



**City of Warner Robins
City Council Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Presiding: Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick

City Officials Present:

Councilman Keith Lauritsen
Councilman Kevin Lashley
Councilman Clifford Holmes

Councilman Larry Curtis
Councilman Derek Mack
Councilman Charlie Bibb

Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council

Call to Order: 5:42 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda: Councilman Lauritsen moved to amend the agenda to include removal of two Community Trailblazer awards (Ms. Leitra Maddox and Mr. Forrest B. Johnson), Agenda Item #3 to be read by Mayor Patrick and Action Item #13 to read Retail "Safety" Board. Councilman Holmes seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for amendment of the agenda. Councilman Curtis moved to adopt the agenda with the amendments. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Opening Prayer: Pastor David Clarke; Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Tac'hon Mills

Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:

- Proclamation – Black History Month 2022
- Award – Black History Champion – Living Legacy Award – Honorable Willie L. Talton
- Awards – Employee Service
 - Juan Herrera (WRPD) – 15 years
 - Robert Burston (WRFD) – 25 years
 - Robert Wood (WRFD) – 40 years

Action Items:

Action Item 1	Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2022.
The minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2022 were presented for approval.	
Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of Monday, February 3, 2022.
Second:	Councilman Bibb

Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.
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Action Item 2 Consent Agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Purchasing Bids ii. Resolution – Employee Promotions iii. Home Occupation Permits
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilman Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 2 (A)	Purchasing Bids
Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 7 items	

Action Item 2 (B)	Resolution – Employee Promotions
<p>The following employees are recommended for promotion by the City Administrator:</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these promotions be approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Harris, promoted from Utilities Maintenance Worker II (Sewer), Job Class #926, Grade 9, Utility Department, to Utilities Servicer, Job Class #968, Grade 10, Utility Department, to be effective February 21, 2022. • Ky’Tonya Shank, promoted from Utilities Maintenance Worker I (Water), Job Class #917, Grade 8, Utility Department, to Utilities Servicer, Job Class #968, Grade 10, Utility Department, to be effective February 21, 2022. • Durand Blasingame, promoted from Grounds Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #475, Grade 8, Public Works Department, to Grounds Maintenance Worker II, Job Class #477, Grade 9, Public Works Department, to be effective February 21, 2022. 	

Action Item 2 (C)	Home Occupation Permits
<p>The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.</p>	
<p>1. Landon Carlson – 132 Kentshire Lane – requests permission to operate an appliance and ventilation service and repair business as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>2. Crystal Felder – 200 Olympia Drive Apt D4 – requests permission to operate a cleaning service as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>3. Crystal Edwards – 110 Roaring Forks Drive – requests permission to operate a home healthcare business as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>4. Ranile Morris – 111 Hazel Drive – requests permission to operate a towing business as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>5. Katelyn Meek – 110 Sonny Drive – requests permission to operate a hair salon as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>6. Kristen Morin – 120 Idle Ridge Drive – requests permission to operate a framing business as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>7. Antwan Jackson – 411 Fieldstone Road – requests permission to operate an apparel business as a home occupation.</p>	
<p>8. Mishaya Aquino – 311 Alabama Avenue – requests permission to operate a construction business as a home occupation.</p>	

Action Item 3	Motion - Council Committee (Neighborhood Committee (Community Committee)).
<p>Mayor Patrick made the recommendation to rename the Neighborhood Committee to the Community Committee and to appoint new members to include Captain John Clay from the Police Department, Kate Hogan from Community and Economic Development, Bill Mulkey from Building and Transportation, Jarred Reneau from Parks and Recreation, and Councilman Holmes to replace Councilman Curtis with Councilman Bibb and Councilman Mack to remain as members.</p>	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of renaming and appointments to the Neighborhood Committee (Community Committee).</p>
<p>Second:</p>	<p>Councilman Mack</p>
<p>Outcome:</p>	<p>Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.</p>

Action Item 3a Motion – Council Committee (Finance Committee)	
<p>Mayor Patrick made the recommendation to appoint new members to the Finance Committee to include Councilman Curtis, Councilman Lauritsen, Mayor Patrick, Jason Bond from IT, Keyiera Ezell from Tax, Holly Gross from Finance, Assistant Chief Chris Rooks from the Police Department, Allison Lanneau from Purchasing, and Assistant Chief Jason Mock from the Fire Department.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 3b Motion – Council Committee (Public Safety Committee)	
<p>Mayor Patrick made the recommendation to appoint new members to the Public Safety Committee to include Councilman Bibb, Councilman Lauritsen, Felicia Wright from the Office of the Mayor, Terry Wood from Code Enforcement, Lt. Billy Styles from the Police Department, Craig Clifton from Public Works, and Assistant Chief Curtis Haslem from the Fire Department with Councilman Lashley to remain as a member.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval
Second:	Councilman Lashley
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 3c Motion – Council Committee (Insurance Committee)	
<p>Mayor Patrick made the recommendation to appoint new members to the Insurance Committee to include Councilman Derek Mack, Gaye Harris from Human Resources, Sgt. Julius Wilcox from the Police Department, and Lt. Andre Grace from the Fire Department with Councilman Holmes and Councilman Curtis to remain as members.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval
Second:	Councilman Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 3d	Motion – Council Committee (Operational Efficiency Committee)
<p>Mayor Patrick made the recommendation to create the Operational Efficiency Committee to ensure efficiency in operations, to focus on innovation, and to encourage evolution of practices and procedures used in the operation of the City and to new appoint new members to include Councilman Curtis, Councilman Lashley, Trey Hildebrand from IT, Felicia Wright from the Office of the Mayor, Chief John Wagner from the Police Department, Chief Ross Moulton from the Fire Department, Krag Woodyard from Stormwater Compliance, Andrew Ester from Code Enforcement, Julia Mize from the City Attorney’s Office, Ken Fennell from Human Resources, Mandy Stella from the City Clerk’s Office, Montie Walters from the Utilities Department, and Greg Langston from the Police Department and Animal Control Director.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval
Second:	Councilman Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 4	Motion – Chief Municipal Court Judge Appointment
<p>Per the City of Warner Robins City Charter section 4.11, a recommendation for Chief Municipal Judge is made.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Lashley motioned to appoint Mrs. Sherry Herrera Campbell as the Chief Municipal Judge.
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 5	Resolution – Surplus Property
<p>A resolution the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that the value of each individual item on the said Exhibits “A” are more, or less, than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, as indicated.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said property be sold in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 6	Motion – Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Appointment
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The Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Board (KWRB) Board of Directors recommends the appointment of Rachel Preston to serve on the KWRB Board of Directors for a term ending November 18, 2024.

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

Action Item 7	Motion – Convention and Visitors Bureau Appointments
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The following were recommended for the Convention and Visitors Bureau to serve through 2023, with approval from Mayor and Council during the February 22, 2022 Council meeting. The vote was unanimous during the Feb 9, 2022 CVB board meeting.

- #4 Peggy Kay (Hilton Garden Inn, Hospitality)
- #5 Jen Colvin (SE Little League Sports, Hospitality)
- #7 Ron Jones (Pine Oaks at Robins AFB, Hospitality)
- #9 Glen Starnecker (Best Western at Rigby's, Hospitality)
- # 11 Michelle Delaney (8th Congressional District Austin Scott)
- #13 Paul Shealy (former City Council member)
- EO Crystal Noll (Warner Robins Recreation Dept)

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

Action Item 8	Resolution – Houston County Joint Comprehensive Plan
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A resolution of the Mayor and Council that the City of Warner Robins does hereby adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins.

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

Action Item 9	Ordinance – City Code Section 5-19 Amendment
<p>IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins as follows:</p> <p>City code section 5-19 shall be amended to include a change to the number of dogs and cats per residential lot striking “three (3) dogs and three (3) cats” and adding “six (6) dogs and cats in total.”</p> <p>If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 10	Ordinance – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board
<p>AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, MAKING AN ADDITION TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has recommended an amendment to Article VI and the mayor and city council deem such amendment to be in the best interest of the City.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-1-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD</p> <p>Sec. ____ - Created; purpose.</p> <p>The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board is hereby created for the purpose of assisting the mayor and council in the construction of a Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial to honor the soldiers from the State of Georgia who lost their lives during the Vietnam War.</p> <p>Sec. ____ . - Membership.</p> <p>(a) The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board shall be composed of a board of nine (9) members appointed by Mayor and City Council.</p>	

- (b) All members shall generally be nominated for three-year staggered terms. Members may be invited to serve more than one term.
- (c) No member shall assume office until that person has executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that member's office. The oath shall read as follows and be administered by the Mayor.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of member of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board and that I will support and defend the Charter of the City of Warner Robins as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America. I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law. I further swear or affirm that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board to the best of my ability.

