



City of Warner Robins
City Council Meeting
Minutes

Monday, June 05, 2017

6:06 PM

Council Chamber Room

Regular Meeting of the Warner Robins City Council

Presiding: Mayor Randy Toms

City Officials Present:

Councilwoman Carolyn Robbins
Councilman Chuck Shaheen
Councilman Keith Lauritsen

Councilman Mike Davis
Councilman Clifford Holmes
Councilman Tim Thomas

Opening Prayer: Councilman Lauritsen

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Thomas

Call to Order: 6:06 pm

Adoption of the Agenda: Councilman Thomas moved to adopt the agenda, as presented. Councilwoman Robbins seconds the motion. Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for adoption of the agenda.

Action Items:

Action Item 1 Presentation of Minutes.	
The minutes of the last regular meeting held on May 15, 2017 were presented.	
Motion:	Councilman Shaheen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2017.
Second:	Councilwoman Robbins.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Action Item 2 Purchasing Bids.	
Purchasing Bid List items, attached hereto, were presented for approval.	
Motion:	Councilman Davis moved to approve the bid list items one to eighteen, as presented.
Second:	Councilman Holmes.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Mayor Toms closed the regular meeting at 6:11 pm to hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Mayor Toms requested comments from the Public in attendance. Mr. Ansel Peck commented on the need for increasing Public Safety/Police Department’s budget and the need for more patrol officers. Ms. Rita Simmons commented on the need for increasing street lights in the community to help with public safety.

Being there were no further comments from the Public in attendance, Mayor Toms closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 pm, and reopen the regular meeting.

Action Item 3	Ordinance #29-17 – Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-2(b) and Section 2-91(8) regarding City Equipment and City Departments, and for other purposes.
Ordinance #29-17 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins amending Chapter 2, Sections 2-2(b) and 2-91(8) regarding City Equipment and City Departments as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec. 2-2(b) shall be deleted in its entirety and the following inserted in lieu thereof: <i>“All City vehicles shall have permanently affixed thereto a City seal or other identifying insignia as well as letters prominently designating the department or office to which the vehicle is assigned. In addition, all vehicles shall bear the city vehicle number in numerals a minimum of three (3”) inches in height.”</i> • Sec. 2-91(8) shall be revised to designate “Parks and Recreation” as a City department. 	
Motion:	Councilwoman Robbins presented Ordinance #29-17, moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance #29-17 and moved to approve Ordinance #29-17.
Second:	Councilman Shaheen.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Action Item 4 An Ordinance – Amendment of the City’s Employee Classification Plan, and for other purposes.

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins amending the City’s Employee Classification Plan as follows:

- Increase the authorized strength of Criminalist, Job Class #622, Grade 16, Police Department, from one (1) to two (2).
- Increase the authorized strength of Detective, Job Class #630, Grade 16, Police Department, from eleven (11) to thirteen (13).
- Increase the authorized strength of Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 18, Police Department, from sixteen (16) to nineteen (19).
- Decrease the authorized strength of Police Captain, Job Class #628, Grade 22, Police Department, from eight (8) to six (6).
- Decrease the authorized strength of Police Lieutenant, Job Class #631, Grade 20, Police Department, from ten (10) to eight (8).
- Create the position of Information Technology Administrator, Grade 19, Police Department, authorized strength of one (1).

Motion:	Councilman Davis presented the first reading of this Ordinance.
Second:	N/A
Outcome:	N/A

Action Item 5 Resolution – Employee Promotions.

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins authorizing the following employees for promotion as recommended by their respective departments:

- Anthony Jordan, promoted from Grounds Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #475, Grade 8, Public Works Department, to Maintenance Worker II (Stormwater), Job Class #494, Grade 9, Public Works Department, to be effective June 5, 2017.
- Vincent D. Junior, promoted from Grounds Maintenance Worker I, Job Class #010, Grade 8, Recreation Department, to Maintenance Worker II, Job Class #494, Grade 9, Public Works Department, to be effective June 5, 2017.
- David Haslem, promoted from Equipment Operator, Job Class #461, Grade 10, Public Works Department, to Maintenance Worker III, Job Class #493, Grade 11, Public Works Department, to be effective June 5, 2017.
- Darren Oats, promoted from Utility Maintenance Crewleader (Sewer), Job Class #908, Grade 15, Utility Department, to Utility Maintenance Supervisor (Sewer), Job Class #930, Grade 17, Utility Department, to be effective June 5, 2017.
- Robert C. Rogers, promoted from Firefighter, Job Class #520, Grade 14, Fire Department, to Fire Driver Engineer, Job Class #515, Grade 16, Fire Department, to be effective June 5, 2017.
- Matthew R. Johnson, 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 June 5, 2017.

Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved to approve this Resolution.
Second:	Councilwoman Robbins.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Action Item 6	
Resolution – Intergovernmental Agreement/Joint Development Authority of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins and the City of Warner Robins.	
A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) authorizing Mayor Randy Toms to execute an intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the City with the Joint Development Authority of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins related to the purchase of real property.	
Motion:	Councilman Thomas moved to approve this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Holmes.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval. Councilman Lauritsen abstain.

Action Item 7	
Resolution – Intergovernmental Agreement/Development Authority of the City of Warner Robins and the City of Warner Robins.	
A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) authorizing Mayor Randy Toms to execute an intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the City with the Development Authority of the City of Warner Robins.	
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved to approve this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Thomas.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval. Councilman Lauritsen abstain.

