



# City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2026

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 Matt Walls; Southside Baptist Church

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Anna Millard; Northside HS (CWR Intern thru PIE Program)

**Call to Order:** 4:43 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Councilman Lauritsen motioned to adopt the agenda with the adding “National Reading Month” proclamation and moving the Executive Session for Personnel to after item #3. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

**Announcements:**

**Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:**

- Proclamation – Girl Scouts Day
- Proclamation – National Reading Month
- Proclamation – Government Finance Professionals Week
- Proclamation – National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- Proclamation – City of Warner Robins Founders Day

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

<b>Action Item 1 (A)</b>	<b>Discussion of March 2, 2026 Agenda Items</b>
All Items discussed in detail	

<b>Action Item 1 (B)</b>	<b>TAG Grant –Community and Economic Development</b>
Tiffany Bowen, Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Manager updated Mayor and Council on the use of the TAG Grant item (4F_I) and how that beautification project will be a benefit to not on the community it is near, but as a whole for the city.	

<b>Action Item 1 (C)</b>	<b>2026 Lifeguards – Recreation Parks and Cultural Services</b>
Preston Pooser, Recreation Parks and Cultural Services Director updated Mayor and Council on his plans for the FY27 budget in regard to Lifeguards pay. With competing industries and an already national shortage he plans to budget for \$20/hour and an end of season bonus of up to \$1000 if no more than three scheduled shifts are missed.	

<b>Action Item 1 (D)</b>	<b>Concessions at Facilities – Preston Pooser; Recreation Parks and Cultural Services</b>
Preston Pooser; Recreation Parks and Cultural Services Director updated Mayor and Council on the recent RFP that was completed for concession at the recreation facilities. There was discussion about broadening the scope of concessions at other locations than what was in the original RFP and how to address those needs.	

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick requested a motion to suspend the regularly scheduled meeting and to open the public hearing for application for permit. Councilman Lauritsen made a motion to suspend the regularly scheduled meeting and to open the public hearing for application for permit. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

The regular council meeting was suspended at 5:52 pm and the governing authority convened into the public hearing at 5:52 pm.

<b>Action Item 2</b>	<b>Public Hearing – Application for Permit; O.C.G.A. § 36-72-7</b>
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Attorneys Robert Tuggle, III and Mary Grace Kimbrough were present following all notice required by O.C.G.A. Section 36-72-6 and O.C.G.A. Section 36-72-7, the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins held a public hearing regarding the request of the Annie C. Ryals Trust and its administrator, John S. Ryals, for a permit to relocate the McCoy-Matthews-Ryals Burial Ground from the northwest quadrant of Houston Lake and Russell Parkway to Magnolia Park Cemetery.

<b>Motion:</b>	N/A
<b>Second:</b>	N/A
<b>Outcome:</b>	N/A

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick requested a motion to adjourn the public hearing for application for permit and to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting. Councilman Lauritsen made a motion to adjourn the public hearing for application for permit and to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:02 pm and the governing authority reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:02 pm.

Action Item 3	Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Hatcher – agenda item #9</li> </ul>
<b>Motion:</b>	N/A
<b>Second:</b>	N/A
<b>Outcome:</b>	N/A

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to amend the agenda to move Executive Session – Personnel after Action Item #4. Councilman Lauritsen made a motion to amend the agenda to move Executive Session – Personnel after Action Item #4. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 4	Consent Agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes</li> <li>B. Resolution – Carahsoft e-PlanSoft</li> <li>C. Resolution – Employee Promotions</li> <li>D. Resolution – Fifth Asset, Inc. d/b/a DebtBook</li> <li>E. Resolution – Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract; RAFB</li> <li>F. Purchasing Items                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Community and Economic Development – Real Turf Solutions; \$58,853.75</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

II. Police Department – Dana Safety Supply Inc.; \$ 18,255.63	
III. Police Department – JustFOIA; \$12,608.20	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of the consent agenda.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 4 (A)</b>	<b>February 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes</b>
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026 were presented for approval.	

