

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday December 16, 2014 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins were Commissioners, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Larry Ethridge, Norman Davis and Alvin Nelson. Mayor Clarence E. Billups was not present.

City Attorney Rick Currie introduced Pastor Kenneth Kirksey, Power of Faith, who offered the opening invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins introduced Henry Bates, a 5th grade student at Williams Heights Elementary School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Allison Herrin, Acting Human Resources Director, introduced Peter Henderson, Waycross Fire Department as the Employee of the Month for December 2014.

City Manager Raphel Maddox made a presentation to Ware State Prison Warden Glynn Johnson to thank Warden Johnson for all of his contributions to the City of Waycross. Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins presented a railroad stake plaque to Warden Johnson.

In honor of the one year anniversary of the death of Lt. Jeff Little, City Manager Raphel Maddox donned an Alabama hat for his report.

Police Department Chief Tony Tanner informed the Commission that Shop With A Cop was a huge success this year. Chief Tanner said that 39 kids were taken shopping, spending a total of \$5,051.89.

Chief Tanner noted that 3 new pedestrian crosswalks have been installed on Corridor Z in three locations. The public will be required to stop when the lights are activated. Pedestrians will be able to manually activate the crosswalks when they cross the road. Chief Tanner said plans are being made to hold meetings to educate the public on how to use the crosswalks.

There were no public remarks on official action.

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 Planning & Information Session and Executive Session, Monday, December 1, 2014 and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

There were no Ordinance Second Readings or Consent Resolutions.

Privilege License Renewals – 2015

1. Doherty Georgia Waycross d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar
1901 Memorial Way
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
2. Fuji Inc d/b/a Cavagnaro's, 1810 S. Ga Parkway
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
3. DolgenCorp d/b/a Dollar General 9826
1803 Knight Avenue
Package Sales, Beer & Wine
4. First Stop Foods, Roy L Paschall Jr.,
709 N. Nichols Street
Package Sales, Beer Only
5. Samson Merger Sub d/b/a Harvey's Supermarket #1614
Durwood Corbin, 510 Tebeau Street
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
6. LL Creek Bar & Grill, Lita O Boykin
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
7. Jai Ranchod Rai, d/b/a OM Convenience, Tejashkumar Patel
Package Sales, Beer and Wine.
8. Oscar's Bar & Grill, Kanaiyalal T Patel, 1725 Memorial Drive
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
9. Pizza Hut, Shari Chapman, 1110 Plant Avenue
Consumption on Premises, Beer & Wine
10. Plant Café, Marla Howell, 504 Plant Avenue
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine
11. Rite Aid #11849, John Gainey, 1803 Knight Avenue
Package Sales Beer and Wine
12. Stop N Save #23, Rocky Patel, 500 Memorial Drive
Package Sales, Beer and Wine
13. The Dome Event Center, Rupesh Patel, 215 Knight Avenue
Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
14. OHSHY, Inc. d/b/a HUSH, Rupesh Patel
509 Alice Street, Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor
15. Pond View Fine Dining, Winton McNair, 311 Pendleton Street
Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine Only.
16. Aden's Minit Market #48, Donna Justice, 2198 Brunel St
Package Sales, Beer and Wine

Commissioner Alvin Nelson made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

One Privilege License with an Owner Change was presented for review:

Shai Veraima Inc. d/b/a Waycross Food and Beverage, Geetaben Patel
1302 Brunel Street, Package Sales, Beer and Wine

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Privilege License for Waycross Food and Beverage as presented. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY15-05 for the purchase of a Director Link Lifeline Series Hostage Phone System. Purchasing received 2 bids and after review, staff recommends awarding the bid to Enforcement Technology Group of Milwaukee, WI for \$5,749.95. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the bid to Enforcement Technology Group in the amount of \$5,749.95. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Purchasing Director Linda Jones presented Bid FY15-04 City Hall Roof Replacement and Skylight Removal Labor bids. Purchasing received 4 bids from roofing contractors for the labor to replace the City Hall roof. After staff review, Childers Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. was declared the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications and requirements with a bid price of \$168,500.00 for labor only. The Purchasing staff also recommends purchasing the materials off the US Communities and GSA Contract #09-5408 from Garland. Along with the purchase of the materials, the City will also receive project management services, inspections, core samples, bidding document and drawing prep work at no charge. Total material cost not to exceed \$53,450.00. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the labor bid from Childers Roofing and Sheet Metal for labor as well as the purchase of materials off the US Communities and GSA Contract #09-5408 from Garland. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 affirmative vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to amend Chapter 23, Article IV, Pertaining to the City Auditorium was presented for the first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE IV, PERTAINING TO THE CITY AUDITORIUM; TO REPLACE SECTIONS 23-81 THROUGH SECTION 23-88 PERTAINING TO MANAGEMENT, FEES AND RULES FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY OF THE CITY AUDITORIUM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Amendment to the City Auditorium Ordinance for the first reading. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion was approved.

