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**CITY OF WARNER ROBINS SHARES UPDATE WITH COMMUNITY
STAKEHOLDERS**

(WARNER ROBINS) City of Warner Robins Mayor LaRhonda Patrick and her team of City Directors met with community stakeholders this morning at the Robins Regional Chamber's Eggs & Issues. Mayor Patrick said, "We will continue governing in a transparent manner with the common good of the people at the forefront. Warner Robins is the best City to live, work, play, and pray."

Infrastructure has been a major focus for the City. Utilities Director, Montie Walters, talked about the \$11-million sewer & water grant received from the American Rescue Plan funds and the upgrades it will afford. Walters said, "We are working on water and sewer projects that are going to provide growth opportunities over the next 6 years for the Middle Georgia area to include Warner Robins, Centerville, Byron, Peach and Houston County. We are constantly reevaluating our future needs."

Community of Economic Development Director, Kate Hogan, spoke about the economic opportunities in the City but also about the development of the community as a whole. "We are seeing incredible growth opportunities in Warner Robins with an expected 500 single family homes in 2022 and expansion of our retail opportunities. In the next 5 years we will see 6.1% growth rate and by the end of 2025 we expect a 47% increase in multi-family availability," said Hogan.

Crystal Noll, the Event Marketing Coordinator for the Parks & Recreation Department, touched on the incredible upgrades and renovations that have recently been completed. She also mentioned an exciting new project. "Plans are underway for a greenway project that could potentially connect all City Parks," said Noll.

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Fire Chief Ross Moulton recognized the two members of his team that received statewide honors; Georgia Firefighter of the Year, Lt. Andre Grace, and Georgia's Rookie Firefighter of the Year, Engineer Kyle Gilbert. He also talked about our state-of-the-art training facility that is not only used by our local firefighters but others state-wide, and its nationwide accreditation. "We are passionate about continuing our legacy of excellence in the fire service profession. Our department is made up of world class firefighters and that shows through our state-of-the-art training center. We are aggressive in the pursuit of education and training," said Molten. Chief Molten himself was also recognized as Chief of the Year by the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs.

Warner Robins Police Department Chief John Wagner talked about handling adversity with grace and fortitude. From staff shortages to COVID-19, the Warner Robins Police Department is forging new territory without pandemic training. "You have training for active shooter situations and training for natural disasters, but there has been no training on how to not only maintain your workforce but thrive during a pandemic. We are continuing to work our hardest for the citizens of Warner Robins."

Mayor Patrick closed out the event with the announcement that she will be hosting a State of the City very soon. "This will be an opportunity for me to communicate directly with my constituency the progress we've made, and my priorities moving forward. My team will be releasing the date in the near future."

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