<b>Action Item 4 (B)</b>	<b>Resolution – Carahsoft e-PlanSoft</b>
A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Sales Order #1 between e-PlanSoft (“Licensor”) and the City of Warner Robins, Georgia (“Licensee”), for a term beginning March 15, 2026, and ending March 14, 2027, for the renewal of plan review software and public facing interface.	

<b>Action Item 4 (C)</b>	<b>Resolution – Employee Promotions</b>
A resolution the following employees are recommended for promotion by their respective Department Directors, and, the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial,	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew Pitts, promoted from UT Maintenance Worker II (Water), Job Class #918, Grade 09, Utility Department to Equipment Operator (Water), Job Class #913, Grade 10, Utility Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.</li> <li>• Anthony Chestnut, promoted from Heavy Equipment Operator (Sewer), Job Class #935, Grade 12, Utility Department to UT Maintenance Crew Leader (Water), Job Class #909, Grade 15, Utility Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.</li> <li>• James Freeman, promoted from Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department, to Battalion Chief of Operations, Job Class #530, Grade 22, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.</li> <li>• Robert Rogers, promoted from Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department, to Battalion Chief of Operations, Job Class #530, Grade 22, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.</li> <li>• Brian White, promoted from Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department, to Battalion Chief of Operations, Job Class #530, Grade 22, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.</li> <li>• Jacob Grube, promoted from Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.</li> </ul>	

- John J. Gilbert, promoted from Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.
- Cameron Thorn, promoted from Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to Fire Lieutenant, Job Class #524, Grade 18, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.
- Rochelle Bloyer, promoted from Firefighter, Job Class #520, Grade 14, Fire Department, to Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.
- Christian Cook, promoted from Firefighter, Job Class #520, Grade 14, Fire Department, to Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.
- Gabrielle Floyd, promoted from Firefighter, Job Class #520, Grade 14, Fire Department, to Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to be effective March 2, 2026.

**Action Item 4 (D)      Resolution – Fifth Asset, Inc. d/b/a DebtBook**

A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Renewal Amendment to the Agreement dated May 1, 2022, between DebtBook (“Provider”) and the City of Warner Robins, Georgia (“Customer”), for the renewal of Debt Management Core, Debt Accounting, and Lease & SBITA Management software-as-a-service application services and that said Renewal Amendment shall extend the term of the Agreement for an additional three (3) years, beginning April 30, 2026, and ending April 29, 2029.

Also, that the annual recurring subscription fee for the Renewal Term shall be Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per year, for a total contract value of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) over the three-year term, with no one-time implementation fees and that payment of the annual fees shall be due on April 30, 2026, and on each anniversary thereafter, subject to the payment terms set forth in the Agreement and annual budget appropriations and that the Renewal Amendment shall amend the definition of “Application Services” to include the Products and other application-based services offered through the DebtBook application, as specified in the applicable Order Form, and that all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly modified by the Renewal Amendment.

**Action Item 4 (E)      Resolution – Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract; RAFB**

A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract between Robins Air Force Base (“United States of America”) and the City of Warner Robins (“City”) for exercising Annual Option II for the period of performance 1 Mar 2026 through 28 Feb 2027, Interruptible Natural Gas; firm fixed price.

Action Item 4 (F)	Purchasing Items
<p><b>Purchasing Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Community and Economic Development – Real Turf Solutions; \$58,853.75</li> <li>II. Police Department – Dana Safety Supply Inc.; \$ 18,255.63</li> <li>III. Police Department – JustFOIA; \$12,608.20</li> </ul>	

**Executive Session** — Mayor Patrick requested a motion to enter an executive session for Personnel. Councilman Lauritsen motioned for Executive Session for Personnel. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion for Personnel. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval of the executive session. The regular council meeting was suspended at 6:14 pm, and the governing body convened into executive session at 6:20 pm; the executive session ended at 7:15 pm. The City Clerk is in possession of the executive session minutes.

