

WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, | 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Invocation: Commissioner Shawn Roberts
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. City Clerk to Read Section 2-67 (b) – Decorum

II. GUESTS:

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Discussion Items:

- 1. Bids:
 - a. WAYX 26-14 Surplus Property
 - b. WWTP Tubular Roll (Emergency Purchasing)
 - c. Kettle Creek Lift Station (Emergency Purchasing)
- 2. Ground Penetrating Radar
- 3. Police Detective Building Purchase
- 4. Road Ranking System
- 5. Comp Plan
- 6. Right-of-way Dedication
- 7. GMA Commissioner Training Summary

B. Privilege Licenses Renewals: n/a

C. Privilege Licenses: n/a

D. Proposed Ordinances:

E. Proposed Resolutions: n/a

F. City Attorney Report:

G. City Managers Report:

1. Infrastructure
2. Budget
3. Community

H. Last Call

I. Adjourn to Executive Session

J. Adjournment

Sec. 2-66. - Decorum.

- (a) The mayor, commissioners, staff, and persons in attendance shall conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner. Except when expressly authorized by the mayor, all remarks, comments and questions shall be directed to the mayor and not to individual commissioners, staff or persons in attendance. A commissioner, staff, or person in attendance shall not speak at a meeting until the commissioner, staff, or person in attendance has been recognized by the mayor and granted permission to speak or ask a question. All comments, remarks or questions made by commissioners, staff, or persons in attendance shall address the item or motion that is being discussed or be pertinent to the resolution, ordinance or agenda item before the commission. No one shall make or use inappropriate, insulting, vulgar, obscene and/or profane language or make any offensive remark or comments while speaking, nor shall anyone accuse any other person of being immoral, violating any law, rule or regulation, or committing any ethical violation. Further, no one shall use this opportunity for public comment to speak about any activity undertaken for political reasons or ends, such as campaigning for votes before an election, campaigning for another person, making speeches, attempting to raise funds, etc., or otherwise promoting oneself or one's private position.
- (b) The mayor, or the mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor, shall enforce these rules of decorum. If a commissioner or the city attorney believes that a rule has been broken, said commissioner or city attorney can raise a point of order. A second is not required. The mayor, or the mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor, can rule on the question or the mayor, or the mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor, can allow the commissioners to debate the issue and decide the issue by majority vote. Any speaker who violates any of these rules of decorum or is disruptive of the meeting will be asked to stop such behavior and, if he or she continues to be disruptive, may be removed at the discretion of the mayor, or the mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor.
- (c) Last Call. The rules of decorum set out in subsection (a) shall also apply to commissioners and the mayor speaking in Last Call. Last Call shall be for birthday wishes, congratulatory praise and well wishes, condolences, sympathy and public service announcements only. Commissioners shall not call on any private person in attendance to speak during the Last Call but, with express permission of the mayor, may call on a city department head for inquiry on any matter of public concern. However, the commissioner shall not violate Section 17 of the city charter by giving orders or instructions to the department head.

Sec. 2-67. - Public comment in meetings of the city commission.

- (a) Persons who wish to address the city commission at a regular or called meeting of the city commission under the "Public Remarks on Official Actions" agenda item must register, sign up or express their desire with the city clerk no later than the beginning of the meeting and shall state the resolution, ordinance or agenda item on which the speaker wishes to

speak. Because time is a limited resource and in an effort to conduct public remarks or comments on matters in which official action is to be taken by the commission in the most efficient and effective manner possible, persons who wish to speak in support or in opposition of said official action being considered shall be allowed as follows: the first person who registers to speak in support of or in opposition to shall each be entitled to speak for five (5) minutes as to why the official action should or should not be approved by the commission with any other persons desiring to speak either in opposition or in support shall have two (2) minutes each. If more than one person registers to speak in opposition or in support, they can decide who speaks first but if they cannot agree, the first person who registers with the city clerk is allowed five (5) minutes. Failure to follow the procedures outlined herein may result in an individual not being eligible to address the commission until he or she agrees, to the mayor's satisfaction, to abide by the rules as stated herein.

The following rules shall apply:

- (1) The speaker must begin the remarks by stating his or her name, address and organization represented, if any.
- (2) The speaker must address all remarks to the mayor, and not to any individuals.
- (3) The speaker's comments must be pertinent to the resolution, ordinance or agenda item for which the speaker has signed up.
- (4) The speaker shall follow the rules of decorum as set out in Section 2-66 and must avoid repetition.
- (5) After the city commission begins discussion and consideration of a resolution, an ordinance or an official action, only the mayor, the commissioners and persons requested to speak by the mayor or a city commissioner, after receiving permission from the mayor, will be allowed to speak.
- (6) Except for unusual circumstances and only after a vote by a majority of the city commissioners present at such meeting will a person who has not signed up in advance of the meeting be allowed to speak.
- (7) The city commission, by majority vote of the members present, may suspend all or any of these rules.
- (8) Any person who violates any of these rules may be removed from the meeting.
- (9) Any speaker or proposed speaker who violates these rules after first being warned by the mayor or the mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor, or the city commission, either or both, to cease such violation shall, upon conviction in the municipal court, be guilty of an offense and punished as set forth in section 1-9.

(b) Persons who wish to address the city commission at a work session shall have the right to address or speak to the city commissioners on official actions or other topics relating to the business or interests of the city. The commission will not hear from persons, and persons will not be permitted to speak, on matters or issues which are not related to official city business, matters or issues not under the jurisdiction or control of the commission, matters or issues published on an agenda as a public hearing agenda item, or on matters or issues which are traditionally reserved for executive session, such as personnel matters and matters which are the subject of or pertain to pending or current litigation. Because time is a limited resource and in an effort to hear from the public in the most efficient and effective manner possible, a total of four (4) persons will be permitted to speak at each work session with a maximum of three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Speakers shall sign up on a first-come-first-serve basis. Failure to follow the procedures outlined herein may result in an individual not being eligible to address the commission until he or she agrees, to the mayor's satisfaction, to abide by the rules stated herein.

Persons who wish to address or speak to the city commission at a work session must register, sign up or express their desire with the city clerk no later than the beginning of the work session at which he or she desires to address or speak to the mayor or city commissioners, and shall state the subject matter of the speaker's remarks. The following rules shall apply:

- (1) The speaker must begin the remarks by stating his or her name, address and organization represented, if any.
- (2) The speaker must initially address all remarks to the mayor, and not to any individuals.
- (3) The speaker shall follow the rules of decorum as set out in Section 2-66 and must avoid repetition and argument.
- (4) Any commissioner, the city manager or the city attorney may, after receiving permission from the mayor, ask questions of the speaker. The asking of questions by any commissioner, the mayor, city manager or city attorney shall automatically suspend the three (3) minute time limit.
- (5) Persons who have not satisfied the sign up requirements will not be allowed to speak unless there is a consensus of commissioners to allow the person to speak.
- (6) The city commission, with the consensus of the members present, may suspend all or any of these rules to the extent permitted by law.
- (7) Any person who violates any of these rules may be removed from the meeting.
- (8) Any speaker or proposed speaker who violates these rules after first being warned by the mayor or the city commission, either or both, to cease such violation shall, upon conviction in the municipal court, be guilty of an offense and punished as set forth in section 1-9.

APPROVED JULY 19, 2022