

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross held their regular meeting in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Mayor Clarence Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Diane Hopkins, William Simmons, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Norman Davis, and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins introduced Reverend Dale Thornton from Trinity Methodist Church who offered the invocation, which was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Billups requested a motion to change the date and time of the next work session. Commissioner William Simmons made the motion to reschedule the Waycross City Commission Planning and Information session to Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. due to the Memorial Day holiday. Commissioner Norman Davis seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Frank Baugh presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Baugh informed the public that the Safe Sidewalk Program is currently underway in downtown Waycross. This project is a continuation of our annual program which has eliminated some 990 individual trip hazards throughout the city since 2008. The contractor completed trip hazard removal along most of the area bounded by Isabella, Tebeau, Carswell and Plant Ave. and will continue in the downtown area North of Carswell this week and next, weather permitting.

Mr. Baugh reported that Littlefield Construction is scheduled to complete paving of a portion of Mary Street east of Augusta Ave. near the main Fire Station. Littlefield Construction will also be mobilizing for our 2010 SPLOST project which includes curb, gutter and paving work along unimproved portions of Jane, Pine, Seaman, Izlar, Watts, Porter, James, and Carver streets. Local residents along these street segments are being notified in advance of the project and we'll make every effort to accommodate residential access. We would like to advise motorists to heed all traffic control measures.

Mr. Baugh also reported that our Litter Trap project was recently completed by Woodard Construction Company. Next week the city will be hosting the official launch of our Bandalong litter trap system on Tuesday, 25 May at 1:00 pm at the main city canal near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2900 Lakeview Drive. The event will feature remarks by the Mayor, the Satilla Riverkeeper, and Chairman of Keep Waycross/Ware Beautiful Committee. This Litter Trap system is the first of its kind in the State of Georgia and only the second in North America. It was partly financed through American Recovery & Reinvestment act, but it also represents a significant investment and commitment on the part of the city Commission. I invite the public to join us Tuesday as we celebrate a cleaner Satilla River.

Mr. Baugh included a quick update on the Harrison & Knight Traffic Signal Project. Dixie Roadbuilders Subcontractor, Corbett Electric will begin utility relocation work on June 1 at Harrison Street marking the next phase of our stadium traffic signal project. Harrison Street will be closed to through traffic along the Stadium frontage beginning on Tuesday, June 1 with traffic detouring by way of Satilla Blvd and Knight Ave. We anticipate the signal work to be underway in earnest next month and again ask motorists to heed all traffic control measures.

Lastly, Mr. Baugh reminded everyone to travel safely during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Clarence Billups informed the Commission that he and Ware County Chairman Jimmy Brown met with the Humane Society and anticipates that some of the problems will be worked out soon. Mayor Billups sent his condolences to Sheriff Randy Royal and the Royal and Thompson families.

There were no public remarks on official actions.

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 and Information Session Executive Session Concerning Personnel, May 3, 2010; Annexation Zoning Public Hearing and Waycross City Commission Meeting, May 4, 2010. The Annexation/Zoning Ordinance concerning Property located at 908 Blackshear Avenue was presented for its second reading. There were no Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

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.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented FY10-18 for Christmas Pole Decorations. The Illuminate Waycross at Christmas has currently collected \$32,498.35. Waycross Main Street will receive 10% for administering the money for the purchase of Christmas Decorations for Downtown. \$28,248.51 is available to purchase 146 decorations which need to be ordered by May 30. A second order will be made on June 1, 2010. Purchasing received 7 bids. It is the staff's and the IWAC recommendation to award the bid to Holiday Design of Gainesville, Georgia for \$34,950.00 for the purchase of 180 pole decorations, including shipping, averaging out to \$200 per light.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to purchase up to 180 Christmas Pole Decorations with the money raised by IWAC from Holiday Design of Gainesville, Georgia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented a request for an extension of the Gas and Diesel Card Services for FY2011. In FY2010 this bid was awarded to T & R Oil