Mayor Patrick requested a motion to reconvene the meeting at 7:21 pm and the amend the agenda with the addition of action item #10 – Resolution – Temporary Amendment of the Sick Leave Pool Policy. Councilman Lauritsen motioned for the request. Councilman Bibb seconded. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 5	Motion – Application for Cemetery Relocation Permit
<p>A motion to approve the cemetery relocation permit application of the Annie C. Ryals Trust, administered by John S. Ryals, based on the information presented and following the duly advertised public hearing; to grant the request to relocate the McCoy-Matthews-Ryals Burial Ground; to accept the applicant’s mitigation proposal; and to authorize issuance of the relocation permit in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sections 36-72-6 through 36-72-8.</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 6	Motion – Rezoning Petition – The Assembly of Warner Robins Inc./Gunn Road
<p>A motion to approve the rezoning request from The Assembly of Warner Robins Inc. rezoning of a portion of the property, including all right-of-ways, totaling +/-13.41 acres, located along Gunn Road, directly adjacent (to the north) of 6040 Watson Boulevard, also known as tax parcel [0W0970 322000] from R-4 [Multi Family Residential District] to R-1 [Single Family Residential District].</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval.

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

<b>Action Item 7</b>	<b>Resolution – Joint Consent Agreement</b>
<p>A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute the attached Joint Consent Agreement among the Georgia Public Service Commission, the Mid-State Energy Commission, Atlanta Gas Light Company, the City of Perry and the City of Warner Robins, amending its Pipeline and Distribution Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Houston County, Georgia and Petition of the Mid-State Energy Commission to Amend the Houston County Countywide Safety Plan.</p>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 8</b>	<b>Ordinance #08-26 – Classification Plan Update</b>
<p>Ordinance #08-26 of the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins that the City Classification Plan is amended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deactivate the position of Compliance Training Officer, Job Class # 971, Grade # 17, authorized strength of 1, Utility Department.</li> <li>• Deactivate the position of Pollution Control Coordinator, Job Class # 927, Grade # 16, authorized strength of 1, Utility Department.</li> <li>• Deactivate the position of Utility Locate Crewleader, Job Class # 977, Grade # 16, authorized strength of 1, Utility Department.</li> <li>• Deactivate the position of Pollution Control Technician, Job Class # 946, Grade # 14, authorized strength of 1, Utility Department.</li> <li>• the position of Asst. Utility Maintenance Supervisor (Water), Job Class # 947, Grade # 16, authorized strength of 1, Utility Department.</li> <li>• Create the position of Asst. Utility Maintenance Supervisor (Sewer), Job Class # 948, Grade # 16, authorized strength of 1, Utility Department.</li> </ul>	

- Increase the authorized strength of Utility Maintenance Crewleader (Water), Job Class # 909, Grade # 15, Utility Department, by 1, changing from an authorized strength of 5 to an authorized strength of 6.
- Increase the authorized strength of Heavy Equipment Operator (Water), Job Class # 914, Grade # 12, Utility Department, by 1, changing from an authorized strength of 1 to an authorized strength of 2.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City’s Finance department is hereby authorized to transfer funds between departments and between line items within a department in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, as necessary to facilitate the changes to the City’s Classification Plan enumerated in this ordinance.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of Ordinance #08-26 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 9</b>	<b>Ordinance #09-26 – Veterans Issues Board Amendment</b>
Ordinance #09-26 of the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins that City ordinance #05-22 shall be amended to include a change to the number of board members, making the total nine (9), instead of eighteen (18).	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Mack moved for the approval of Ordinance #09-26 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 10</b>	<b>Resolution – Temporary Amendment to Sick Leave Pool Policy</b>
A resolution that the City of Warner Robins has recognized a need to temporarily suspend that tenant of the sick leave pool policy in order to meet a need resulting from an unusual and significant line of duty injury to an employee that will cause the employee to suffer a significant medical leave of absence.	
The requirement that half of sick leave hours donated for the benefit of a specific employee shall, be suspended for 60 days.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Mack

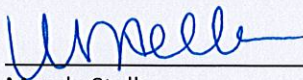
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.
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**Citizen Comments** – Chief Wayne Fisher

**Council Comments**

**Adjournment:** 7:48 pm

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Monday, March 16, 2026



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Mandy Stella  
City Clerk