

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 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, August 3, 2010. Mayor Clarence Billups called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners William Simmons, Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, Norman Davis, and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting.

City Clerk Julie Dinkins introduced Alvin Baldwin, Pastor of Friendship Freewill Baptist Church who offered the invocation, which was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clarence Billups announced two special meetings to Convene Executive Sessions of the Waycross City Commission to begin the Interview Process for the Position of City Manager: Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, August 5, 2010, 2:30 p.m., Waycross City Commission Chambers.

Acting City Manager Frank Baugh presented the City Manager's Report. Mr. Baugh reported on the successful installation of the new Stadium Traffic signal, which has been active since 28 July. Because this signal is synchronized with the Memorial Drive traffic light, it involved a very complex signal phasing design. While performing as designed, you can expect some alteration in traffic flow as motorists grow accustomed to the new signal. DOT district engineers are scheduled to perform follow-up calibration this week or next and we ask motorists travelling in the vicinity to be patient and use caution as traffic adjusts to the new signal phasing.

Mr. Baugh also reported that work continues on the City's 2010 SPLOST street and drainage project although the contractor has experienced some weather delays. Barring further delay, work is expected to resume in coming week with commencement of curb and gutter installation on unimproved portions of Jane and Watts Streets. Expect curb and gutter work to continue through the month of August on portions of Pine, Seaman, Izlar, Porter, James, and Carver streets.

Mr. Baugh also reported that new capital project advertisements have gone out for a project to remove and replace approximately 4600 linear feet of sanitary sewer main, 1600 linear feet of water main and approximately one mile of paved surface scheduled to open on August 26. This project will impact all the water, sewer and street infrastructure along Lee Avenue between Memorial Drive and Marion Street and portions of Hicks and Calhoun Street infrastructure. Another project to extend a small segment water and sewer infrastructure along Division street right-of-way will also open this month. More details are available on the City of Waycross website

In presenting the Mayor's Report, Mayor Clarence Billups congratulated all students, teachers, parents and administrators who are returning to school this week and reminded drivers to be careful in the school zones. Mayor Billups also reminded citizens of the new light at Harrison and Knight Avenue and asked drivers to proceed with caution in this intersection.

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 Meeting, July 20, 2010; Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Execution Session to Discuss Pending Litigation, July 20, 2010. There were no Ordinances, Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Norman Davis made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried.

A Joint Resolution of the City of Waycross and Ware County to Amend the 2008 Intergovernmental SPLOST Agreement was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-50

JOINT RESOLUTION:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA AND
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

**TO AMEND THE SPLOST 2008
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 et seq. authorizes the levy of a one percent County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for the purpose of financing capital outlay projects for the use and benefit of the County and qualified municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, Ware County called an election on February 5, 2008 on a referendum question for re-imposition of a sales tax in the special district comprising the County, to be effective upon the expiration of the prior sales tax (the "SPLOST"); and

WHEREAS, the voters of the County thereafter approved the proposed imposition of the SPLOST in a referendum held in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111(b) through (e); and

WHEREAS, Ware County and the City of Waycross officials met on October 10, 2007 to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the SPLOST referendum, in conformance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111(a); and

WHEREAS, Ware County and the City of Waycross negotiated a division of the SPLOST proceeds as authorized by the Act and a description of the projects to be funded in connection with the SPLOST, which projects are described in Exhibit "A" hereto and made a part hereof by this reference; and

WHEREAS, Ware County and the City of Waycross entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement dated November 12, 2007 evidencing the above intentions, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16 of said Intergovernmental Agreement, the Agreement may be amended or modified by agreement in writing executed by the governing authorities of the County and the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Ware County and the City of Waycross now intend to amend the referenced Agreement by moving \$1,000,000.00 originally allocated to Ware County for the renovation of the City Auditorium to the City Projects to be used for that same purpose; and

WHEREAS, Ware County and the City of Waycross now intend to further amend the referenced Agreement to allocate 72.68% of the SPLOST proceeds as the County share, and the remaining 27.32% of the SPLOST proceeds as the City share; and

WHEREAS, a revised description of the projects to be funded in connection with the SPLOST as described above are described in Exhibit "C" hereto and made a part hereof by this reference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and understandings made in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto consent and agree as follows:

1. The Ware County Board of Commissioners approve and request amendment to the SPLOST 2008 Intergovernmental Agreement as follows:
 - A. Ware County approves amending the referenced Agreement by moving \$1,000,000.00 originally allocated to Ware County for the renovation of the City Auditorium to the City Projects to be used for that same purpose; and
 - B. Ware County approves further amending the referenced Agreement to allocate 72.68% of the SPLOST proceeds as the County share, and the remaining 27.32% of the SPLOST proceeds as the City share.
2. **Effective Date.** This amendment shall become effective on the date when the last governmental entity approves and executes this amendment.

The Board of Commissioners of Ware County, Georgia, and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Waycross, Georgia hereby ratify and confirm all the acts and things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION AMENDED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By: _____
JIMMY BROWN, Chairman

Attest: _____
Pam Gibson, Clerk

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION AMENDED this 3rd day of August, 2010.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

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

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to Approve the Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia to Award Contract for Preliminary Engineering and Landscape Design services for Multi-Use Trail and Trailhead Project as presented. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Al Groover and Tony Sumrow, Air Evac Lifeteam appeared before the Commission on behalf of Air Evac Lifeteam. Mr. Groover and Mr. Sumrow explained the lifeteam membership program.

Mr. Jimmy Burke thanked the City and Police Chief Tony Tanner for a job well done. He commented on how smoothly things had gone at the Bailey Street Park and Pool this summer.

Emory O Marcus appeared before the Commission to request information on the Bailey Street schools. He plans to begin doing some work on the buildings and would like the results of any reports available.

Rev. Romney Bellamy reminded the Commission of the 8th Annual Back to School Pep Rally scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010. Rev. Bellamy informed the Commission that

Pak's Karate is offering a free month to any A/B student. He has games, food, entertainment and free school supplies lined up for the Pep Rally.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: _____
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK