

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session of the Commission of the City of Waycross was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Clarence E. Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Billups were Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson, Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines introduced Talliyah Miller, Chaplin for the 2015-2016 Debutantes, who offered the opening invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Human Resources Director Trinija Molina-Martin introduced Ms. Dana Chancey, Deputy Finance Director as the 2015 Employee of the Year.

Mr. Raphel Maddox presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Maddox applauded Ms. Dana Chancey on her award of Employee of the Year, stating Dana is a great employee. Mr. Maddox recounted the City events held in December including the Employee Christmas Party, the Christmas Parade, and Mayor's Retirement Reception. He celebrated the hard work involved in organizing these events by Trinija Martin and Sloan Fountain and the HR and CI departments. Mr. Maddox also recognized the hard work of Ms. Suwana Johnson for a job well done with the Debutantes every year.

Mayor Clarence E. Billups began the Mayor's report by publicly thanking the employees of the City of Waycross. Mayor Billups stated that it has been a pleasure working with the Division Heads and all of the employees of the City of Waycross. He acknowledged the work of Ms. Suwana Johnson with the Debutantes, stating that Ms. Johnson does an admirable job.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Billups 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 & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, November 30, 2015; Public Hearing on the CDBG November 25, 2015; and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

No Ordinance Second Readings or consent resolutions.

The following Privilege Licenses were presented for renewal for 2016.

1. Fuji Yana Inc d/b/a Cavagnaro's, 1810 S. Ga Parkway
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
2. DolgenCorp d/b/a Dollar General 9826, Robert Kuhbender,
1803 Knight Avenue, Package Sales, Beer & Wine
3. The Dome Event Center, Rupesh Patel, 215 Knight Avenue
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
4. El Potro Mexican Restaurant #7, Alfredo Jaime, 1506 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
5. Fancy Sushi, Jinzhu Zhang, 514 Mary Street
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine
6. First Stop Foods, Roy L Paschall Jr., 709 N. Nichols Street
Package Sales, Beer Only
7. Samson Merger Sub LLC d/b/a/ Harveys Supermarket #1610, Andrew Thrift,
1312 Plant Avenue, Package Sales, Beer and Wine
8. Samson Merger Sub d/b/a Harvey's Supermarket #1614, Michael Hoyle,
510 Tebeau Street, Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
9. OHSHY, Inc. d/b/a HUSH, Rupesh Patel, 509 Alice Street,
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
10. K D's Café, K. D. Woods, 504 Elizabeth Street
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine
11. Kroger #439, Kimberly Braverman, 1606 Memorial Drive
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
12. LL Creek Bar & Grill, Lita O Boykin, 421 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
13. Oak Street Package Store, Stacey S Berrian, 703 Oak Street,
Package Store, Beer, Wine and Liquor
14. Oscar's Bar & Grill, Kanaiyalal T Patel, 1725 Memorial Drive
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
15. Plant Café, Marla Howell, 504 Plant Avenue
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine
16. Rite Aid #1974, Mark Allen Smart, 1803 Knight Avenue
Package Sales Beer and Wine
17. Rite Aid #11849, Mark Allen Smart, 701 Riverside,
Package Sales Beer and Wine
18. Ruby Tuesday , Tina Marie Mayeno-York, 2263 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
19. Wong's Palace, Ching Ping Tang, 903 Knight Avenue
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine & Liquor
20. Soul Shop Art Guild, Ngwebifor Fobi, 668 Oak St.
Private Club Beer Only

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

Two Privilege Licenses were presented for approval for 2016 as follows:

Thai Smile, Patrick Yakorn, 311 Pendleton Street
Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine

The Privilege License for Thai Smile was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins. All voted positively and the motion carried.

Dick's Wings & Grill, Donna Dixon, 2470 Memorial Dr.
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine

The Privilege License for Dick's Wings & Grill was approved by motion from Commissioner Diane Hopkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The Waycross Police Department has a list of 15 bicycles that have been confiscated. Purchasing Director Linda Jones requested that these bicycles be given to the Fraternal Order of Police at the Ware State Prison to be repaired and given to under privileged children in our area. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve donating the bicycles. Commissioner Diane Hopkins seconded the motion, all voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize an Amendment to the Joint Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority for Wastewater Treatment Services was presented to the Commission for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS AND THE SATILLA REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross and the Ware County Water and Sewer Authority, effective September 17, 2002, entered into an agreement whereby the City of Waycross agreed to provide sewage treatment services to the Ware County Water and Sewer Authority; and

WHEREAS, said agreement was approved on October 1, 2002, by the City of Waycross and approved on October 15, 2002, by the Ware County Water and Sewer Authority; and

