



City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

Immediately Following Pre-Council Meeting

Council Chambers

Presiding: Mayor LaRhonda W. 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: 5:41 p.m.

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Jordan Poole; Hope Church

Pledge of Allegiance: Cadet 2nd Lt. Elijah Young and Cadet Major Alyson Neville; Veterans High School JROTC

Announcements:

- Burger Week Wrap Up – Kate Hogan
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:

- Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Action Items:

Action Item 1

Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2024 were presented for approval.

Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of Monday, September 16, 2024.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

Action Item 2 Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Hatcher #8 & #9 • Leslie Wilson #8 • Jim Taylor #9
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 Lashley 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. 6 items	

Action Item 3 (B)	Employee Promotions
The following employees are recommended for promotion by their Department Director, and the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial.	

- Joshua Wilcox, promoted from Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to Police Lieutenant, Job Class #631, Grade 606, Police Department, to be effective October 14, 2024.
- Brandon Underwood, promoted from Detective, Job Class #630, Grade 603, Police Department, to Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to be effective October 14, 2024.
- Riley Sims, promoted from Detective, Job Class #630, Grade 603, Police Department, to Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to be effective October 14, 2024.
- Charles Hulon, promoted from Police Officer, Job Class #633, Grade 602, Police Department, to Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to be effective October 14, 2024.

Action Item 4	Motion – 2024 Small Bill Tax Adjustments
Write off tax bills for 2024 \$5.00 or less	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 5	Motion – PDE Revision (The Arlington)
PDE REVISION for The Arlington which is to delete the previously approved multi-family apartment section and replace it with a townhome section consisting of 106 individual lots to be subdivided and sold as fee-simple properties.	
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Mack

Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.
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Action Item 6	Ordinance #41-24 – Annexation – Donald E. Free Sr./1.102acres/1279 S. Houston Lake Rd
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Ordinance #30-24 ORDAINED by the GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, ANNEXING A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a petition has been received from DONALD E. FREE, SR. to annex the property which is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 164 of the 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, known and designated as "Lot 5," consisting of 1.102 acres, Pilgrim Center, as shown on a plat of survey drawn by Theodore W. Waddle, Jr., of record in Plat Book 82, Page 7, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record there of are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

The property is located at 1279 S Houston Lake Road

WHEREAS, the said land of DONALD E. FREE, SR., may be annexed pursuant to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-36-20 et seq., said lands being contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of Warner Robins and the petitioners being the sole owners of said properties; and

WHEREAS, The City of Warner Robins, relative to its best interest, is desirous of annexing the above-described properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that the petition from DONALD E. FREE, SR., on July 24, 2024, is adopted and approved and said properties are hereby incorporated into the City of Warner Robins, Georgia.

If any ordinance, or part thereof, of the City of Warner Robins is in conflict herewith, this ordinance shall have preference.

If any of the 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 #41-24 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Lashley
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 7 Ordinance #42-24 – 2018 SPLOST Budget Transfer

WHEREAS Ordinance 3-23 states that excess SPLOST collections may be re-allocated, and

WHEREAS the Mayor recommends to the Governing Authority that the land acquisitions proposed by Community and Economic Development are advantageous.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS THAT the \$605,000 from the reallocation of 2018 SPLOST Capital Other Projects along with \$195,000 from the reallocation of 2018 SPLOST General Government Capital Improvements be placed in the account number referenced in the chart below:

Account	Description	Amount
35-000-09000-54001-010-000	Prop Acquis & Infr'sture Impr	\$800,000
Total		\$800,000

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 Curtis moved for the approval of Ordinance #42-24 and to waive the second reading.
Second:	Councilman Holmes
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 8 Ordinance – Section 2-28a Amendment – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, notice of a proposed salary increase for members of the Warner Robins city council was duly advertised in the Houston Home Journal, the official legal organ of the City of Warner Robins and Houston County, and in the Leader Tribune, the official organ of the city of Warner Robins in Peach County, on October 2, 9, and 16, 2024 as required by Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-35-4(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins as follows:

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Section 2-28(a) shall be amended to increase the annual salary of councilmembers from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

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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:	N/A
Second:	N/A
Outcome:	N/A

Action Item 9	Resolution – Land Transfer (Tax Parcel ID 0W034C 050000)
<p>A resolution to authorize the City Attorney’s Office to begin the process of transferring ownership of Houston County Tax Parcel ID 0W034C 050000, approximately 2.74 acres of property located at Kirkwood Circle, to the City of Warner Robins to include, but not limited to, the ordering of title work and the commissioning of a plat of survey and that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute a Quit Claim Deed for the described transaction.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved for the denial.
Second:	Councilman Bibb

Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the denial. Councilman Lauritsen was in opposition.
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Action Item 10	Resolution – PSA Amendment; Rodriguez (102 N. Davis Dr.)
<p>A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick is authorized to execute an amendment to the purchase and sales agreement executed on July 15, 2024 with Luis Alejandro Rodriguez for property located at 102 N. Davis Dr.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Lauritsen
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 11	Resolution – PSA; Provision Enterprises Inc. (1003 Young Ave.)
<p>A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick is authorized to execute a purchase and sales agreement with Provision Enterprises Inc. on 1003 Young Ave.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 12	Resolution – PSA; Robelectro LLC. (111 N. Davis Dr.)
<p>A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick is authorized to execute a purchase and sales agreement with Robelectro, LLC on 111 N. Davis Dr.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Lashley
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 13	Resolution – MOU; The New International City Farmer’s Market
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Peg Corbett d/b/a The New International City Farmer’s Market, to address the terms and conditions for use of Perkins Field.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Holmes
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 14	Resolution – GeorgiaLink
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute an Agreement for Representation with GeorgiaLink Public Affairs Group, LLC, to actively represent Warner Robins on interests in Georgia.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 15	Resolution – City Administrator Employment Agreement
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute an Employment Agreement with James Drinkard for his appointment to the position of City Administrator to the City of Warner Robins.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Holmes
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 16	Resolution – MOU (Houston County); OneSolution Public Safety
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A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Houston County to resolve current connectivity needs and provide for future expansion of the OneSolution Public Safety suite, a split system for Computer-Aided Dispatch or “CAD” and Records Management System or “RMS”.	
Motion:	Councilman Mack moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 17	Resolution – IGA (Houston County); Houston Lake Road Maintenance
A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Houston County Board of Commissioners for the City of Warner Robins to maintain a portion of Houston Lake Road as described in the attached agreement.	
Motion:	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Mack
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 18	Resolution – MOA (Houston County); 2018 SPLOST Pleasant Hill Rd. Sidewalk Project
A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Houston County for relocation of underground City utilities for the 2018 SPLOST Pleasant Hill Road Sidewalk Project.	
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Curtis and Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 19	Resolution – Agreement; Jennifer Salemi (WRPD, Forensics Lab)
A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Hourly Contractor Agreement with Jennifer Salemi, for Chemistry Section Work for The Warner Robins Police Department.	
Motion:	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Lashley
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 20	Resolution – Anthem
A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda Patrick and City Clerk Mandy Stella to execute the Anthem agreement for the calendar year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.	
Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
Second:	Councilmen Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Citizen Comments: Paulette Polk, Jeff Holden, James Erdmanczyk, Dr. Michael Sharky, Leslie Wilson, Barry Stuart, Steve Rollysen

Adjournment: 7:22 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2024



Mandy Stella
City Clerk