, Josh Fowler, 2100 Memorial Dr.
Package Sales, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
31. Walmart Stores 4527, Allena Lewis, 1630 Plant Ave.
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
32. Walmart Stores 556, Gary Osborne, 2425 Memorial Dr.
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.

No Consent Resolutions were presented.

The Consent Calendar was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A new Privilege License was presented for Fast Lucky Lottery, Kishan Patel, 610 Memorial, Package Store, Beer and Wine. The Privilege License was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross by amending Chapter 2 – Administration, Article V – Employee Benefits was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-25

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE V. – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; DIVISION 1.-GENERALLY; BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-215 PERTAINING TO DECLARED DISASTER OVERTIME PAY FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Waycross by amending Chapter 2 pertaining to declared disaster overtime pay for exempt employees was approved on the first reading by Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge; and approved by unanimous vote.

A Resolution to Approve the Contract for the July 4th 2017 Fireworks Display was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-81

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT WITH PYROTECNICO, INC.
FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY 2017 FIREWORKS EXHIBITION;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, Georgia, has traditionally purchased fireworks for the Fourth of July fireworks exhibition in the City of Waycross, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has successfully contracted for many years with PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC., a Pennsylvania Corporation, for this fireworks exhibition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has been presented with a Fireworks Display Agreement between PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. and THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, in the form of the Agreement attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, and which includes furnishing, delivering and exhibiting fireworks on July 4, 2017, in the City of Waycross, Georgia, for the discounted early order compensation amount of **\$10,900.00** with the discounted contract due date being December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Fireworks Display Agreement between PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. and THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, in the form of the Agreement attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, be approved for the Fourth of July, 2017, fireworks exhibition in the City of Waycross, Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Finance Director be authorized, directed and empowered to advance the sum of **\$10,900.00** to PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. and its fiscal agent, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Approve the Contract for the July 4th 2017 Fireworks Display as presented. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion; all voted yes and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Declare the Results of the Referendum on Sunday Sales of Alcohol as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-82

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE
REFERENDUM ON SUNDAY SALES
OF ALCOHOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, an election was held in the City of Waycross on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, under and by virtue of the authority and provisions of the Charter of the City of Waycross and O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7 for a referendum on the sale of alcohol beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 12:30 p.m. until 12:00 midnight in any licensed establishment which derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or food in all of the combined retail outlets of the individual establishment where food is served and in any licensed establishment which derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging; and

WHEREAS, an election was held in the City of Waycross on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, under and by virtue of the authority and provisions of the Charter of the City of Waycross and O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7 for a referendum to authorize package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, by certified return of the Municipal Superintendent of said election, it appears that the following were the results of said referendums:

SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK AT RESTAURANTS:

Shall the governing authority of the City of Waycross be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink?

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| (x) YES | 1,980 |
| () NO | 1,251 |

PACKAGE SALES OF ALCOHOL ON SUNDAY:

Shall the governing authority of the City of Waycross be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.?

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| (x) YES | 1,776 |
| () NO | 1,426 |

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Commission of the City of Waycross to declare the results of the referendums; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia that, said referendums having been approved by a majority of the voters on November 8, 2016, Ordinance No. 16-03 and Ordinance 16-04 are duly approved and effective.

SO RESOLVED this 6th day of December, 2016, *Nunc Pro Tunc* November 8, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Declare the Results of the Referendum on Sunday Sales of Alcohol as follows. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; the vote was unanimous in approval.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize City Manager's Approval of prints to be displayed in the City Auditorium was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-83

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO DISPLAY FRAMED PRINTS OF ARTISTS WHO PERFORMED AND EVENTS
HELD AT THE CITY AUDITORIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross has been approached by Marla Howell about the idea of hanging and displaying a collection of framed 8" x 10" prints depicting artists who performed and events that were held at the Waycross City Auditorium in years past; and

WHEREAS, Marla Howell also suggested the idea of hanging and displaying a collection of 8" x 10" prints of artists, performers, athletes and other similar individuals who were born, raised and/or lived in the City of Waycross and became a professional in their field; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross agrees with Marla Howell, and thanks her for her suggestion, that the display of such a collection of prints would be a tribute to honor the talents of our citizens and would be a welcome addition to the City Auditorium, allowing all of those who enter the City Auditorium to be entertained and educated about the history of the famous citizens of the City of Waycross and the history of the City Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission agrees to hang and display a collection of framed 8" x 10" prints of artists who performed and events that were held at the Waycross City Auditorium, along with any artist, performer, athlete or similar individual who was born, raised and/or lived in the City of Waycross, Georgia and became famous and/or a professional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission hereby grants absolute authority to the City Manager, or his designee, to determine which prints of individuals or events,

as described above, will be showcased and where such display will be located at the City Auditorium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk are authorized, empowered and directed to execute this Resolution for the purposes stated herein and to give effect to the same for all purposes.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize City Manager's Approval of prints to be displayed in the City Auditorium was approved by motion made by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Jon Tindall; and approved by unanimous vote.

A Resolution to approve a letter of support for Landbridge Development to Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-84

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LANDBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT
TO GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross was designated by the Department of Community Affairs in 2005 as one of the first Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (hereinafter referred to as "GICH") communities in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is eligible to provide one Georgia Initiative for Community Housing letter of support to a potential developer applying for federal and state tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Landbridge Development is in the process of proposing the development of an apartment complex on Walnut Avenue and Vine Street to provide our citizens with a safe, affordable, quality rental stock in a neighborhood atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission hereby authorizes the creation and submission of a letter of support for Land bridge Development to Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and Director of Community Improvement are hereby authorized and directed to create and execute a letter on behalf of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts and things done by said City Officials, in order to give effect to the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of December, 2016.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to approve a letter of support for Landbridge Development to Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins and approved by a unanimous vote.

Following last call, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; a unanimous vote; and Mayor Knox adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
JOHN KNOX, Mayor

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk