



City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2025

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Presiding: Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick

City Officials Present:

Councilman Clifford Holmes
Councilman Keith Lauritsen
Councilman Larry Curtis

Councilman Kevin Lashley
Councilman Derek Mack
Councilman Charlie Bibb

City Officials Absent:

Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council

Opening Prayer: Pastor Mike Winfree; Oakland Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance: HOCO Air Force JROTC; Cadets Mariam Agboola & Oriyana Lewis-Osiris

Call to Order: 4:41 p.m.

Action Item 1	Work Session Items
Motion:	N/A
Second:	N/A
Outcome:	N/A

Action Item 1 (A)	Discussion of September 15, 2025 Agenda Items
	#5 – Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement; GDOT #6 – Resolution – Authorization to file Condemnation Order

Action Item 1 (B)	Memorandum of Understanding; The Warner Robins Youth Baseball Initiative, Inc.
	Mr. Preston Pooser, Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services gave update on proposed MOU.

Action Item 1 (C)	Tree Preservation Replacement and Landscape Standards
<p>Mr. James Drinkard, City Administrator and Tiffany Bowen, Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Manager gave update and received feedback on proposed Tree Preservation Replacement and Landscape Standards.</p>	

Announcements:

- Ga Reads Day – September 22nd at InnoLab
- Burger Week – September 19th – 28th
- Food Truck Round Up – September 18th
- New Queens for Miss Warner Robins, International City, Houston County and Teens for all

Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:

- Proclamation – Constitution Week
- Proclamation – SWRI
- Proclamation – Big Brothers Big Sisters Month
- Presentation – Sunmark Bank
- Presentation – 14th Annual Cardiac Car Show
- Awards – Employee Service Awards
 - Bobby Thomas –Public Works Department, 15 years
 - Alton Tucker –Public Works Department, 15 years
 - Melanie Byer – Human Resources Director, 20 years
 - Greg Martin –Police Department, 25 years

Adoption of the Agenda:

Councilman Mack moved to adopt the agenda with the revision of Action Item #3C being removed from the consent agenda and added as a stand-alone item. Councilman Lauritsen seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended as mention above. Councilman Mack moved to adopt the changes. Councilman Bibb seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Action Items:

Action Item 2	Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items
Motion:	N/A
Second:	N/A
Outcome:	N/A

Action Item 3 Consent Agenda	
<p>A. September 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>B. Home Occupation Permits</p> <p>C. Resolution – Employee Promotions</p> <p>D. Resolution – Motorola Solutions</p> <p>E. Resolution – FirstNet AT&T</p> <p>F. Resolution – 2025 Safety and Liability Management Grant</p> <p>G. Purchasing Items</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I. General Administration; Southern Computer Warehouse – \$16,466.79</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">II. General Administration; VC3 – \$130,202.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">III. City Attorney’s Office; Brinson, Askew, Berry – \$11,980.96</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">IV. Utilities; Ferguson Waterworks – \$51,441.90</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">V. Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services; Krown Sports – \$18,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">VI. Utilities; Hydra Service, Inc – \$16,459.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">VII. Utilities; John R. Walker Inc. – \$124,696.00</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval of the consent agenda.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, and Holmes voted for approval. Councilman Curtis abstained.

Action Item 3 (A)	September 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September, 2025 were presented for approval.	

Action Item 3 (B)	Home Occupation Permits
The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andy Rolls – 126 Dewberry Trail – Mobile Pet Grooming 2. Matthew Curl – 118 Redwood Dr. – Freeze Drying Candy 3. Heather Coy – 703 Westwood Dr. – Event Entertainment 4. Yonkita Huggins – 107 Sidney St. – Mobile Hospitality 5. Shannon Murphey – 416 Alan-A-Dale Ct. – Mobile Pet Grooming 6. Michael Sloop – 704 Sark Dr. – Photography 7. Gidget Preacely – 215 Tracey Terr. – Travel Agent 8. Matthew Walker – 218 Castle Pines Dr. – First Aid/CPR 9. Wantha Robinson – 400 Rosewater Dr. – Cleaning Service 	

