

MINUTES

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010 - 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 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clarence Billups at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Marian Solomon-Gaines, Diane Hopkins, William Simmons and Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Yarbrough present for the meeting. Commissioner Norman Davis was absent due to illness.

Reverend Roshelle McCrae, Pastor Greater Mt Zion AME Church offered the invocation. Miss Demi White, niece of Commissioner Solomon-Gaines led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a patriotic song, "Daffodil style".

Deron W. King, City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report. The City Manager reported Elmer Thrift Construction has delayed the Lee Street project until after December 27, 2010 due to the Christmas holidays. The Lee Street project will remove and replace approximately 4600 linear feet of sanitary sewer main, 1600 linear feet of water main and approximately one mile of paved surface on Lee Street. 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.

Mr. King commended Public Works, the Police Department, Fire Department and Larry Gattis for the wonderful job done on the Christmas Parade. He also commented on what an excellent job Public Works did lighting up the City of Waycross.

In presenting the Mayor's Report, Mayor Clarence Billups thanked all of the citizens of Waycross who donated gifts for the Mayor's motorcade.

Mayor Billups also commended everyone for a great Christmas Parade.

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, Waycross City Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

The following privilege licenses were presented for renewal:

1. Aden's Minit Market, 2198 Brunel St., Waycross, GA.; Retail Beer Only.
2. Rakesh Patel, ARTI 2 Inc., dba Stop N Save #23, 500 Memorial Drive, Waycross, Georgia Retail Beer and Wine.
3. Krupa Patel, Bunky's Food Store, 1545 State St., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
4. Amy L Cavagnaro, Fuji Inc. dba Cavagnaros, 1810 S. Georgia Parkway, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
5. Roy Rhodes, Cheers Package Store, 326 Hatcher Point Road, Suite A, Waycross, GA; Package Sales, Retail Beer, Wine, and Liquor.
6. Brandi Patel, Club Chaos, 509 Alice St., Waycross Ga; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
7. Jeetendra A Patel, Corner Stop, 2401 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine
8. Clyde L. Osburn, Cypress Creek, 2731 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
9. Jessika Woodard, Dick's Wings & Grill, 2470 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Consumption on premises, Beer and Wine.
10. Pamela J. Collins, Edd's Package Store, 608 Reynolds St, Waycross, GA; Package Sales, Retail Beer, Wine and Liquor.
11. Brenda Jaime, El Potro Mexican Restaurant #7, 1506 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
12. James Carl Jones, III, Flash Foods #127, 2307 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
13. Ora Lee Wright, The Food Market, 1302 Sweat Street, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer Only.
14. Molly Rowland, Friendly Express #14, 507 City Blvd, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
15. Molly Rowland, Friendly Express #50, 1720 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
16. John G. Arnold, Harveys Supermarket #2319, 1312 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
17. Levon Shatteen, Harveys 2326, 510 Tebeau St., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
18. Rupesh Patel, The Junction, 215 Knight Ave., Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
19. Nova G Riseden, Kroger Store #439, 1606 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
20. Leung Bun Ko, New Hong Kong Restaurant, 2306 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer and Wine.
21. Tejash Patel, O M Convenience Store, 935 Tebeau Street, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
22. Kanaiyatlal T Patel, Oscar's Bar and Grill, 1725 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
23. Shari Chapman, Pizza Hut, 1110 Plant Avenue, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.

24. Cindy Smart, Rite Aid #1974, 701 Riverside Ave., Suite B, Waycross, GA; Retail Beer Only.
25. John Gainey, Rite Aid #11849, 1803 Knight Ave., Waycross GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
26. Leonides Escalera, Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, 2020 Memorial Dr., Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
27. Wendy Deal Mattox, Ruby Tuesday #4801, 2263 Memorial Drive, Waycross, GA; On premise Consumption, Beer, Wine and Liquor.
28. Snehal Patel, Shree Yogikrupa, Inc d/b/a Yogi's Stop and Save, 850 State St., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
29. Sylvester James, The Traffic Light Lounge, 650 Oak Street, Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine.
30. Jyotika Patel, Wally's Food Center, 1565 State St., Waycross, GA; Retail Beer and Wine.
31. Ching Ping Tang, Wong's Palace, 903 Knight Ave., Waycross, GA; Consumption on Premises, Beer, Wine and Liquor.

