

CITY COUNCIL
LESLIE MCPHERSON, MAYOR
DANNY CARTER, MAYOR PRO TEM
SHIRLEY MARCHMAN
MATTHEW MOMTAHAN
STEPHANIE WARMOTH
ANNA MCCOY

City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Mayor Leslie McPherson called the meeting to order

Present: Mayor Leslie McPherson, Mayor Pro Tem Danny Carter, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman Anna McCoy

Invocation was led by Sgt. Spencer Crawford, Villa Rica Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. Spencer Crawford, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. 10 Years of Service- Jennifer Holt
2. 5 Years of Service- Renee Kilgore
3. Recognition of Villa Rica Police Department Officers:
 - Sgt. Spencer Crawford
 - Cpl Chase Gordy
 - Ofc Deborah Williams
 - Ofc Jermarco Claiborne
 - Ofc Tim Merrell
 - Ofc Darrius Mitchell
 - Ofc Kai Waldo

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to amend the agenda, deleting item C City Manager to be replaced by Item D Human Resources and adopt the agenda as amended.

RESULT:

ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER:

Danny Carter, Councilman

SECONDER:

Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman

AYES:

Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

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.)

1. Molly Elder- Concerned about placement of easement stakes on Anderson and Cleghorn streets.
2. Pam Whyte- Mentioned she never received proper communication from the city about the easements and she will not let the city take her home.
3. Peg Taylor- Wants Council to be unified.
4. Marshall Smith- He referenced a meeting with Tom Barber and the HOA of Mirror Lake from 2021.
5. Ken Willis- Mentioned consent agenda item #6 and is concerned about the common area left on the final plat. Wants the item removed from consent agenda.
6. Connie Wood- Wants council to do the will of their constituents.
7. Cindy Tolbert- Read from the Georgia Constitution and questioned whether the council votes for themselves or the way their constituents want them too.
8. Alita Farmer- Concerned about easements on Darden St., Cleghorn, St and Anderson Rd. She feels the city is taking advantage of her aged father.
9. L. Nathan Hare- Had a complaint about the retention pond in the Liberty Communities not being taken care of, and the large hole on Tolbert Rd. at the Social Security Building.
10. Kay Smith- Mentioned that Mirror Lake Subdivision is the largest subdivision in Douglas and Carroll Counties. Wants council members to listen to their constituents.
11. Chris Ertly- Wants to know why the city is paying for consultants and wants Tom fired.
12. Polly Oliver- Represents 1388 homeowners concerned about erosion into Mirror Lake Subdivision Lake. Also concerned HOA assessments will increase if the subdivision has to take over the large hill left over by Watermist II A builder.
13. Luz Morales- Has applied for board positions and has never received a call so she can volunteer.
14. Rob Custer- At the March meeting he was told he would be contacted in reference to variance questions and zoning sign size and has never received a return call. Also wants speeding to stop on Daniel Rd.
15. Josh Evans- Spoke about Main St. drainage improvements.
16. Chris Ertly- readdressed a comment he made about the departure of the former Special Projects Manager.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilman Matthew Momtahan reminded everyone that early voting is taking place at Powell Park.

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth mentioned she has voted fire Tom Barber in the past, but since that vote failed, she is willing to work with the City Manager. She is trying to do what her constituents are asking.

Mayor Leslie McPherson mentioned the Green Market taking place every Monday evening during the summer from 4-7 pm.

Councilwoman Anna McCoy mentioned she wants to have a succession plan in place before letting Tom Barber go. She will also be going door to door to speak to her constituents.

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman mentioned she has been on the council for over 20 years and has always been available to her constituents. She mentioned no one else offered to run for her seat and she does what she thinks is best even if it does not always make every person happy.

Consent Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

The Consent Agenda is a single item that encompasses all things the City Council would normally approve with little comment. Each of these items were discussed at the Council Work Session, and it was the unanimous consensus of the Governing Body to place the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Amendment to 2023-2024 Medical Plan Document
2. National Public Works Week 2024
3. Resolution Enacting Temporary Moratorium- Vape Shops, Tattoo Parlors and Pawn Shops
4. Resolution Enacting Temporary Moratorium on Multi- Family Developments
5. City Council Meeting Modification
6. Review of VA-05-24 & VA-07-24 Variances for Chick Fil A to operate a temporary food truck at 779 W. Bankhead Hwy
7. Distilled Package License Application
8. Golden City Cruisers Mural at The MILL
9. Revised Bylaws for the Main Street Advisory Board
10. Revised Bylaws for the Downtown Development Authority
11. 2024-2025 Classic Main Street Memorandum of Understanding
12. 2024 Community Development Grant Application from Villa Rica Lions Clubs
13. Community Development Grant Application from Thomas A Dorsey Birthplace & Gospel Heritage Festival, Inc.
14. Surplus of 2010 Ford E-350 Van
15. Approved the low bid from HD Excavations for the amount of \$434,065.00 to complete Main Street Drainage Improvement Project
16. Engagement of Tim Grizzard & Associates for renovation Cowan's Lake Dam
17. Engagement of Kingdom Technology Services for the refurbishment of the west plant UV system
18. Waterly Operations Software
19. Approved the update of customer sanitation rates due to GFL's 5.3 % rate increase effective July 1, 2024
20. Proposed Millage & Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025
21. FY24 Budget Amendments #238-241
22. Approved the of the Development Agreement between the City of Villa Rica and Villa Rica RTH Owners. LLC for the upgrade of the Hickory Falls Lift Station
23. Track Realignment at Pine Mountain Gold Museum

24. Georgia Power Lighting Agreement for Villa Rica Pkwy
25. Professional Services Agreement with Ron Johnson to consult on Historic Preservation items
26. Right of Way Service with B M & K
27. Letter of Support for Senior Housing Development

Councilman Danny Carter moved to move item #6 from the consent agenda to A7.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the Consent agenda as amended.

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2024 Special Called Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2024 Work Session
3. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2024 City Council Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024 Special Called Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2024 Work Session
6. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to approve the minutes as presented

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

7. Watermist Phase 2A Final Plat Approval

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table until the June meeting and add a Public Hearing.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

B. Finance (Jennifer Hallman)

1. Financial Update March 2024

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for March 2024

C. Human Resources (Tiffany Jenkins, Interim HR Director)

1. Presented Diana Desantos as candidate for Deputy City Manager

Councilman Danny Carter moved to Hire Diana Desantos as Deputy City Manager.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

2. Nina Shabazz presented as candidate for Community Development Director

Councilman Danny Carter moved to hire Nina Shabazz Community Development Director.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Shirley Marchman, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

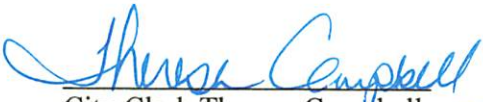
D. City Manager's Report (Tom Barber)

No report given.

Mayor McPherson read a prepared statement and gave City Manager Tom Barber and the City Attorney's a Directive to prepare an exit strategy for Tom Barber for her to receive by Friday.

Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Shirley Marchman and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Leslie McPherson adjourned the meeting.


City Clerk Theresa Campbell


Mayor Leslie McPherson

