



City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023 immediately Following Pre-Council Meeting Council Chambers

Presiding: Mayor LaRhonda Patrick

City Officials Present:

Councilman Kevin Lashley
Councilman Larry Curtis
Councilman Keith Lauritsen

Councilman Derek Mack
Councilman Charlie Bibb
Councilman Clifford Holmes

City Officials Absent:

Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council

Call to Order: 5:18 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda: Councilman Lashley moved to adopt the agenda. Councilman Holmes seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Opening Prayer: Lawrence Spurgeon; Interim General Administration Director

Pledge of Allegiance: Veterans High School AFJROTC

Announcements:

Lera Moncrief (Convention and Visitors Bureau) – November 30, Christmas Tree Lighting event and December 2, Christmas Parade

Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:

- Presentation – MDA Check Presentation
- Proclamation – Ms. Georgia Senior 70s Day
- Proclamation – National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- Proclamation – Veterans High School DECA Week

Action Items:

Action Item 1	Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023.
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2023 were presented for approval.	

Motion:	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of Monday, October 16, 2023.
Second:	Councilman Lashley
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval. Councilman Holmes abstained.

Action Item 2 Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise McBride – Item #6 • Mike Hatcher – Item #4
Motion:	N/A
Second:	N/A
Outcome:	N/A

Action Item 3 Consent Agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Purchasing Bids B. Employee Promotions
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval of the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 3 (A)	Purchasing Bids
Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 8 items	

Action Item 3 (B)	Employee Promotions
The following employees are recommended for promotion by their respective Department Director:	

- Antonio Burley, promoted from Public Works Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #452, Grade 8, Public Works Stormwater, to Maintenance Worker II (Stormwater), Job Class #494, Grade 9, Public Works Stormwater, to be effective November 13, 2023.
- Tylar Oglesby, promoted from Customer Service Call Representative, Job Class # 152, Grade 8, General Administration, to Cashier, Job Class # 177, Grade 9, General Administration, to be effective November 13, 2023.
- Chadwick Strom, promoted from Police Officer, Job Class # 633, Grade 602, Police Department, to Detective, Job Class # 630, Grade 603, Police Department, to be effective November 13, 2023.
- Elizabeth Smith, promoted from Police Officer, Job Class # 633, Grade 602, Police Department, to Detective, Job Class # 630, Grade 603, Police Department, to be effective November 13, 2023.
- Keenan Henderson, promoted from Detective, Job Class # 630, Grade 603, Police Department, to Police Sergeant, Job Class # 635, Grade 605, Police Department, to be effective November 13, 2023.
- Laytesha Haynes, promoted from Cashier (Tax), Job Class # 128, Grade 9, General Administration, to Tax Specialist, Job Class # 156, Grade 16, General Administration, to be effective November 13, 2023.

Action Item 4	Ordinance #39-23– Charter Update – Redistricting Map (SECOND READING)
<p>ORDINANCE #39-23 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, AMENDING Section five of the city of warner robins charter regarding elections.</p> <p>WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-35-4.1, the City of Warner Robins seeks to reapportion its election districts as a result of the 2020 census and;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the City of Warner Robins adopted Ordinance #16-23 on May 15, 2023, adopting the boundaries of all precincts as shown on a map entitled “Official Map of the Corporate Limits of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia”;</p>	

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §36-35-4.1(B) requires such reapportionment to be completed by an ordinance amending the City Charter pursuant to O.C.G.A. §35-35-3 and;

WHEREAS, the notice attached hereto as Exhibit “A” was published in the Houston Home Journal as required by O.C.G.A. §36-35-3 and;

WHEREAS, the proposed charter amendment adopting the redistricting plan was considered and approved by Mayor and Council on October 16, 2023, and November 6, 2023, which resulted in the City adopting the foregoing Ordinance and

WHEREAS, all requirements of O.C.G.A. §36-35-3 and other applicable laws related to redistricting have been met.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED by the City of Warner Robins that Section Five of the City of Warner Robins Charter be amended to read as follows:

“The Official Voting District boundaries are described on the official map designating voting districts of the City of Warner Robins subsequent to the 2020 decennial census. Any territory within the corporate limits of the City of Warner Robins which was omitted from the map will be placed with the district which it is contiguous. Such map is kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of Ordinance #38-23.
Second:	Councilman Holmes
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 5	Motion – Alcohol License Appeal (Mr. Pritesh Amin)
Mr. Pritesh Amin appealed his alcohol license that was denied based on code section 4-62 and to allow him to reapply.	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval and to allow Mr. Amin to reapply for his alcohol license.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 6 Motion – Blight Committee Appointments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Wilson • Karen Rodriguez – Allen • William Rodgers Jackson <p>*All terms are one year</p>	
Motion:	Mayor Patrick moved for the appointment of the members of the Blight Committee.
Second:	Councilman Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 7 Motion – Clergy Task Force Appointments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan Poole • Dwayne Evors • Bonnie Undewood <p>Ex-officio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Little • Darrell McIntosh <p>*All one – year terms</p>	
Motion:	Mayor Patrick moved for the appointment of the members of the Clergy Task Force.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 8	Resolution – Crestview Road Abandonment
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All that certain tract or parcel of land located in Land Lot 222, 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 1.17 acre, more or less, being a portion of Crestview Drive, according to a drawing by Barrett-Simpson, Inc., Engineers & Land Surveyors, Drawn by Eddie A. Eubanks, GA PLS No. 3040, Project/Drawing No. 23-0097_ROW-VAC, dated September 27, 2023, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of Maxwell Drive and the Easterly right-of-way of Crowell Drive, run thence along the Easterly right-of-way of said Crowell Drive, North 01 degree 00 minutes 37 seconds East 468.00 feet to the intersection of the Easterly right-of-way of Crowell Drive and the Southerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive also being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along the Southerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive, South 89 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence continue along the Southerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive, South 88 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East 302.48 feet; thence continue along said Southerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive, South 89 degrees 00 minutes 46 seconds East 498.94 feet; thence departing said Southerly right-of-way, North 01 degree 21 minutes 49 seconds East 50.79 feet to the Northerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive; thence along the Northerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive, North 88 degrees 47 minutes 08 seconds West 917.17 feet; thence continuing along the Northerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive, South 86 degrees 02 minutes 58 seconds West 84.86 feet; thence departing said Northerly right-of-way, South 01 degree 00 minutes 37 seconds West 43.28 feet to the intersection of the Southerly right-of-way of Crestview Drive and the Easterly right-of-way of Crowell Drive, also being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

