



# City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

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Monday, August 21, 2023

immediately Following Pre-Council Meeting

Council Chambers

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**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:**

\*Councilman Holmes arrived at Agenda Item #1

**Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council**

**Call to Order:** 5:11 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Councilman Lauritsen moved to adopt the agenda with the revision of item #13; being removed. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Tolan J. Morgan; Fellowship Bible Baptist Church

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Montie Walters, Utilities Director

**Announcements:**

- Mr. Holmes in route
- Inaugural Food Truck Round up was a success

**Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:**

- Awards – Employee Service
  - Angela Blancett – PD – 10 years
  - Thomas Lee – PD - 10 years
  - Anthony Jordan – PW – 10 years
  - Matthew Johnson – FD - 15 years
- WRPD – Introductions of newly hired staff – Chief Whitehead

**Action Items:**

<b>Action Item 1</b>	<b>Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 31, 2023.</b>
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2023 were presented for approval.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of <u>Monday, August 7, 2023.</u>
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Holmes
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 2</b>	<b>Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Eubanks – ROW ordinance</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	N/A
<b>Second:</b>	N/A
<b>Outcome:</b>	N/A

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

<b>Action Item 3 (A)</b>	<b>Purchasing Bids</b>
Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 13 items	

Action Item 3 (B)	Employee Promotions
<p>The following employees are recommended for promotion by their respective Department Directors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcus Baker, promoted from Police Officer, Job Class #633, Grade 602, Police Department, to Detective, Job Class #630, Grade 603, Police Department, to be effective August 21, 2023.</li> <li>• Kevin Thomas, promoted from Utilities Locator, Job Class #962, Grade 14, Utility Department, to Utility Locate Crew Leader, Job Class #977, Grade 16, Utility Department, to be effective August 21, 2023.</li> <li>• Aunesha Brantley, promoted from Cashier, Job Class #177, Grade 9, General Administration, to Customer Service Specialist, Job Class #178, Grade 10, General Administration, to be effective August 21, 2023.</li> </ul>	

Action Item 3 (C)	Home Occupation Permits
<p>The Planning &amp; Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Molly Williamson – 104 Ashford Park – Online Boutique</li> <li>2. Kaiulani Starks – 103 Booker St. – Cleaning Service</li> <li>3. Delilah Varnum – 212 Sidney David St. – Home Health Care Referral</li> <li>4. Ricky Solomon – 298 Victoria Circle – Collectables</li> </ol>	

Action Item 4	Motion - Alcohol License Appeal
<p>A Motion to allow Ms. Tiffany Joiner to reapply for her alcohol manager license</p>	
<p><b>Motion:</b></p>	<p>Councilman Mack moved for the approval</p>
<p><b>Second:</b></p>	<p>Councilman Bibb</p>
<p><b>Outcome:</b></p>	<p>Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.</p>

Action Item 5	Motion – 2022 Tax Adjustments
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A motion to approve the presented 2022 tax adjustments	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 6</b>	<b>Motion – 2022 Small Bill Tax Adjustments</b>
A motion to approve the 2022 Small Tax Bill Adjustments	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 7</b>	<b>Motion – Events Board Appointments</b>								
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<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Holmes								
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Action Item 8      Motion – Veterans Issues Board Appointments													
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<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb												
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Action Item 9      Motion – Rezoning Petition – PSH Warner Robins LLC	
<p>PSH Warner Robins LLC/9.01 acres/470 S. Houston Lake Rd./from C-1 [Neighborhood Service Commercial District] [City] to C-2 [General Commercial District] [City]</p> <p>Stipulation recommended by Planning and Zoning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A densely planted buffer, that is to retain its foliage year-round, as well as an 8ft privacy fence of solid appearance be installed along those property lines that abut residential districts to the east.</li> <li>• A pre-design meeting be held with City and County staff for any projects within the site’s boundary.</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval with the stipulations recommended by Planning and Zoning.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

Action Item 10      Motion – Rezoning Petition – Vasile Scutaru	
<p>Vasile Scutaru/0.87 acres/904 N. Davis Dr/ from C-2[General Commercial District] [City] to R-4 [Multi Family Residential District] [City]</p>	

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

**Action Item 11    Ordinance #30-23 – Annexation – Ms. Wanda Watson**

IT IS HEREBY 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 WANDA WATSON, to annex the property which is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A 2.64 acre portion of that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District, Houston County, Georgia, known and designated as Parcel "A", according to a plat of survey prepared by Story & Company, Inc., drawing no. 01-199-B, titled *Compiled plat for Gary C. Brown*, dated May 17, 2001, which is of record in Plat Book 57, Page 150, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The property is located directly adjacent to the south of property situated along the south side of GA Hwy 247 Connector, approximately 2,000ft west of the intersection of GA Hwy 41 and GA Hwy 247 Connector, Warner Robins, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the said land of WANDA WATSON, 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 WANDA WATSON, on June 6, 2023, 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.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb for the approval of Ordinance #30-23 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of the Rezoning Petition – RAG [Residential Agricultural District], [County] to C-2 [General Commercial District], [City]
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

Action Item 12 Resolution – Gallagher Risk Management	
A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick and City Clerk Mandy Stella to execute an agreement with Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. for a period of one year from signing of such agreement.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lashley
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

Action Item 13 Resolution – Concentrix Catalyst	
<b>Motion:</b>	
<b>Second:</b>	

<b>Outcome:</b>	
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Action Item 14	Resolution – Mr. James Dodson Amendment
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute an amended agreement with James R. Dodson to increase the maximum number of hours to twenty (20) hours per week.</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Mack
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

**Citizen Comments:** James Erdmanczyk and Robin Gosline

**Executive Session** – Mayor Patrick requested a motion to enter into an executive session for Real Estate and Personnel. Councilman Bibb motioned for Executive Session for Real Estate and Personnel. Councilman Curtis seconded the motion for Real Estate and Personnel. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The regular council meeting was suspended at 5:45 pm, and the governing body convened into executive session at 5:58 pm; the executive session ended at 7:32 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the executive session minutes.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:40 pm. Councilman Lashley motioned for the request. Councilman Lauritsen seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of item #15 – Real Estate. Councilman Curtis motioned for the request. Councilman Lashley seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 15	Resolution – Real Estate
<p>WHEREAS, the city has undertaken a sewer infrastructure expansion known as the Hwy 96 Sewer Main Upgrade,</p> <p>WHEREAS, the city has contracted with Ardurra Group, Inc., f/k/a Constantine Engineering, LLC, to complete the planned sewer infrastructure expansion,</p> <p>WHEREAS, that company has retained James E. Elliott, Jr., to assist with the acquisition of easements and other property required for the planned expansion project,</p>	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins hereby authorize James E Elliott, Jr. to file Eminent Domain petitions where needed to acquire property for the ongoing Hwy 96 Sewer Main Upgrade.

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

**Adjournment:** 7:45 pm

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023



Mandy Stella  
City Clerk