



# City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

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Monday, November 7, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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**Presiding:** Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick

**City Officials Present:**

Councilman Keith Lauritsen  
Councilman Kevin Lashley  
Councilman Larry Curtis

Councilman Charlie Bibb  
Councilman Derek Mack

**City Officials Absent:**

Councilman Clifford Holmes

**Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council**

**Call to Order:** 5:42 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Councilman Lauritsen moved to adopt the agenda with amending to move executive session after proclamations/awards/presentations and to remove: agenda item #10 and #11. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor David Brinson; Eight Day Church

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Warner Robins City Council

**Announcements:**

**Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:**

- Presentation – DCA/CHIP Grant
- Proclamation – Closing The Gap

**Executive Session** – Mayor Patrick requested a motion to enter into an executive session for Pending Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel. Councilman Bibb motioned for Executive Session for Pending Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The regular council meeting was suspended at 5:51 pm, and the governing body convened into executive session at 6:02 pm; the executive session ended at 7:00 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the executive session minutes.

Mayor Patrick made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:04 pm. Councilman Lashley motioned for the request. Councilman Curtis seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis all

voted in approval. Mayor Patrick requested a motion to amend the agenda to add items #17: Motion – Settlement Agreement, #18 – Motion: Appointment – Interim City Administrator and #19 – Resolution – Legal Services. Councilman Lauritsen motioned for the amendment to the agenda. Councilman Curtis seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

**Action Items:**

Action Item 1	Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2022.
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2022 were presented for approval.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of Monday, October 17, 2022.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Mack
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

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

Action Item 3	Consent Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Purchasing Bids</li> <li>B. Employee Promotions</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 and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 3 (A)</b>	<b>Purchasing Bids</b>
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Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 5 items

<b>Action Item 3 (B)</b>	<b>Home Occupation Permits</b>
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The following employees are recommended for promotion by their respective Department Directors, and the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial.

- Stephen Fant, promoted from General Maintenance Worker III, Job Class #12, Grade 11, Public Works Stormwater Department to Grounds Maintenance Technician, Job Class #009, Grade 12, Public Works Stormwater Department, to be effective November 14, 2022.
- Patrick King, promoted from Utilities Maintenance Worker III, Job Class #921, Grade 11, Utility Department to Utilities Maintenance Crew Leader, Job Class, #909, Grade 15, Utility Department, to be effective November 14, 2022.
- Devin Foreman, promoted from Senior Warehouse Clerk, Job Class #411, Grade 11, Public Works Stormwater Department to Central Receiving/Warehouse Supervisor, Job Class, #404, Grade 16, Public Works Stormwater Department, to be effective November 14, 2022.
- Alan Angell, promoted from Fire Captain (Prevention), Job Class #523, Grade 20, Fire Department to Assistant Chief – Fire Prevention, Job Class, #505, Grade 22, Fire Department, to be effective November 14, 2022.

<b>Action Item 4</b>	<b>Motion – Sewer Availability (Old Hwy 96 &amp; Old Perry Rd)</b>
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Houston County Commissioners request sewer availability at Old Hwy 96 & Old Perry Rd. Tax Parcel: 001250 114000.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Mack moved for the approval.
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<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
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<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.
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<b>Action Item 5</b>	<b>Motion – Sewer Availability (Parcel 00125C 083000; Hwy 247 and New Hwy 96)</b>
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Ms. Gwyn Mitchell requests sewer availability for Parcel 00125C 083000; Hwy 247 and New Hwy 96	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 6</b>	<b>Motion – Sewer Availability (Publix Outparcel #2 SE corner Old Hwy 96 &amp; 247)</b>
Mr. Merg Hoffman requests sewer availability for Publix Outparcel #2 SE corner Old Hwy 96 & 247.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 7</b>	<b>Motion – Events Board Appointment</b>
Spencer Maddox to the City of Warner Robins Events Board	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term of 2 years to end on 11/06/24</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 8</b>	<b>Motion – Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Appointments</b>
The following individuals are recommended for positions to serve on the Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Board.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Cheshire/Happy Hour – Term Ending: 11/18/24</li> <li>• Ben White/GMS – Term Ending: 11/18/24</li> <li>• Roman Jones – Term Ending: 11/18/24</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra Bracy – Term Ending: 11/18/24</li> <li>• Jonathan Johnson – Term Ending: 11/18/24</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 9</b>	<b>Motion – Home Occupation Permit</b>
<p>The Planning &amp; Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.</p> <p>Home Occupations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ronald Speaks – 107 Lockwood Drive – Bush hog/Tree Service</li> </ol> <p>*Code Case is in compliance and is no longer open.</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 10</b>	<b>Resolution – Assignment and Assumptions (City of Warner Robins to Engage Warner Robins)</b>
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<b>Motion:</b>	N/A
<b>Second:</b>	N/A
<b>Outcome:</b>	N/A

