



City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 19, 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: 5:33 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda: Councilman Lauritsen moved to adopt the agenda with the removal of alcohol license appeal, action item #5, Executive Session and to add action item #16 – Resolution – Dismissal of Counterclaims. Councilman Lashley seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Melvin Womack; End-Time Harvest Christian Center

Pledge of Allegiance: Veterans High School; AFJROTC

Announcements: September is awareness month for several important causes. Some of those being: Hispanic Heritage Month, Suicide Awareness Month and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:

- Proclamation – Constitution Week
- Awards – Employee Service
 - Marcus Wingfield – Public Works – 10 years
 - Captain Wayne Fisher – WRPD – 20 years
 - Kinnon Wildes – Public Works – 35 years
- Awards/Recognition – Warner Robins Recreation Department
 - Ariana Haynes
 - Roy Copeland

Action Items:

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| Action Item 1 | Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022. |
| The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2022 were presented for approval. | |
| Motion: | Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of the minutes for regular meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2022. |
| Second: | Councilman Holmes |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

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

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

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| Action Item 3 (A) | Purchasing Bids |
| Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 6 items | |

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| Action Item 3 (B) | Resolution – Employee Promotions |
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The following employees are recommended for promotion by the Chief of Police:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these promotions be approved as follows:

- Travis Lane, promoted from Utilities Maintenance Crew Leader, Job Class #908, Grade 15, Utility Department to Police Officer, Job Class #633, Grade 602, Police Department, to be effective September 19, 2022.

| Action Item 3 (C) | Home Occupation Permits |
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| <p>The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.</p> <p><u>Home Occupations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Guillory– 110 Knight Bridge – Electrical service Vereen Hill-Chenault – 106 Apple Court – Artistry service James King – 108 Chastain Drive – Masonry Service Jesse McCullum – 322 Waverly Lane – Garage Door Service Audrey DeBrady – 505 Clemson Drive – Clothing Retail Service | |

| Action Item 4 | Ordinance #35-22 – 2022 Millage Rate – SECOND READING |
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| <p>WHEREAS, Section 6.11 of the Warner Robins City Charter provides that the millage rate for City ad valorem taxes be set by adoption of an ordinance of the Mayor and Council.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that the millage rate for 2022 is set at 9.980 mills and the due date will be December 20, 2022.</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Holmes moved for the approval of Ordinance #35-22 |
| Second: | Councilman Lashley |

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| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted in approval of Ordinance #35-22. Councilman Bibb voted in opposition. |
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| Action Item 5 | Motion – Decision on Appeal |
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| Motion: | N/A |
| Second: | N/A |
| Outcome: | N/A |

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| Action Item 6 | Resolution – Mutual Aid (WRFD &WRPD – Centerville) |
| <p>A resolution of Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the Agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire and Police Protection on behalf of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia resulting in the City becoming a member and a participating party to this agreement.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Curtis moved for the approval |
| Second: | Councilman Holmes |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

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| Action Item 7 | Resolution – Mutual Aid (WRFD &WRPD – Perry) |
| <p>A resolution of Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the Agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire and Police Protection on behalf of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia resulting in the City becoming a member and a participating party to this agreement.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Bibb moved for the approval |
| Second: | Councilman Lauritsen |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 8 | Resolution – Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant (Park Creation) |
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| <p>A resolution the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warner Robins fully endorse, support and approve of this grant application with the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program in partnership with the Keep Warner Robins Beautiful and the Houston County Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Warner Robins look forward to the creation and establishment of the new Echeconnee Creek Park which will benefit all citizens of Houston County and Middle Georgia.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Lashley moved for the approval |
| Second: | Councilman Holmes |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 9 | Resolution - Hampton Woods Lift Station |
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| <p>A resolution that Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins hereby authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to accept a parcel of land from Stathams Landing Co. also known as the Hampton Woods lift station. Said tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 82 of the Eleventh Land District, being known and designated as Parcel "E1" comprising .121 acres according to a plat by Waddle & Co. dated September 5, 2003, of record in Plat Book 61 Page 113, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Mack moved for the approval |
| Second: | Councilman Lauritsen |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 10 | Resolution – IGA – Flint Energies and Peach Co. |
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| <p>A resolution that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with Flint Electric Membership Corporation and the Peach County Commission memorializing their agreements and financial responsibilities relative to the right of way acquisition, widening and paving, of Clever Way or "Clever Way Improvements".</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Holmes moved for the approval |
| Second: | Councilman Curtis |

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| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |
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| Action Item 11 | Resolution – Surplus Property (WRPD) |
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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 more, or less, than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, as indicated.