and the company has agreed to keep our current pricing with no increase. Our pricing will again be .0475 markup on gasoline and .0500 on diesel fuel. It is the staff's recommendation to extend the FY10 annual gas and diesel card service bid for another year.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the extension of the Gas and Diesel Card Services for FY2011 to T & R Oil at the pricing .0475 markup on gasoline and .0500 on diesel fuel. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented Bid FY10-19 for the Annual Mosquito Control Spray Bid. The City received 5 bids and after review recommends awarding the bid to All Pro Vector for \$18.14 per gallons for their Evoluer 4-4.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to award the Annual Mosquito Control Spray Bid to All Pro Vector for \$18.14 per gallons for their Evoluer 4-4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons. All Commissioners voted affirmatively and the motion carried.

Mrs. Linda Jones, Director, Purchasing Department, presented a request for the purchase of Servers to upgrade outdated services and computer equipment with the City. It is the Staff's recommendation that these servers be purchased directly from Dell Marketing at the State Contract Price with SPLOST funds for the total amount of \$27,293.16.

Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough made the motion to approve the purchase of servers to be purchased directly from Dell Marketing at the State Contract Price with SPLOST funds for the total amount of \$27,293.16. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The first reading on the Zoning of property located at 2197 Brunel Street and 2205 Brunel Street was held:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA AND THE ZONING MAP; TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN LOCATED ON 2197 BRUNEL STREET AND 2205 BRUNEL STREET FROM R-75 RESIDENTIAL TO C-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Rezoning of Property for 2197 Brunel Street and 2205 Brunel Street from R-75 Residential to C-2 Highway Commercial as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman Davis; all Commissioners voted affirmatively and the motion was approve with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Application for the FY2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-35

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE
FY-2010 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Waycross Police Department of the City of Waycross has prepared an application for the FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$16,055.00; and

WHEREAS, if awarded this grant, the Waycross Police Department will be responsible for the administration of the grant funds which will be divided with the Ware County Sheriff's Department who will use their half to purchase In-car Laptop Computers. The City of Waycross will use their portion to purchase Digital Recording Equipment and In-Car Laptop Computers; and

WHEREAS, the Grant process requires a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia and that the local government approve the grant application for these funds; and

WHEREAS, said matter having been considered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the Commissioners of the City of Waycross hereby approve the application of the Waycross Police Department for an FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$16,055.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Chief of Police be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute any such document evidencing the Memorandum FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of May, 2010.

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

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Approve the Application for the FY2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve Down Payment Assistance as Part of CHIP 06M-X-148-2-2943 was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION
TO APPROVE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AS PART OF
C.H.I.P. 06M-X-148-2-2943; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross received C.H.I.P. funds for the year 2006 and is currently administering said grant; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for down payment assistance for residents within the city limits from the grant in order to complete the grant process; and

WHEREAS, families have completed the process and have been approved for down payment assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City should move funds from the C.H.I.P. down payment assistance fund and apply it to the approved application of Client E in the amount of \$5,000.00 for down payment assistance and \$1,500.00 for the project delivery fee; and

WHEREAS, said funds are available and the matter has been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve Client E for down payment assistance in compliance with the program policies adopted by the City of Waycross in the amount of \$6,500.00 to be paid from C.H.I.P. 06M-X-148-2-2943.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, Finance Director, and Community Improvement Director be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to submit the application set forth herein.

SO RESOLVED this 18th day of May, 2010.

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

**ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK**

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to Approve the Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve Down Payment Assistance as Part of CHIP 06M-X-148-

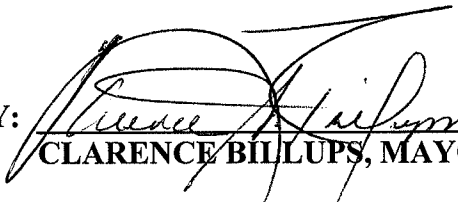
2-2943 as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Henry Lee Tripp Jr. addressed the Commission about an event scheduled for June 5 at Mary Street Park called Stop the Violence End the Violence Youth Rally.

Mayor Billups and the Commissioners each shared their closing remarks.

The meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded by Commissioner Diane Hopkins, all voted in favor and Mayor Billups declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: 
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK