

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 20, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence E. Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Daniel Yarbrough, Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Norman Davis and Marian Solomon-Gaines present for the meeting.

City Manager Deron King introduced Debutante, Mariah Dion Hollis from Pierce County, who offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups announced that the Work Session scheduled for Monday, January 2 will be rescheduled to Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. and the Monday, January 16, 2012 Work Session will be rescheduled to Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. due to the New Years and MLK holidays.

Mayor Billups scheduled a Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. and an Alley way closing Public Hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to close a portion of Hall Street.

Fire Chief David Eddins gave the Commissioners an update on Jeremy Norris' condition and shared with the Commission how the Jeremy Norris Scholarship Fund began. Chief Eddins presented the first Jeremy Norris Scholarship to Joseph Daniel Harris.

Mayor Billups and City Manager King presented Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough with a plaque in recognition of his four years of service on the Waycross City Commission. Each Commissioner, Mayor Billups and Mr. King thanked Mr. Yarbrough for his service.

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 complete, and curb, gutter and overlay are ongoing on Bunche, Bethune and Carver. The project is currently ahead of schedule and 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. This project has been fast-tracked and should begin within two weeks. Citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in construction areas.

Mr. King announced "City Talk" a new program on Channel 42 which is designed to keep the public informed of City business. The first show is airing this week with guest, Commissioner Diane Hopkins.

Mayor Clarence Billups began the Mayor's Report by congratulating the Delta Debutantes and thanking them for coming to the City Commission meeting. Mayor Billups congratulated the Jeremy Norris Scholarship winner, Joseph Daniel Harris and wished him the best with his education. He also thanked the City of Waycross employees for a great year.

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 Affidavit Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters, Monday, December 5; Waycross City Commission Zoning Public Hearing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2011. There were no consent resolutions or ordinances.

The following privilege licenses were submitted for renewal:

Privilege License Renewals – 2012

1. Amy L Cavagnaro, Fuji Inc. dba Cavagnaros, 1810 S. Georgia Parkway, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine and Liquor.
2. Ora Lee Wright, The Food Market, 1302 Sweat St., Waycross, GA; Package Sales, Beer Only.
3. Kevin Woods, KD's BBQ and Café Inc., 504 Elizabeth Street, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.
4. David O Houlihan, Pond View Fine Dining, 311 Pendleton St., Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
5. Arunkumar B Patel, State Street Package, 1711 State Street, Waycross, Georgia Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5-0 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 Diane Hopkins; the vote was unanimous and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Chapter 20, Article VII, Section 20-122 pertaining to speed restrictions was presented for first reading as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-122 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA PERTAINING TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Speed Zone Ordinance for the first reading as presented; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Georgia, Chapter 20, Article VII, Section 20-122 pertaining to speed restrictions was presented for second reading and adoption as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 20-122 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA PERTAINING TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Speed Zone Ordinance for the second reading and adoption as presented; seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all voted in favor and motion carried.

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to rezone the property described as 1303 Gilmore Street from R-50 MH to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial was presented for the first reading as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED AT 1303 GILMORE STREET FROM R-50 MH TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Ordinance to rezone 1303 Gilmore Street for the first reading as presented; seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins; all voted in favor and motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution to Approve the Annual Gift Cards for Employees and to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget was presented.

RESOLUTION 11-64

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE ANNUAL GIFT CARDS FOR EMPLOYEES;
AND TO AMEND THE FY12 BUDGET;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross appreciates its employees and wishes to extend to all employees Christmas Greetings; and

WHEREAS, the City believes it appropriate to gift a gift card at a local merchant to each and every employee in an amount based solely on years of service to the City; and

WHEREAS, Gift cards will be presented to employees with 20 or more years of service in the amount of \$50.00, and employees with between 1 year and 19 years of service in the amount of \$25.00, for a total amount of \$6,783.00 with \$1,000 coming from the existing budget and \$5,783 requiring an amendment to the budget; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross give a Gift Card to each employee with the amount being based on years in service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget is hereby amended to include the additional cost of said Gift Cards; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to purchase the gift cards as set forth herein and distribute them to each City employee.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Annual Gift Cards for Employees and to Amend the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. The Resolution passed.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for 2012 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-65

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR MICROSOFT LICENSING FOR 2012;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross makes use of Microsoft computer software on all City computers; and

WHEREAS, by purchasing a licensing agreement, the City is able to load the software lawfully onto all computers; and

WHEREAS, the rate for the licensing agreement for 2012 is 18,877.72 under the state enterprise agreement; 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 approve the annual payment for the Microsoft License Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, City Clerk, Finance Director and City Manager be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of December, 2011.

**CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve Payment for Microsoft Licensing for 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons. All voted favorably and the motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for 2012 Water & Sewer Rehabilitation Project Design Services was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-66

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2012 WATER & SEWER REHABILITATION
PROJECT DESIGN SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, under the City's 2012 Water & Sewer Capital Improvement Plan, the City proposes to rehabilitate 4990 LF of water main, 4515 LF of sewer main and corresponding street surfaces along portions of Roosevelt Street, Izlar Street, Owens Street, Walker Street, Jasmine Circle, and sewer main between Plantation Drive and Seminole Trail; and

WHEREAS, City staff solicited and advertised in the Waycross Journal Herald for Street, Drainage and Utility Project Design Services, and requested interested firms to submit a statement of their qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the joint venture of Golden Isles Engineering Consultants – Coastal Engineering Consultants submitted its statement of qualifications and proposal for the project; and

WHEREAS, a selection board met and considered the qualifications submitted by Golden Isles Engineering Consultants – Coastal Engineering Consultants, and based on a negotiated fee of \$78,850.00, for preliminary engineering, detailed design, bidding and construction phase services for 2012 Water & Sewer program, said fee represents the best value for the proposed services; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross award the contract for Preliminary Engineering, Detailed Design, Bidding and Construction Phase Services for 2012 Water & Sewer program to the joint venture of Golden Isles Engineering Consultants – Coastal Engineering Consultants for the negotiated fee of \$78,850.00, to be paid for from the FY12 & FY13 W&S Capital Project Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the award on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for 2012 Water & Sewer Rehabilitation Project Design Services 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 Excess Workers' Compensation Liability Renewal for the City of Waycross for FY2012 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-67

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITY
RENEWAL FOR THE CITY OF WAYCROSS FOR FY 2012; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross requested qualifications and information from Insurance Carriers for Excess Workers' Compensation Liability Renewal for the City of Waycross, for the period from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the City's Insurance Broker, J. Smith Lanier and Company of Waycross, Georgia, the City solicited statement of qualifications and proposals from various Insurance Carriers to provide the Excess Workers' Compensation Liability Renewal; and

WHEREAS, a selection board met and considered the qualifications submitted and based on the evaluation process recommended New York Marine & General Insurance (Midlands) as the lowest and best bidder to provide said contract insurance services for the City of Waycross; and

WHEREAS, New York Marine & General Insurance (Midlands) is willing to provide said contract insurance services for an annual premium of \$48,995, based upon the proposal outlined in its statement of qualifications; and

WHEREAS, said matter being considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross award the contract for Excess Workers' Compensation Liability Renewal for the City of Waycross, for the period from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012, to New York Marine & General Insurance (Midlands), for an annual premium of \$48,995.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute the necessary award documents on behalf of the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this 20th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

**BY: CLARENCE E BILLUPS
MAYOR**

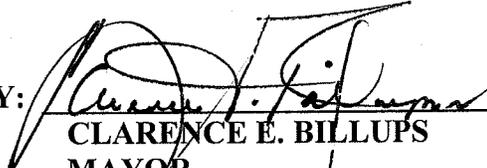
ATTEST: JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award the Contract for Excess Workers' Compensation Liability Renewal for the City of Waycross for FY2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines; all Commissioners voted favorably with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Mike Morris addressed the Commissioners regarding the proposed closing of the Waycross Customer Service Mail Processing Center. Citizens were urged to contact their legislators.

Following the Mayor's and Commissioners' closing remarks, Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough; all voted in favor and Mayor Billups adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
**CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
MAYOR**

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