<b>Action Item 11</b>	<b>Motion – Rezoning Petition – Sujano, LLC/ tax parcel [0W0940 61B000]</b>
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tax parcel [0W0940 61B000] located at the southeast corner of S Houston Lake Road and S Corder Road, from the zoning of R-1 [Single Family Residential District] to the zoning of R-4 [Multi-Family Residential District].	
<b>Motion:</b>	N/A
<b>Second:</b>	N/A
<b>Outcome:</b>	N/A

<b>Action Item 12</b>	<b>Ordinance #45-22 – Ordinance – Annexation – NBR, Inc./ tax parcel [000770 075000]</b>
NBR, Inc./ tax parcel [000770 075000] totaling 1.1 acre, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of HWY 96 and Starlight Drive, from the zoning of C-2 [General Commercial District][County] to the zoning of C-2 [General Commercial District][City].	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of Ordinance #45-22 with the stipulation recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission of no access from Hwy 96 be permitted without express justification, supported by factual evidence, from a certified traffic engineer registered in the State of Georgia. Councilman Lauritsen moved to also waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval. Councilman Mack voted in opposition. Will be read at the November 21, 2022 meeting.

<b>Action Item 13</b>	<b>Ordinance #43-22– Annexation – ASIL, LLC./ tax parcels [001050 128000]</b>
ASIL, LLC./ tax parcels [001050 128000] totaling 101.34 acres, [001050 127000] totaling 70.69 acres, and [001050 071000] totaling 2.74 acres, and [001050 13A000] totaling 10.68 acres, together totaling 185.45 acres located and having frontage on the north side of Roberts Road and Hwy 127.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of Ordinance #43-22 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the zoning of R-AG [Agricultural Residential District][County] to the zoning of R-3 [General Residential District][City]

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

<b>Action Item 14</b>	<b>Ordinance #44-22 – Budget Transfer (WRFD)</b>
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Ordinance #44-22 of the Governing Authority of the City of Warner Robins that \$10,813 be transferred from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance and placed into the following Fire Department expenditure accounts referenced in the chart below:

Account	Description	Amount
10-005-03520-000-000-53371	Other Supplies	\$2,421
10-005-03520-000-000-52141	Rep & Maint by Vndr-Vehicles	\$7,321
10-005-03570-000-000-52140	Rep & Maint by Vndr-Bldgs	\$1,071
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,813</b>

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of Ordinance #44-22 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Mack
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 15</b>	<b>Ordinance #46-22 – City of Warner Robins Classification Plan</b>
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The Mayor makes the following recommendations to the City Council for changes in the City of Warner Robins Classification Plan, and the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial, the City Classification Plan is amended as follows:

- Create the position of Operations Manager, Job Class # 158, Grade 25, authorized strength of 1, Office of the City Administrator.
- Create the position of Strategic Planner (PT), Job Class # 22, Grade 99, authorized strength of 1, Office of the Mayor.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Mack moved for the approval of Ordinance #46-22 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb

<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.
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<b>Action Item 16</b>	<b>Resolution – WRPD Canine Retirement</b>
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WHEREAS, “Kojak” is a canine service animal that has dutifully served the Warner Robins Police Department and is ripe to begin his well-deserved retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins find that “Kojak” is no longer needed by the City for public use and that the value of animal is less than \$500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the Police Department to deliver ownership of the animals to his respective handler.

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

<b>Action Item 17</b>	<b>Motion – Settlement of Claim</b>
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The principal term of the settlement in civil action case number 2022V126170K is as follows:

- Plaintiff will receive a total sum of \$110,000 – a portion of which will go to his attorneys – in exchange for the dismissal of his lawsuit and he will enter into a general release and waiver of all claims against the City, the individual defendants, as well as current and former officials and employees of the City, among other releases.

The attorneys assigned to handle the matter by the City’s liability insurer participated in negotiating and drafting the agreement and recommended that we approve it.

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

<b>Action Item 18</b>	<b>Motion – Appointment of Interim City Administrator</b>
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Mayor Patrick presented Mr. James Dodson for appointment to Interim City Administrator	
<b>Motion:</b>	Mayor Patrick moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 19</b>	<b>Resolution – Legal Services</b>
A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick is authorized to negotiate a contract for temporary legal services for the City of Warner Robins.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley and Curtis voted for approval.

**Citizen Comments:** John Fredenburg, Rita Simon  
**Adjournment:** 7:33 pm  
**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Monday, November 21, 2022

  
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 Mandy Stella  
 City Clerk