A Resolution to Award the Bid Contract to Childers Roofing and Sheet Metal for roof replacement at City Hall was submitted for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-83

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO AWARD BID CONTRACT TO CHILDERS ROOFING AND SHEETMETAL,
INC. FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross City Hall has a roof that is leaking and in dire need of repair;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of SPLOST funds for the roof replacement and skylight removal for City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding, and received and opened four (4) bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, said bid is for labor only and the City of Waycross will purchase materials for the project from Garland Company; and

WHEREAS, Childers Roofing & Sheet metal, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand and five hundred dollars (\$168,500.00), and meeting all specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Bid Contract for roof replacement and skylight removal for City Hall be awarded to Childers Roofing & Sheet metal, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk 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, this 16th day of December, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS GEORGIA

DIANE L. HOPKINS, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution to Award the Bid Contract to Childers Roofing and Sheet Metal for roof replacement at City Hall as submitted. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Roofing Materials from Garland Company for the City Hall Roof Replacement project was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-86

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ROOFING MATERIALS FROM GARLAND
COMPANY FOR THE CITY HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross City Hall has a roof that is leaking and in dire need of repair;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Engineering Department has approved the use of SPLOST funds for the roof replacement and skylight removal for City Hall; and

WHEREAS, it is the staff's recommendation to purchase materials from the US Communities and GSA Contracts # 09-5408 and only offer the project by bid for labor only; and

WHEREAS, along with the purchase of material from Garland Company, the City will receive project management services, inspections, core samples, bidding document and drawing preparation work at no additional charge to the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, Childers Roofing & Sheet metal, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project for labor only of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand and five hundred dollars (\$168,500.00); and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross purchase material for the City Hall roof replacement project from Garland Company at a price not to exceed fifty-three thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars (\$53,450.00) which included a one percent (1%) additional discount and shipping costs, and with any unused materials to be returned to Garland Company for a refund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said 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, this 16th day of December, 2014.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS
DIANE L. HOPKINS
Mayor Pro Tem**

ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

The Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Roofing Materials from Garland Company for the City Hall Roof Replacement project was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larry Ethridge. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 14-85 A Resolution to approve an application for a \$15,000 Let's Play Construction Grant was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A \$15,000 LET'S PLAY CONSTRUCTION GRANT FROM DR PEPPER SNAPPLE AND NATIONAL NON-PROFIT KaBOOM!; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, Georgia wishes to submit an application to apply for a Dr. Pepper Snapple Group – KaBoom! 2014 Let's Play Construction Grant in the amount of no less than \$24,000 and more than \$40,000 for Elizabeth Park on Howe Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross will receive \$9,000 from KaBoom! and a discount of \$6,000 from a preferred vendor, to apply toward the creation of a playground under the terms and conditions as stated in the attached Letter of Agreement (LOA); and

WHEREAS, The City of Waycross will commit to providing \$9,000 to the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross agrees that this project must be constructed and fully completed on or before November 14, 2015; must be built using the KaBoom! Community-build model and using community volunteers to plan for, design, fundraise for, and build a community playground; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been read and considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross hereby approves the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group – KaBoom! 2014 Let's Play Construction Grant and the attached Letter of Agreement (LOA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and the same are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the attached Letter of Agreement (LOA), in the name of the City of Waycross, hereby ratifying and confirming the execution of said Letter of Agreement by the Mayor and City Clerk, and approving the act and things done as necessary to give effect to said Agreement.

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of December, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

ATTEST:

DIANE L. HOPKINS, MAYOR PRO TEM

JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Alvin Nelson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 14-85 A Resolution to approve an application for a \$15,000 Let's Play Construction Grant as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution to pay DWDA the third draw on repairs on the Rail Depot and the REA Buildings project was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-84

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO PAY DOWNTOWN WAYCROSS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY FOR THIRD DRAW ON REPAIRS TO THE RAIL
DEPOT AND THE REA BUILDINGS PROJECT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross, on behalf of the Downtown Waycross Development Authority (hereinafter "DWDA"), awarded the project for repairs to the Rail Depot and the REA Freight Depot buildings to Craft Development of Waycross, Georgia, by Resolution dated August 5, 2014, in the amount of \$106,887.00; and

WHEREAS, Craft Development, Inc. has submitted an invoice, dated November 25, 2014, for work completed to date, less previous amounts billed; and

WHEREAS, DWDA has submitted a request in the amount of thirty-six thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty-two cents (\$36,824.22) to pay Craft Development, Inc. for the third draw on work completed in said project; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that, based on the contract awarded to Craft Development of Waycross, Georgia, as set out above, payment of thirty-six thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty-two cents (\$36,824.22) be made to DWDA for the third draw on Rail Depot and REA Freight building project, to be paid to Craft Development, Inc., and from SPLOST funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to make payment to DWDA on behalf of the City of Waycross, and to do all the acts and things necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, hereby ratifying and confirming all actions taken and to be taken .