Action Item 3 (C)	Resolution – Employee Promotions
<p>Moved to a stand-alone item on the agenda.</p>	

Action Item 3 (D)	Resolution – Motorola Solutions
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached service agreement between MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, and the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, whereby MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS agrees to provide maintenance for all radio communication equipment for the Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$13,754.85.</p>	

Action Item 3 (E)	Resolution – FirstNet AT&T
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute agreement between AT&T Enterprises, LLC, and the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, whereby AT&T Enterprises, LLC agrees to provide commercially available national, digital wireless telecommunications equipment (the "Equipment") and services.</p>	

Action Item 3 (F)	Resolution – 2025 Safety and Liability Management Grant
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute all documents pertaining to the 2025 Safety and Liability Management Grant Program offered through the Local Government Risk Management Services of the Georgia Municipal Association.</p>	

Action Item 3 G)	Purchasing Items
<p>Purchasing Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. General Administration; Southern Computer Warehouse – \$16,466.79 II. General Administration; VC3 – \$130,202.00 III. City Attorney’s Office; Brinson, Askew, Berry – \$11,980.96 IV. Utilities; Ferguson Waterworks – \$51,441.90 V. Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services; Krown Sports – \$18,000.00 VI. Utilities; Hydra Service, Inc – \$16,459.00 VII. Utilities; John R. Walker Inc. – \$124,696.00 	

Action Item 4**Ordinance #24-25 – Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-78 Amendment**

Ordinance #24-25 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, to amend Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-78 of the Code of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, is amended, as follows.

WHEREAS, the City of Warner Robins, Georgia (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "City") is a municipality duly formed and existing pursuant to Georgia Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warner Robins desire to promote the safe, responsible sale of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the City previously approved an Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance providing for the regulation of beer, wine, distilled spirits, and other alcoholic beverage sales; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council finds that an addition to Chapter 4 regarding Alcoholic Beverages is necessary and proper to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, and general welfare of the City of Warner Robins and its residents, businesses, and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, that Chapter 4, Article II of the Code of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, is hereby amended by the addition of the following section, so as to further define eligibility requirements for businesses wishing to obtain and hold a license to sell alcoholic beverages within the City.

Section 1. Amendment – Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-78 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

Sec. 4-78. Other criteria declared to be in the public interest.

In determining whether or not any license applied for hereunder shall be granted, in addition to all other provisions of this Article, the following shall be considered in the public interest and welfare:

- (1) The applicant's reputation, character, and mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- (2) Whether or not applicant has violated any law or regulation relating to any alcoholic beverage business for which he may have previously held a license or in which he may have had an interest.
- (3) Any manner in which the applicant conducted the alcoholic beverage business under any prior license.

(4) The distance of the premises on which the license is to be used from other premises or which a similar license has already been granted. In this connection, it is declared to be the policy of the City that no license for the sale of distilled spirits by the package, as authorized by this Article, shall be granted to any applicant for any location which is within 2,000 feet of another location licensed for the sale of distilled spirits by the package under the provisions of this Article, provided however that renewals may be granted to any licensed establishments that were operating immediately prior to October 01, 2025, that are within 2,000 feet of another such location. The distance prescribed in this subsection shall be measured by the shortest line possible from the nearest point on the property line of the place of business for which the application is sought to the nearest point of the property line of the previously licensed place of business.

(5) Whether or not the applicant has previously had a license to sell alcoholic beverages of any description revoked. No person whose license has previously been revoked shall be issued a license except as provided in subsection 4-60(c).

(6) The extent of the financial interest of the applicant in any wholesale alcoholic beverage business. It is declared to be the policy of the City that no person who has any financial interest in any wholesale alcoholic beverage business shall also have any financial interest in any retail alcoholic beverage business, and no financial aid or assistance to any licensee hereunder from any wholesaler or manufacturer of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted, except as expressly authorized under Georgia law.

(7) The suitability of the premises for the conduct of an alcoholic beverage business, including its location, highway traffic problems, and the difficulty or absence thereof of policing by law enforcement agencies.