WHEREAS, effective May 30, 2003, the Georgia Legislature changed the name of Ware County Water and Sewer Authority to the Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Waycross to amend the joint agreement; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City Commission approves the Amendment to Joint Agreement Between the City of Waycross and the Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority for Waste Treatment Services, in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the Amendment to Joint Agreement Between the City of Waycross and the Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority for Waste Treatment Services on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to ratify and confirm the execution of said Agreement, and 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 15TH day of December, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize an Amendment to the Joint Agreement between the City of Waycross and the Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority for Wastewater Treatment Services as presented was approved by motion from Alvin Nelson. The motion was seconded by Marian Solomon-Gaines. The Resolution was approved with a 5 – 0 vote for approval.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award Bid Contracts to East Coast Asphalt and J H Stone Construction for street, drainage and utility improvements on Walter Street, Hicks Street and Alice Street was presented to the Commission for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO AWARD BID CONTRACTS TO EAST COAST ASPHALT, L.L.C., AND J.H. STONE CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR STREET, DRAINAGE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS ON WALTER STREET, HICKS STREET AND ALICE STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Walter Street, Hicks Street and Alice Street are in need of street, drainage and utility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of SPLOST funds for said street, drainage and utility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project was bid in three (3) divisions [Division 1 being Walter Street; Division 2 being Hicks Street and Division 3 being Alice Street] due to project size and differing work disciplines required on each division; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened two (2) bids tendered for each division; and

WHEREAS, East Coast Asphalt, L.L.C. submitted the lowest and best bid for the project on Division 1 of \$142,732.50; and East Coast Asphalt L.L.C. submitted the lowest and best bid for the project on Division 2 of \$499,188.01; and J.H. Stone Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest and best bid for the project on Division 3 of \$688,223.30; and meeting all specifications and requirements; and for a total project amount of \$1,330,143.90.

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for Division 1 being Walter Street and Division 2 being Hicks Street be awarded to East Coast Asphalt L.L.C. and Division 3 being Alice Street be awarded to J.H. Stone Construction, Inc. and to be paid from funds as follows:

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) 2015:	\$170,213.69
SPLOST PAVE:	\$759,930.21
W & S SPLOST:	\$400,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Bid Contracts 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 15TH day of December, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Award Bid Contracts to East Coast Asphalt and J H Stone Construction for street, drainage and utility improvements on Walter Street, Hicks Street and Alice Street was approved by motion from Commissioner Norman Davis; seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge and unanimously approved.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Waycross to Wilmon Washington was presented to the Commission for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-57

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, TO
AUTHORIZE A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE CITY OF WAYCROSS,
GEORGIA, TO WILMON WASHINGTON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, previously hereto certain property owners with property abutting Virgil Street petitioned the City of Waycross, Georgia, to abandon and close a portion of Virgil Street and to quitclaim to the adjoining property owners the portion of Virgil Street abandoned and closed; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1993, Waycross City Ordinance No. 93-18 was approved on second reading by the Commission of the City of Waycross abandoning and closing a portion of Virgil Street, a copy of which is attached hereto (3 pages) and incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, Wilmon Washington, an adjoining property owner, having now requested to have said portion of the abandoned portion of Virgil Street abutting his property quitclaimed to him; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to execute a Quitclaim Deed to Wilmon Washington; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Quitclaim Deed from the City of Waycross to Wilmon Washington, in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth is hereby approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized, directed and empowered to execute said Quitclaim Deed on behalf of the City of Waycross.

SO RESOLVED this the 15th day of December, 2015.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Larry Ethridge made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross to Authorize a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Waycross to Wilmon Washington as presented to the Commission for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines and approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

During last call, Commissioner Alvin Nelson stated that he has enjoyed his time serving on the City Commission. He noted that many good changes in the community have come about during his tenure. Lauding team work which provided political stability as getting the job done. Nelson praised many unsung heroes, including the volunteers who work on various tasks across the city. Commissioner Nelson advised Commissioner-elect Jon Tindall to “Wear the title with honor and you’ll go far”.

Mayor Clarence Billups thanked the citizens of the City of Waycross for electing him Mayor for two terms. Mayor Billups expressed his appreciation to the commissioners, city employees and city residents for working together to improve their hometown. He wished luck to Mayor-elect John Knox and Commissioner-elect Jon Tindall as they take office in January, 2016.

After last call, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Nelson in his last motion as a City Commissioner, made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Clarence Billups adjourned his final meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: Marian Solomon-Gaines
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: Julie C. Dinkins
JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk