



City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Presiding: Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick

City Officials Present:

Councilman Keith Lauritsen
*Councilman Kevin Lashley
Councilman Larry Curtis

Councilman Charlie Bibb
Councilman Clifford Holmes
Councilman Derek Mack

City Officials Absent:

Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda: Councilman Lauritsen moved to adopt the agenda to include amending with citizen comments placed after action item #11 and adding executive session to follow citizen comments. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Jerry Walls; Southside Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Northside High School; AFJROTC

Announcements:

Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:

- Presentation – Warner Robins Fire Department to Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Presentation – Miss International City's Outstanding Teen – Madison Walker
- Oath of Office – WRPD – Rhema Ingram and Ashley Lowery

*Councilman Lashley joined virtually 5:50 p.m.

Action Items:

Action Item 1

Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2022.

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| The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2022 were presented for approval. | |
| Motion: | Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of Monday, September 19, 2022. |
| Second: | Councilman Bibb |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 2 | Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items |
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| None | |
| Motion: | N/A |
| Second: | N/A |
| Outcome: | N/A |

| Action Item 3 | Consent Agenda |
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| A. Purchasing Bids B. Resolution – Employee Promotions | |
| Motion: | Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of the consent agenda. |
| Second: | Councilman Holmes |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 3 (A) | Purchasing Bids |
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| Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 16 items | |

| Action Item 3 (B) | Resolution – Employee Promotions |
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| The following employees are recommended for promotion by the Department Director for Utility Department: WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these promotions be approved as follows: | |

- Kelvin McFadden, promoted from Utilities Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #917, Grade 8, Utility Department to Utilities Maintenance Worker II, Job Class #918, Grade 9, Utility Department, to be effective October 3, 2022.

| Action Item 4 | Motion – Home Occupation Permit |
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| <p>The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.</p> <p>1. Ronald Speaks – 107 Lockwood Drive – Bush hog/Tree Service</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Bibb moved to table this item to the November 7, 2022 meeting. |
| Second: | Councilman Mack |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 5 | Motion – Sewer Request – SE Corner Old HWY 96 and HWY 247 |
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| <p>Motion: Councilman Mack moved for the approval</p> <p>Second: Councilman Bibb</p> <p>Outcome: Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.</p> | |

| Action Item 6 | Resolution – Surplus Property (WRPD) |
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| <p>A resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that the value of each individual item on the said Exhibits “A” are less than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, as indicated.</p> <p>*See exhibit A</p> | |
| 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 | Resolution – JAG Grant Award Agreement |
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| <p>A resolution WHEREAS, the City of Warner Robins Police Department has applied for and has received a grant award through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program offered through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the City of Warner Robins Police Department and the Houston County Sherriff’s Office have agreed through a Memorandum of Understanding to split the total grant award amount of \$62,995 equally with the City of Warner Robins acting as the fiscal agent, and;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Grant Award Number 15PBJA-22-GG-02294-JAGX sets forth the conditions necessary for proper administration and fiscal management of these awarded funds,</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute this Grant Award agreement.</p> | |
| 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 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program |
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| <p>A resolution WHEREAS, the City of Warner Robins Police Department has applied for and has received a grant award through the Fiscal Year 2022 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program offered through the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the City of Warner Robins Police Department will use the grant award in the amount of \$10,231.00 to reimburse 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests purchased by the department in accordance with the purposes outlined in the grant application, and;</p> <p>WHEREAS the grant award sets forth the conditions necessary for proper administration and fiscal management of these awarded funds,</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute this Grant Award agreement.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Curtis moved for the approval |
| Second: | Councilman Holmes |

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| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |
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| Action Item 9 | Resolution – 100 Watson Blvd. |
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A resolution that Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to accept ownership of 100 Watson Boulevard also known as the Law Enforcement Center via Quit Claim Deed from the Warner Robins Development Authority d/b/a Engage Warner Robins.

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

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| Action Item 10 | Resolution – Consulting Services – Holly Gross |
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A resolution that Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute an agreement with Holly Gross d/b/a Balanced Strategies, LLC, to provide review of reports and transactions, guidance on audits, assistance with grants and other duties as prescribed.

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

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| Action Item 11 | Resolution – Georgia Probation Management, Inc. |
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A resolution that Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia with Georgia Probation Management, Inc., whereby Georgia Probation Management, Inc., will provide comprehensive professional services and programs for misdemeanor offenders placed on probation through the city’s Municipal Court.

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

Citizen Comments: Bishop Harvey B, Jerome Stephens, Rita Simon and Jimmy Roberts

Executive Session: Mayor Patrick requested a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss Personnel. Councilman Bibb moved for an executive session to discuss Personnel. Councilman Lauritsen seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The regular council meeting was suspended at 6:27 pm, and the governing body convened into executive session at 6:35 pm; the executive session ended at 7:31 pm. The regular meeting convened at 7:36 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the executive session minutes.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to amend the agenda to add action item #14 – Additional Appointments. Councilman Bibb moved for the amendment to the agenda. Councilman Lauritsen seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session.

| Action Item 12 | Motion – Appointment – Interim Chief of Police |
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| Motion: | Mayor Patrick moved for the appointment of Capt. Wayne Fisher as Interim Chief of Police |
| Second: | Councilman Lauritsen |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 13 | Motion – Appointment – Interim Building and Inspections Director |
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| Motion: | Mayor Patrick moved for the appointment of Terry Wood as Interim Director of Building and Inspections. |
| Second: | Councilman Lauritsen |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 14 | Motion – Additional Appointments |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Assistant Building and Inspections Director • Interim City Marshal • Interim Assistant Finance Director |

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| Motion: | Mayor Patrick moved for the appointment of Vic Savage as Interim Assistant Director of Building and Inspections, Cedric Allen as Interim City Marshal and Lydia Humphrey as Interim Assistant Finance Director. |
| Second: | Councilman Curtis |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, *Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

Adjournment: 7:58 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022



Mandy Stella
City Clerk