(8) To the extent known by, discovered by, or revealed to the City, the occurrence of any event or events during the preceding calendar year, at or within 100 yards of the location for which a license is sought, whether related to each other or unrelated, and regardless of whether the events result in any criminal convictions, or the commission of any act or acts in any place by the licensee, its agent, or its owners or managers, which, in the aggregate, would pose any unreasonable risk to the public, upon consideration of the following:

(A) Whether any such events constitute a crime under the laws of the United States, the State of Georgia, or the City of Warner Robins Code of Ordinances;

(B) The fact or severity of any personal injuries or loss of life suffered in any such event, as well as the number of people injured or killed therein;

(C) Whether any such events included:

(i) the use or brandishing of any firearm or other weapon;

(ii) the use, purchase, sale, or distribution of Controlled Substances, in violation of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

(iii) gang activity;

(iv) the commission of any Sexual Offenses, in violation of Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; or

(v) unlawful Gambling, in violation of Article 2 of Chapter 12 or Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

(vi) the violation of any laws of the United States, the State of Georgia, or the City of Warner Robins Code of Ordinances relating to the manufacture, distribution, sale, service, or consumption of alcohol.

(D) The degree of knowledge, complicity, or involvement, and the actions of the applicant; or of the applicant's owners, agents, employees, customers, licensees, invitees, or trespassers, with respect to such events.

(E) Whether any such events, in isolation or in the aggregate, required an unusual commitment of police resources, as compared to other licensees similarly situated, including frequent police reports, or the dedication of an unusual quantity of public policing resources or effort to maintaining good order and security in the area of a licensed premises.

(9) The effect that a license has, or is reasonably expected to have, on the values of nearby properties, or the uses thereof.

Section 2. Severability

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section hereof shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Mayor and

Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained therein.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of Ordinance #24-25 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 5 Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement; GDOT

A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Georgia Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Georgia (“Department”) and the City of Warner Robins (“City”) summarizing the installation of roadway improvements at the Elberta Road railroad crossing, more particularly described as CS 1218 (Elberta Road) at Railroad Milepost 12.92-G located within the City of Warner Robins, Georgia.

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

Action Item 6 Motion – Rezoning Petition – Robins Royal Hospitality/ 5.303 acres/2024 Watson Blvd

Robins Royal Hospitality requests the rezoning of property, totaling 5.303 acres, located at 2024 Watson Blvd., also known as tax parcel [0W069A 004000] from C-2 [General Commercial District] to R-4 [Multi Family Residential District].

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

Action Item 7	Resolution - Master Development Agreement; Engage Warner Robins
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Master Development Agreement by and between the City of Warner Robins (“City”) and the Warner Robins Development Authority d/b/a Engage Warner Robins (“Engage”) transferring City-owned properties to Engage and to effectuate all purposes contemplated in the Master Agreement and the Amendment to Add Property Subject to the Master Development 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 – Flock Safety Platform
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached agreement between Flock Group, Inc. (“Flock”) and The City of Warner Robins Police Department, (“PD”), acknowledging the terms and conditions of the billing schedule, hardware and software products, and professional services as outlined in the Flock Safety Order Form.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Curtis
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 9	Resolution – Employee Promotions
<p>A resolution whereas following employee is recommended for promotion by their Department Director, and the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andre Grace, promoted from Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department to Training and Safety Officer, Job Class #528, Grade 20, Fire Department, to be effective September 15, 2025. 	

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

Citizen Comments – Tim Bergyl, Keith Newton, Mick Driggers, David McCrory

Executive Session – Real Estate

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to enter into an executive session for Real Estate. Councilman Lauritsen motioned for Executive Session for Real Estate. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion for Real Estate. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The regular council meeting was suspended at 6:53 pm, and the governing body convened into executive session at 7:01 pm, the executive session ended at 7:24 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the executive session minutes.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:26 pm. Councilman Curtis motioned for the request. Councilman Holmes seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Adjournment: 7:26 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025



Mandy Stella
City Clerk