- (d) All members shall be Vietnam War veterans.
- (e) No member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board may hold elective office in the City of Warner Robins.
- (f) Any vacancy on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board shall be filled through appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term.
- (g) All Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board members serve at-will and may be removed at any time by majority vote of city council unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. ____ - Conduct of business.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by the City of Warner Robins Charter or by law, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board shall elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair and may elect as its secretary one of its members.
- (b) The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with the City of Warner Robins Charter, ordinances of the City of Warner Robins, or state law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs.
- (c) The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Board shall report findings and make recommendation to Mayor and Council, but shall have no power to take action or to obligate City resources absent Mayor and Council approval and action.

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If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved table this ordinance.
Second:	Councilman Lauritsen
Outcome:	Councilmen Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Holmes for approval. Councilmen Mack and Curtis voted in opposition.

Action Item 11 Ordinance #5-22 – Veterans Issues Board

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, MAKING AN ADDITION TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has recommended an amendment to Article VI and the mayor and city council deem such amendment to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins:

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VETERANS ISSUES BOARD

Sec. ____ - Created; purpose.

The Veterans Issues Board is hereby created for the purpose of identifying issues confronting veterans, developing responsive solutions, and presenting subsequent proposals and ideas for resolution to Mayor and Council.

Sec. ____ - Membership.

- (a) The Veterans Issues Board shall be composed of a board of nine (9) members appointed by Mayor and City Council.
- (b) All members shall generally be nominated for three-year staggered terms. Members may be invited to serve more than one term.
- (c) No member shall assume office until that person has executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that member’s office. The oath shall read as follows and be administered by the Mayor.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of member of Veterans Issues Board and that I will support and defend the Charter of the City of Warner Robins as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America. I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the

compensation allowed by law. I further swear or affirm that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Member of the Veterans Issues Board to the best of ability.

- (d) No member of the Veterans Issues Board may hold elective office in the City of Warner Robins.
- (e) Any vacancy on the Veterans Issues Board shall be filled through appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term.
- (f) All Veterans Issues Board members serve at-will and may be removed at any time by majority vote of city council unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. ____ - Conduct of business.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by the City of Warner Robins Charter or by law, the Veterans Issues Board shall elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair and may elect as its secretary one of its members.
- (b) The Veterans Issues Board may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with the City of Warner Robins Charter, ordinances of the City of Warner Robins, or state law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs.
- (c) The Veterans Issues Board shall report findings and make recommendation to Mayor and Council, but shall have no power to take action or to obligate City resources absent Mayor and Council approval and action.

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If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval of Ordinance #5-22 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 12	Ordinance #6-22 – Events Board
<p>AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, MAKING AN ADDITION TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.</p>	

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has recommended an amendment to Article VI and the mayor and city council deem such amendment to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins:

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EVENTS BOARD

Sec. ____ - Created; purpose.

The Events Board is hereby created for the purpose of spearheading and managing the planning and production of City sponsored events, to include, but not limited to the Independence Day Concert and the Christmas Parade.

Sec. ____ - Membership.

(a) The Events Board shall be composed of a board of nine (9) members appointed by Mayor and City Council.

(b) All members shall generally be nominated for three-year staggered terms. Members may be invited to serve more than one term.

(c) No member shall assume office until that person has executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that member's office. The oath shall read as follows and be administered by the Mayor.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of member of Events Board and that I will support and defend the Charter of the City of Warner Robins as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America. I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law. I further swear or affirm that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Member of the Events Board to the best of my ability.

(d) No member of the Events Board may hold elective office in the City of Warner Robins.

(e) Any vacancy on the Events Board shall be filled through appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term.

(f) All Events Board members serve at-will and may be removed at any time by majority vote of city council unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. ____ - Conduct of business.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by the City of Warner Robins Charter or by law, the Events Board shall elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair and may elect as its secretary one of its members.