Action Item 8	
Resolution – Lease Renewal Agreement of Senior Center to Middle Georgia Community Action Agency.	
A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) authorizing Mayor Randy Toms to execute a lease renewal of the Senior Center to the Middle Georgia Community Action Agency for a term of one year for a monthly rental payment of \$300.	
Motion:	Councilman Shaheen moved to approve this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Davis.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Action Item 9 Resolution – Grant Award Agreement with Flint Energies Foundation, Inc. and the Warner Robins Police Department.	
<p>A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) authorizing Mayor Randy Toms to execute a Grant Award Agreement with Flint Energies Foundation, Inc. for the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase equipment to be used in a community children’s safety awareness and crime prevention education program in accordance with the purposes outlined in the grant application, and for setting forth the conditions necessary for proper administration and fiscal management of the awarded grant funds.</p>	
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved to approve this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Davis.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Action Item 10 Resolution – Financial Advisor Agreement/Terminus Municipal Advisors, LLC.	
<p>A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) authorizing Mayor Randy Toms to negotiate an agreement with Terminus Municipals Advisors, LLC to serve as the financial advisor for potential debt issuance(s) for the City.</p>	
Motion:	Councilwoman Robbins moved to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Randy Toms to execute an agreement with Terminus Municipals Advisors, LLC to serve as a financial advisor for the City.
Second:	Councilman Shaheen.
Discussion:	Mayor Toms requested clarification on this action, asking if this action is to enact execution of a contract, or is this action for negotiation of a service and fee for financial advisory services per his understanding of what was to be voted on.
Motion to Amend:	Councilwoman Robbins amended her motion by moving to approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation of an agreement with Terminus Municipals Advisors, LLC to serve as a financial advisor for the City.
Second to the Amended Motion:	Councilman Shaheen
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval of the amended motion and the amended resolution.

Action Item 11 Resolution – Amendment of Personnel Rules and Regulations/Enhanced Employment Benefits for Military Veterans.

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) directing that the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations be amended to provide that newly-hired honorably-discharged active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States shall receive one (1) additional week (or shift equivalent) of annual leave, to be used within the first year of employment; and, to provide that newly-hired honorably-discharged active duty members of the Armed Forces shall be immediately eligible for health insurance coverage, with no waiting period.

Motion:	Councilwoman Robbins moved to approve this resolution.
Second:	Councilman Lauritsen.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval.

Action Item 12 Resolution – Amendment to City’s Retirement Plan for Enhanced Retirement Benefits for Military Veterans, and Recruitment Bonus’ for Military Veterans.

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins (City) directing that the staff of the Georgia Municipal Employees’ Benefit System prepare an amendment to the City’s retirement plan to provide enhanced benefits for incumbent City employees (as of this date) who were honorably discharged after service in the United States Armed Forces as follows:

- employees with 1-4 years of active-duty service shall receive one (1) additional year of credited service for pension benefit purposes
- employees with 8 years of active-duty service shall receive two (2) additional years of credited service
- employees with 12 years of active-duty service shall receive three (3) additional years of credited service
- employee with 16 years of active-duty service shall receive four (4) additional years of credited service
- employees with 20 or more years of active-duty service shall receive five (5) years of credited service
- employees shall be given one (1) year of credited service for every eight (8) years of service in the reserve unit of the U.S. military up to a maximum of five (5) years;

The benefits provided under this amendment shall apply only to credited service for calculation of retirement benefits and shall not be considered for vesting or retirement-eligibility purposes; and that, for purposes of enhancing efforts to recruit U.S. military veterans for City employment, honorably-discharged employees hired after this date shall be eligible for the following, provided the veteran’s military service and experience is related to the City employment sought:

- employees with 1-4 years of active-duty service shall receive One thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, to be paid in equal, annual installments over a period of five (5) years
- employees with 8 years of active-duty service shall receive Two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, to be paid in equal, annual installments over a period of five (5) years
- employees with 12 years of active-duty service shall receive Three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars, to be paid in equal, annual installments over a period of five (5) years
- employees with 16 years of active-duty service shall receive Four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars, to be paid in equal, annual installments over a period of five (5) years
- employees with 20 or more years of active-duty service shall receive Five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, to be paid in equal, annual installments over a period of five (5) years
- employees shall be given One thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for every eight (8) years of service in the reserve unit of the U.S. military up to a maximum of Five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, to be paid in equal, annual installments over a period of five (5) years.

Motion:	Councilman Shaheen moved to approve this Resolution.
Second:	Councilwoman Robbins.
Discussion:	Discussion centered on a veteran’s military service and experience should be related to the City employment being sought.
Motion to Amend:	Councilman Shaheen amended his motion to include the wording “provided the veteran’s military service and experience is related to the City employment sought” regarding employment sign up bonus.

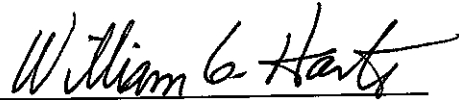
Second to amended Motion:	Councilwoman Robbins.
Outcome:	Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval of the amended motion and amended resolution.

Closed Session: City Clerk, William G. Harte, is in possession of the closed session minutes of June 05, 2017 regarding acquisition of real estate and potential litigation. During the Pre-Council work session, Mayor Toms requested to enter into an executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate and potential litigation. Councilman Davis moved for executive session to discuss real estate acquisition and potential litigations; Councilman Thomas seconds the motion. Councilwoman Robbins, Councilman Davis, Holmes, Lauritsen, Shaheen and Thomas voted for approval of the motion. The Pre-Council meeting closed at 5:15 pm and reopened at 5:57 pm, and the governing body then retired to the Council Chambers for their regular meeting.

Citizen Comments: Tim Ledford, Janice Hardin, Dean Cowart, Rita Simmons, James Erdmanczyk and Ansel Peck addressed the Mayor and Council about various issues, community events and concerns of the community.

Adjournment: 7:32 pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2017.



William G. Harte
City Clerk