



# City of Warner Robins City Council Meeting Minutes

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Monday, October 21, 2024

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:**

**Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council**

**Call to Order:** 5:29 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Councilman Lauritsen moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of Action Item #10 – EPA Multipurpose Grant. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Daryl Vining of Hebron Fellowship Church

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Warner Robins High School JROTC Cadet Colline Ferrell

**Announcements:**

- Cheri's Legacy: Support for Soldiers
- EV Chargers on S. Armed Forces; Thanks for Councilman Holmes for efforts from MGAC

**Proclamations/Awards/Presentations:**

- Recognition – WRPD Public Safety Cadets
- Proclamation – Retired Educators Day
- Proclamation – Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Awards – Employee Service Awards
  - Dan Culverson – Public Works; 5 years
  - Lamonte Adams – Stormwater; 5 years
  - Cameron Thorn – Fire Department; 10 years
  - Aundrea Day – Fire Department; 10 years
  - Jared Law – Fire Department; 10 years

Mayor Patrick motioned to amend the agenda to add Action Item #11 – Appointment. Councilman Lauritsen moved to amend the agenda with the addition. Councilman Bibb seconded the motion. Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

**Action Items:**

Action Item 1 Presentation of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2024	
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2024 were presented for approval.	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of Monday, October 7, 2024.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Curtis and Holmes voted for approval.

Action Item 2 Formal Public Comments Pertaining to Current Agenda Items	
<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> <li>C. Home Occupation Permits</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Mack moved for the approval of the consent agenda.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Bibb
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 3 (A) Purchasing Bids
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Purchasing Bid List item, attached hereto, were presented for approval. 1 item

**Action Item 3 (B) Employee Promotions**

The following employees are recommended for promotion by their Department Director, Interim City Administrator, and the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial.

- Syphilia Lowery, promoted from Tax Assistant, Job Class #140, Grade 10, General Administration, to Business License Specialist, Job Class #156, Grade 16, General Administration, to be effective October 28, 2024.
- Douglas Underwood, promoted from Grounds Maintenance Worker I, Job Class # 475, Grade 8, Public Works Stormwater, to Sign Markings Worker, Job Class #469, Grade 9, Public Works Stormwater, to be effective October 28, 2024.

**Action Item 3 (C) Home Occupation Permits**

The Planning & Zoning Board recommends approval the following applications as submitted.

1. Pamala Allen – 809 Brookley Ave. – Childcare Service
2. Marques Floyd – 300 Tudor Place – A/V Equipment Sales
3. Kim Lynn – 112 Williamstown Dr. – Handmade Soap Sales
4. Angeletha Long – 102 Lacey Oak Ln. – Travel Service
5. Kathy Dunagan – 107 Chamblee Way – Online Sales
6. Sholanda Wallace – 121 Margie Dr. Unit 1014 – Baking Service
7. Sidney Beers – 704 Todd Circle – Cat Grooming Service
8. Joseph Adams – 309 Woodland Drive – Electronic Device Repairs
9. Wendell Brewton – 137 Flora Circle – Drone Service

**Action Item 4 Ordinance #43-24 – Section 2-28a Amendment – SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE #43-24 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.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of Ordinance #43-24.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Curtis, Holmes
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

<b>Action Item 5</b>	<b>Ordinance #44-24 – City of Warner Robins Classification Plan Update</b>
<p>Ordinance #44-24 of the governing authority of the City of Warner Robins that the City Classification Plan is amended as follows:</p> <p>Change the title of Fire Deputy Chief, Job Class # 502, Grade # 24, authorized strength of 1, Fire Department, to Deputy Fire Chief of Operations, Job Class # 527, Grade # 24, authorized strength of 1, Fire Department.</p>	

The City’s Finance department is hereby authorized to transfer funds between departments and between line items within a department in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, as necessary to facilitate the changes to the City’s classification plan enumerated in this ordinance.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Bibb moved for the approval of Ordinance #44-24 and to waive the second reading.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilmen Holmes
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

**Action Item 6      Resolution – Employee Promotion**

The following employee is recommended for promotion by their Department Director, Interim City Administrator, and the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial.

- Newell E Dixon, Jr., promoted from Assistant Chief (Training), Job Class #504, Grade 22, Fire Department, to Deputy Fire Chief of Operations, Job Class #527, Grade 24, Fire Department, to be effective October 28, 2024.

<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 7      Resolution – Secure Health Plans of Georgia and Medcost Benefit Services**

A resolution of the Mayor and Council deem it in the best interest of the City that an agreement with Secure Health Plans of Georgia be executed for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 for Dental Plan Administration and that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorize LaRhonda Patrick, Mayor, and Mandy Stella, City Clerk, to execute an agreement with Secure Health Plans of Georgia under the terms and conditions set forth above.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilman Lashley

<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.
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<b>Action Item 8</b>	<b>Resolution – MOU; Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant</b>
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A resolution to authorize Mayor LaRhonda W. Patrick to execute Memorandum of Understanding – Funding Agreement with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Inc. on behalf of the Warner Robins Fire Department for receipt of \$20,981.96 to be used toward the direct purchase of a Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 with Poly Roof and Poly Windshield, as listed on Approved Quote #QUO-62491-C6M9Z7.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Lashley moved for the denial.
<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>Motion – PDE Revision; Avondale</b>
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**“THE AVONDALE”**

Revision includes:

- The shift from the single family attached (townhome) product to a detached single-family product throughout the development.
- The relocation of the “amenity area” and notation as a dog park (to serve the residents of the Avondale)
- The shifting of lot lines and setbacks to accommodate the aforementioned changes (see notations on plan, attached)
- An overall reduction in density from 208 previously planned townhome units to 175 proposed detached single-family homes.

<b>Motion:</b>	Councilman Mack 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 10</b>	<b>Resolution – EPA Multipurpose Grant</b>
A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins that Mayor and Council hereby accept the EPA Multipurpose Grant funds to be used for the redevelopment and cleanup of the Commercial Circle area.	
<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 11</b>	<b>Motion – Appointment – Human Resources Director</b>
A motion to appoint Ms. Melanie Byer as the Human Resources Department Director	
<b>Motion:</b>	Mayor Patrick moved for the approval.
<b>Second:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis
<b>Outcome:</b>	Councilmen Mack, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

**Citizen Comments:** Gloria (Gigi) Johnson, Karen Sisk, Ernestine Taylor, Willie Raines

**Adjournment:** 6:59 pm

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Monday, November 4, 2024

  
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 Mandy Stella  
 City Clerk