WHEREAS, the said portion of the above-referenced roadway has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it, and the City is authorized to abandon said roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins determine that described portion of this roadway has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it and authorizes LaRhonda W. Patrick, Mayor, and Mandy Stella, City Clerk, to execute a quit claim deed releasing the City’s interest in and to that portion of the roadway to be abandoned.

Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval
Second:	Councilman Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 9	Resolution – Anthem (Medical)
<p>WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee at the advice of MSI Benefits Group recommends no changes to the City’s employee health insurance plan; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee recommends the City renew its contract with Anthem to continue as the Administrator of our health insurance plan; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem such recommendations to be beneficial.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize Mayor LaRhonda Patrick and City Clerk Mandy Stella to execute this agreement for the calendar year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval
Second:	Councilman Lashley
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 10	Resolution – Secure Health Plans of Georgia and Medcost Benefit Services 2023
<p>WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee at the advice of MSI Benefits Group recommends no change to the City’s employee health insurance plan; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the insurance committee recommends the City continue receiving from Secure Health Plans of Georgia and Medcost Benefit Services, claims administration of the Employee Dental insurance Program; and.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it in the best interest of the City that an agreement be executed for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for Dental Plan Administration.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize LaRhonda Patrick, Mayor, and Mandy Stella, City Clerk, to execute an agreement with Secure Health Plans of Georgia under the terms and conditions set forth above.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval.

Second:	Councilman Holmes
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 11	Resolution – Secure Health Plans of Georgia and Medcost Benefit Services 2024
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WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee at the advice of MSI Benefits Group recommends no change to the City’s employee health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the insurance committee recommends the City continue receiving from Secure Health Plans of Georgia and Medcost Benefit Services, claims administration of the Employee Dental insurance Program; and.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it in the best interest of the City that an agreement be executed for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for Dental Plan Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize LaRhonda Patrick, Mayor, and Mandy Stella, City Clerk, to execute an agreement with Secure Health Plans of Georgia under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 12	Resolution – Pharmacy Services Renewal Agreement
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WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee at the advice of MSI Benefits Group recommends no change to the City’s employee health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee recommends the City renew its contract with Veracity Benefits for the purpose of administering pharmacy benefits for the City of Warner Robins health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem such recommendations to be beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize Mayor LaRhonda Patrick and City Clerk Mandy Stella to execute these agreements for the calendar year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.	
Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Holmes
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 13 Resolution – Engage Warner Robins Board Appointment	
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins, acting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4, appoint the following individuals to the Board of Directors of Engage Warner Robins for the City of Warner Robins:	
Name	Effective Date of Appointment Term to Expire
Anthony Hayes	November 6, 2023 October 17, 2027
Motion:	Mayor Patrick moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 14 Resolution – Engage Warner Robins Board Appointment	
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins, acting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-62-4, appoint the following individuals to the Board of Directors of Engage Warner Robins for the City of Warner Robins:	
Name	Effective Date of Appointment Term to Expire
Chandani Patel	November 6, 2023 October 17, 2027
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Bibb

Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.
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Action Item 15	Ordinance #40-23– Code Section 18-36 Amendment
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ORDINANCE #40-23 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING PERSONNEL (HUMAN RESOURCES).

WHEREAS, the mayor and city council have recommended an amendment to Chapter 18, of the city code, and the mayor and city council deem such amendment to be in the best interest of the City.

WHEREAS, the mayor and city council intend for the ordinance to apply to all employees currently in an assistant department director position and in filling vacant assistant department director positions after the passing of this ordinance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins as follows:

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The position of assistant department director shall be added to the existing positions listed in paragraph (2) of Section 18-36 and to the last sentence of Section 18-36, which references the positions being afforded the appeal rights set forth in section 18-40 through 18-43 of the City Code.

Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of Ordinance #40-23 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Lauritsen
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Citizen Comments: Ms. Blenman, Mr. James Carlan

Executive Session – Mayor Patrick requested a motion to enter into an executive session for Personnel and Real Estate. Councilman Lauritsen motioned for Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion for Personnel and Real Estate. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The regular council meeting was suspended at 6:24 pm, and the governing body convened into executive session at 6:38 pm; the executive session ended at 8:04 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the executive session minutes.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:15 pm. Councilman Lashley motioned for the request. Councilman Holmes seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to add agenda item #16 – Appointment of Interim Fire Chief to the agenda. Councilman Lauritsen motioned to amend the agenda with the addition. Councilman Mack seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted in approval.

Action Item 16	Motion – Appointment – Interim Fire Chief
<p>A motion to appoint Fire Marshal, Alan Angel as Interim Fire Chief.</p>	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Mayor Patrick moved for the appointment and approval.</p>
<p>Second:</p>	<p>Councilman Lauritsen</p>
<p>Outcome:</p>	<p>Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.</p>

Adjournment: 7:26 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023

 Mandy Stella
 City Clerk