*See exhibit A

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| Motion: | Councilman Lauritsen 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 12 | Motion – Rezoning Petition – McGee Family Limited Partnership |
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McGee Family Limited Partnership/OW1030 042000 located at Cohen Walker Drive, from the zoning of C-1 [Neighborhood Service Commercial District] to the zoning of C-2 [General Commercial District].

With the stipulation that Houston County driveway permits be obtained by the developer and a pre-design meeting be held with Houston County and City of Warner Robins officials.

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

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| Action Item 13 | Motion – Rezoning Petition – FZY Watson LLC. |
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FZY Watson LLC. – requests the rezoning of property located at 4030 Watson Boulevard, from the zoning of M-2 [Industrial District] to the zoning of C-2 [General Commercial District].

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| Motion: | Councilman Bibb moved for the approval. |
| Second: | Councilman Lauritsen |

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| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |
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| Action Item 14 | Ordinance #39 – 22– Annexation - The Development Authority of Peach County |
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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 The Development Authority of Peach County, 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 41 of the 5th Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Parcel 1, being 9.339 acres as shown on a Plat of survey titled, “Boundary Survey For Development Authority of Peach County and Gunn Properties, LLC of Crestview Church Road extension project” dated May 7, 2020, by Donaldson, Garrett, & Associates, Inc., and being of record in Plat Book 29, Page 75, Clerk’s Office, Peach County Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes,

The property is located at the northwest of the intersection of Robins International Industrial Boulevard and Pete’s Way, Byron, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the said land of The Development Authority of Peach County, 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 The Development Authority of Peach County, on July 12, 2022, is adopted and approved and said properties are hereby incorporated into the City of Warner Robins, Georgia.

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| Motion: | Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of Ordinance #38-22 and to waive the second reading. |
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| Second: | Councilman Mack |
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| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |
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| Motion: | Councilman Lashley moved for the rezoning approval of said property from R-AG [Agricultural Residential District] [County] to the zoning of M-2 [General Industrial District] [City]. |
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| Second: | Holmes |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

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| Action Item 15 | Ordinance #38 – 22 – Annexation – The Houston County School District |
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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 Houston County School District, 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 155 of the 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being 6.49 acres as shown on a Plat of survey titled, "Annexation Survey for Houston County Aquatic Center" dated July 18, 2022, by Wellston Associates Land Surveyors, LLC. Said plat is hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes,

The property is located at the south side of Cohen Walker Drive, west of the intersection of Cohen Walker Drive and Snellgrove Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the said land of Houston County School District, 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 Houston County School District, on August 8, 2022, is adopted and approved and said properties are hereby incorporated into the City of Warner Robins, Georgia.

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| Motion: | Councilman Mack moved for the approval of Ordinance #39-22 and to waive the second reading. |
| Second: | Councilman Bibb |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

| Action Item 16 | Resolution – Dismissal of Counterclaims |
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| <p>A resolution by the City Council of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia that the City hereby authorizes its attorneys or legal counsel of record in the Lawsuit to prepare and file of record a dismissal without prejudice, as soon as is reasonably practicable, as to all of the City’s counterclaims that are presently pending against the Plaintiffs in the Lawsuit.</p> | |
| Motion: | Councilman Holmes moved for the approval. |
| Second: | Councilman Curtis |
| Outcome: | Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval. |

Citizen Comments: Jimmy Roberts x two, Gigi Johnson, Robert Allen, Wayne Tyson, Margaret Colbert, Robin Gosline

Adjournment: 6:45 pm

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2022



Mandy Stella
City Clerk