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted favorably and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross, Sec. 20-54 was presented for the first reading as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 PERTAINING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; TO REPLACE ARTICLE III, SECTION 20-54 PERTAINING TO PARKING OF TRUCKS, TRACTOR TRAILERS, AND SIMILAR VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; 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 Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Waycross; seconded by Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Accept Transfer of former National Guard Armory Property to the City of Waycross was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-64

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION
TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORMER NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY PROPERTY
TO THE CITY OF WAYCROSS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of real property located in Ware County, Georgia, known as the “National Guard Armory Property Waycross Ware County, Georgia,” containing approximately 7.14 acres, as shown on that plat or survey by Felton Davis and John T. Huff, Architects, dated December 9, 1954, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; and

WHEREAS, said property is in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, which has declared the property as surplus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross is desirous of acquiring the former National Guard Armory Property for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Senate Resolution Number 1083 (S.R. No. 1083), Act Number 657 of the Georgia General Assembly, approved by Governor Sonny Purdue on June 4, 2010, the State of Georgia, acting through the State Properties Commission is authorized to convey the above-described property to the City of Waycross, Ware County, Georgia for a consideration of \$1.00, so long as the property is used for public purposes, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, said matter has been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve and accept the conveyance of the above-described property, formerly known as the National Guard Armory Property, to the City of Waycross by the State of Georgia, acting through the State Properties Commission, as provided in S.R. 1083, Act Number 657 of the Georgia General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director, be and are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to execute the documents needed and necessary to accomplish the transfer of said real property to the City of Waycross, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of December, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

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 Accept Transfer of former National Guard Armory Property to the City of Waycross for the amount of \$1.00 to be used as a Public Works facility and to be funded by SPLOST. Commissioner Daniel Yarbrough seconded the motion. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to amend the motion to approve the Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Accept Transfer of former National Guard Armory Property by removing the stipulations and adopting the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner William Simmons. After discussion, Commissioners Solomon-Gaines and Simmons voted yes; Commissioners Yarbrough and Hopkins voted no. Mayor Billups voted yes to break the tie. The motion was approved.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve the Application for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects for FY2011 with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Streetscapes Improvements and to approve and authorize local cash match funding with the DOT was presented.

RESOLUTION 10-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS FOR FY2011 WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STREETSCAPES IMPROVEMENTS; TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE LOCAL CASH MATCH FUNDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has announced the FY2011 Call for Transportation Enhancements (TE) Applications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross desires to apply for a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant for proposed Streetscape Improvements for the Oak Street and Pendleton Street Pedestrian Thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant application, the City is required to commit to a cash match of 20% of project costs up to \$100,000, towards funding the project; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is committed to providing the required cash match for the project; 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 Application for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for FY2011 with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Streetscapes Improvements for the Oak Street and Pendleton Street Pedestrian Thoroughfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to complete said application and to commit to a cash match of 20% of Project costs, up to \$100,000.00, on behalf of the City of Waycross for this Project.

SO RESOLVED, this 7th day of December, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

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

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve the Application for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects for FY2011 with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Streetscapes Improvements and to approve and authorize local cash match funding with the DOT as presented. Commissioner William Simmons seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve Annual Gift Cards for Employees was presented.

RESOLUTION 10-66

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
TO APPROVE ANNUAL GIFT CARDS FOR EMPLOYEES;
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, Kroger is willing to provide gift cards as delineated by the City of Waycross at a total cost of \$6,839.30 so that cards can 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; 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 Visa Gift Card to each employee with the amount being based on years in service.

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 7th day of December, 2010.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK

Commissioner Diane Hopkins made the motion to approve A Resolution of the Waycross City Commission to Approve Annual Gift Cards for Employees as presented. Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Edward Copeland and Mrs. Betty Copeland addressed the Commission regarding giving the youth of Waycross a second chance.

Reverend Richard Gifford, Calvary United Pentecostal Church on Columbus Street appeared before the Commission to introduce himself to the Mayor and Commission and the community.

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

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY: _____
CLARENCE BILLUPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIE C. DINKINS, CITY CLERK