(b) The Events Board may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with the City of Warner Robins Charter, ordinances of the City of Warner Robins, or state law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs.

(c) The Events Board shall report findings and make recommendation to Mayor and Council, but shall have no power to take action or to obligate City resources absent Mayor and Council approval and action.

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If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval of Ordinance #6-22 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 13	Ordinance #7-22 – Retail Safety Board
<p>AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, MAKING AN ADDITION TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has recommended an amendment to Article VI and the mayor and city council deem such amendment to be in the best interest of the City.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-1-</p> <p>RETAIL SAFETY BOARD</p> <p>Sec. ____ - Created; purpose.</p> <p>The Retail Safety Board is hereby created to identify safety issues, to reduce crime, and to ensure compliance of relevant state and local laws affecting retail businesses.</p> <p>Sec. ____ . - Membership.</p>	

(a) The Retail Safety Board shall be composed of a board of nine (9) members appointed by Mayor and City Council.

(b) All members shall generally be nominated for three-year staggered terms. Members may be invited to serve more than one term.

(c) No member shall assume office until that person has executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that member's office. The oath shall read as follows and be administered by the Mayor.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of member of the Retail Safety Board and that I will support and defend the Charter of the City of Warner Robins as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America. I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law. I further swear or affirm that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Member of the Retail Safety Board to the best of my ability.

(d) No member of the Retail Safety Board may hold elective office in the City of Warner Robins.

(e) Any vacancy on the Retail Safety Board shall be filled through appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term.

(f) The Retail Safety Board members serve at-will and may be removed at any time by majority vote of city council unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. ____ - Conduct of business.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by the City of Warner Robins Charter or by law, the Retail Safety Board shall elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair and may elect as its secretary one of its members.

(b) The Retail Safety Board may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with the City of Warner Robins Charter, ordinances of the City of Warner Robins, or state law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs.

(c) The Retail Safety Board shall report findings and make recommendation to Mayor and Council, but shall have no power to take action or to obligate City resources absent Mayor and Council approval and action.

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If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of Ordinance #7-22 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 14 Ordinance – Local Business Owners Board

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, MAKING AN ADDITION TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has recommended an amendment to Article VI and the mayor and city council deem such amendment to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins:

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LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS BOARD

Sec. ____ - Created; purpose.

The Local Business Owners Board is hereby created to formulate and present solutions regarding issues relevant to local business owners to Mayor and Council.

Sec. ____ . - Membership.

(a) The Local Business Owners Board shall be composed of a board of nine (9) members appointed by Mayor and City Council.

(b) All members shall generally be nominated for three-year staggered terms. Members may be invited to serve more than one term.

(c) No member shall assume office until that person has executed and filed with the clerk of the city an oath obligating himself or herself to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that member’s office. The oath shall read as follows and be administered by the Mayor.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of member of the Local Business Owners Board and that I will support and defend the Charter of the City of Warner Robins as well as the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States of America. I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, for the performance or nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office, other than the compensation allowed by law. I further swear or affirm

that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a Member of the Local Business Owners Board to the best of my ability.

(d) No member of the Local Business Owners Board may hold elective office in the City of Warner Robins.

(e) Any vacancy on the Local Business Owners Board shall be filled through appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term.

(f) The Local Business Owners Board members serve at-will and may be removed at any time by majority vote of city council unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. ____ - Conduct of business.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by the City of Warner Robins Charter or by law, the Local Business Owners Safety Board shall elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair and may elect as its secretary one of its members.

(b) The Local Business Owners Board may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with the City of Warner Robins Charter, ordinances of the City of Warner Robins, or state law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs.

(c) The Local Business Owners Board shall report findings and make recommendation to Mayor and Council, but shall have no power to take action or to obligate City resources absent Mayor and Council approval and action

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If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference. If any provisions of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Motion:	Councilman Holmes presented the 1 st reading of this Ordinance.
Second:	
Outcome:	

Citizen Comments: Robins Gosline, Laura Curtis, Mike Jones, Jim Taylor, Stephen Parrish, Tom McClendon, Bill Carley and Chervonna Thomas.

Adjournment: 7:33 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022



 Mandy Stella
 City Clerk