

CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Mayor Jeff Reese, Councilmembers Danny Carter, Shirley Marchman and Leslie McPherson. Councilman Gil McDougal was absent.

Invocation (Councilman Leslie McPherson)

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance (Mayor Jeff Reese)

Mayor Jeff Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda (Mayor Jeff Reese)

City Attorney David Mecklin requested the Council to amend the agenda to add Executive Session for the purpose of updating the Council on pending legal matters. Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the agenda with the amendment.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, McPherson, Marchman,

Public Comment (We ask that you sign in for Public Comment before the meeting begins. Please state your Name and Address for the record and limit your comments to three minutes)

Five citizens came forward to make a public comment.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Mayor Reese announced that the Villa Rica High School Girls Basketball is in the playoffs, and stated how proud he is of our young people at the high school. He recognized Clint Chance, County Commissioner and Met Lane, Carrollton Ward 4 Councilmember who were in attendance. Mayor Reese asked City Attorney David Mecklin and City Manager Tom Barber to look into House Bill 203 and that he was opposed to it.

A. Governing Body (Mayor Jeff Reese)

1. Approval of Minutes:

- Villa Rica Public Facilities Authority of February 12, 2019.
- Council Meeting of February 12, 2019.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve the minutes of the Villa Rica Public Facilities Authority Meeting of February 12, 2019, and the Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019, with one correction.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: Carter, Marchman, McPherson

2. Mayor Reappointments: Alfred Wilson and Monroe Spake Reappointment to serve a three-year term with the Cemetery Commission.

Mayor Reese announced that he has reappointed Alfred Wilson and Monroe Spake to the Cemetery Commission to serve a three-year term.

B. Community Development (Bobby Elliott, Director)

1. VA-01-19: Variance Request – 2478 Mirror Lake Boulevard

Nishal Patel of 2478 Mirror Lake Boulevard in Villa Rica, GA requests variance approval to increase the maximum height of a wall sign for the new Taco Bell. The architecture of the building prohibits installing the signs at the maximum 10-foot level. The requested allowance on the height variance is a maximum height of 23 feet on the tower (west and north elevations) and 19 feet on the side (south elevation). Public Hearing: No one came forward to speak for or against the request.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the variance request for Nishal Patel of 2478 Mirror Lake Boulevard to increase the maximum height of the wall signage to a maximum height of 23 feet on the tower (west and north elevations) and 19 feet on the side (south elevation).

RESULT: **ADOPTED (VOTE: 2-1)**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: McPherson, Marchman
NAYS: Carter

2. VA-02-19: 2nd Variance Request – 2478 Mirror Lake Boulevard

Nishal Patel of 2478 Mirror Lake Boulevard in Villa Rica, GA requests variance approval to increase the maximum height of a ground-based monument sign for the new Taco Bell from 6 feet to 8 feet to provide better visibility from Mirror Lake Boulevard. The existing street right-of-way at the proposed entrance is very wide and an increased height will be beneficial to the business. The sign visibility triangle will not be impeded with the increased height. Public Hearing: One resident came forward against the request.

Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to approve the variance request for Nishal Patel of 2478 Mirror Lake Boulevard to increase the maximum height of a ground-based monument sign from 6 feet to 8 feet.

RESULT: **FAILED**
MOVER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER: None
***There was no second to the motion. The request failed.**

C. Finance (Sarah Hefty, CFO)

1. Financial Update: January 2019

CFO Sarah Hefty presented the January 2019 Financial Report

2. 2019 Budget Amendments

CFO Sarah Hefty requested approval for two amendments to the 2019 Budget. Councilwoman Leslie McPherson made the motion to adopt the ordinance to approve an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year 2019 for the City pursuant to Section 2.71 of the City Charter.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES:	McPherson, Carter, Marchman

D. Economic Development (Janet Chumley, Main Street Manager)

1. 2019 Headlining Band Summer Concert – June 15 – Wet Willie Band

City Manager Tom Barber requested the Council to table this until staff can come up with other options. Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to table until the 2nd meeting of March 2019.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, Marchman, McPherson

2. 2019 Community Development Grant Disbursements

The Villa Rica Community Development Grant Program has been established by the City of Villa Rica to foster and fund activities, projects, special events, sporting events and programs that promote eligible tourism and cultural activities within the City. The City intends for the grant program to be used to increase economic activity by bringing tourists to the City. Eligibility is broadly defined to encourage wide participation and innovative proposals.

City Manager Tom Barber recommended a more formal process this year that would work like this:

- a. Announce the amount of money we have available.
- b. Take applications through a deadline.
- c. Main Street would review the applications and make the recommendation to Council on the disbursements.
- d. Council would make the final decision.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to move forward with this process.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES:	Carter, Marchman, McPherson

E. Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services (Vicki Coleman, Director)

1. Library Advisory Board Appointment – Stephanie Baldi

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to appoint Stephanie Baldi as a board member for the Villa Rica Library Advisory Board with a term to expire on January 31, 2022.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Carter, McPherson

2. Turf Care and Weed Control Services

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve Peach State Turf Care to provide turf care and weed control services based on the per unit price treatment.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
AYES: Carter, Marchman, McPherson

3. July 3rd Fireworks Display Contractor Recommendation

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to approve East Coast Pyrotechnics, Inc as the fireworks display contractor in the amount of \$23,000.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman
AYES: Carter, McPherson, Marchman

4. Presentation of the Conceptual Master Plan for Gold Dust Park

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to approve the Gold Dust Park masterplan.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Marchman, Carter, McPherson

F. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

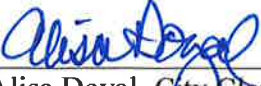
City Manager Tom Barber presented a report of city projects.

H. Executive Session (City Attorney David Mecklin)

City Attorney David Mecklin requested the Council to covene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of pending and threatening litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privilege. Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman. The vote was unanimous (3-0). Motion approved.

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman made the motion to reconvene to regular session, seconded by Councilman Danny Carter. The vote was unanimous (3-0). Motion approved. City Attorney David Mecklin reported there was no action taken.

Councilman Danny Carter made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.


Alisa Doyal, City Clerk


Mayor Jeff Reese