SO RESOLVED, this 16th day of December, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
DIANE L. HOPKINS, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Alvin Nelson made the motion to approve a Resolution to pay DWDA the third draw on repairs on the Rail Depot and the REA Buildings project as presented. Commissioner Larry Ethridge seconded the motion; all voted positively and the motion was approved.

Resolution No. 14-87 to approve the purchase of a hostage negotiator phone system for the WPD was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-87

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA,
TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF HOSTAGE NEGOTIATOR PHONE SYSTEM FOR
THE WAYCROSS POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Police Department has approved FY 2015 line item budget funds to purchase a new Hostage Negotiator Phone System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross Purchasing Department offered the project through competitive bidding and received and opened bids tendered for the project; and

WHEREAS, Enforcement Technology Group of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project, at a cost of five thousand, seven hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents (\$5,749.95); and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Contract for purchase of a new Hostage Negotiator Phone System for the City of Waycross Police Department be awarded to Enforcement Technology Group of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at a cost of five thousand, seven hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents (\$5,749.95);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the 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, this 16th day of December, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

ATTEST:

JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Resolution No. 14-87 approving the purchase of a hostage negotiator phone system for the WPD was approved by motion from Commissioner Solomon-Gaines; seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson; and an unanimous vote.

A Joint Resolution between the COW, Ware County and BOE was presented for review.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-88

A 2014 JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, THE COUNTY OF WARE AND THE WARE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD IS REQUESTING EDITED ASSISTANCE FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP AND CONSTRUCT AN OVERPASS AT SR4/US1 BUS/ CSX GRADE SEPARATION IN WAYCROSS, GEORGIA P.I. NO. 0002870

WHEREAS, the Ware County Board of Commissioner and the City of Waycross Commission along with the Ware County School Board were duly assembled with their entire state legislative delegation, October 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the state legislative delegation to propose and present a Joint resolution to accelerate the effort to deliver grade separate on SR 4 / US 1 BUS/ CSX in Waycross, GA; and

WHEREAS, due to the high capacity of train impacts in the City of Waycross and the County of Ware our public safety responses are greatly delayed and crippled by trains that are slowed, stopped or hindered and these action also cause major traffic delays; and

WHEREAS, numerous railroad crossings are impacted in our community as training lengths can be up to 10,000 feet and numerous scenarios along the double-track corridor can create extended delayed delivery of public safety responses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Waycross and the County of Ware have only one (1) other overpass along the double-track corridor and numerous events have caused this overpass to be closed when car accidents or other catastrophic events occur along SR 520/ US 82 at our only other overpass; and

WHEREAS, The City of Waycross and the County of Ware residents do not anticipate more fluid movements nor less or shorter trains to be the operational objectives of CSX Transportation in the future; and

WHEREAS, our community forecasts that we will continue to experience more delays in our delivery of timely public safety responses to the residents of Waycross and Ware County, Georgians and other visitors to our community and

WHEREAS, the businesses along SR 4 / US 1 BUS that will be directly impacted by the creation of the overpass, the City of Waycross and the County of Ware requests that all businesses be protected and their businesses continue to operate and function properly and be duly considered during the design process of the grade separation; and

WHEREAS, we will send a letter to the Governor of the State of Georgia and request that he appropriate SRTA funds to help expedite the preliminary engineering and delivery of this much needed public safety related grade separation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Waycross, the County of Ware and the Ware County School Board requests an accelerated delivery of grade separation along SR 4 / US 1 BUS – P.I. No.: 0002870.

SO RESOLVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Ware County Board of Commissioners, December 8, 2014.

SO RESOLVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City of Waycross Commission, December 16, 2014.

SO RESOLVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Ware county School Board December 9, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS
Clarence E. Billups, Mayor
ATTEST: Julie Dinkins, Clerk

WARE CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
Jimmy Brown, Chairman
ATTEST: Lisa E. Ralls, Adm. Asst.

WARE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Wilton DeLoach, Chairman
Ware County School Board

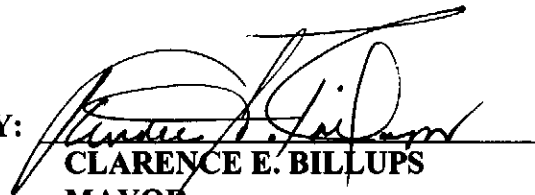
ATTEST:
Sherry McCarty, Adm. Asst.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve Resolution No. 14-87 approving the purchase of a hostage negotiator phone system for the WPD. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

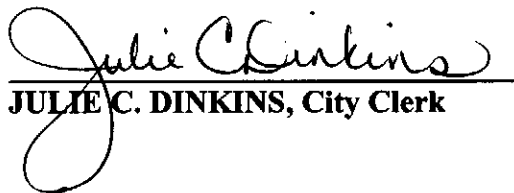
After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk