

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, June 11, 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 Carroll County Commissioner Clint Chance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Michael Mansour, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. 10 Years of Service- Mark Grizzard

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman asked to amend the agenda, to add a discussion in reference to Tom Barber's contract and Mayor McPherson asked to delete item A3 Councilman Danny Carter moved to 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. Jackie Childress- read an item about taking time to pause, wants all the Council members to meet with their constituents and does not want anyone to lose their home.

2. Peg Taylor- wants a No Left Turn sign in front of the new Publix and wants a turn arrow light for cars turning left into Mirror Lake Subdivision. Wants Bobby Elliott to be rehired as Engineer.
3. Ryan Clark-Mentioned he is tired of lies and half-truths. He stated protests will increase until Council either resigns or does what he wants. He wants Tom Barber's contract bought out.
4. Pam Whyte- she stands in solidarity against malicious government and believes the Council is unethical. The stakes and measurements on Cleghorn and Anderson are deceptive.
5. Josh Evans-Mentioned painting fire hydrants is illegal, and wants a park named after Thomas Dorsey.
6. Aletia Farmer-Mentioned the Council has not been accountable to Ward 1. She wants the new road to cease. She mentioned she has information that can be sent to the state about every Council member if they do not stop the new road.
7. Trey Farmer-Mentioned that the Council does not value the voice of the Lord. He wants Tom and the Council to make this right.
8. Amy McCoy-mentioned she is fair housing advocate and gentrification is not necessary.
9. Lucinda Augustine-She is stressed and does not want the city to take their home. Wants the Council to be mindful. Mentioned she would spend every dime she has to find out where the city made a shady deal.
10. Doug Lang-He mentioned the vast majority of the Council has avoided addressing the concerns of the citizens. He believes 4 members of the Council are holding 20,000 citizens hostage. He wants Tom Barber removed, the existing roads on Cleghorn repaired and no new roads.
11. Brent Steele-He mentioned no one has thought the new roads plans through, he wants honesty.
12. Dr. Jennifer Johnson-Mentioned Shirley Marchman will not run opposed next term.
13. Melba Arnold-she mentioned these types of situations tend to happen in black communities.
14. Kwasi Hudson-Mentioned political posturing and confusion is taking place with no follow ups. He believes Tom has the information but is unable to communicate well.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilwoman Anna McCoy read from a prepared statement.

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 Article VII Sec 2-192 to establish Records Officer
2. Modification of GMA Bylaws
3. Streetlight on Lawrence Drive
4. Request for Extension of operating Dates for Temporary Mobile Food Vending Operation at 779 W. Bankhead Hwy
5. Worker's Compensation Renewal
6. Yearly Contract for Gateway and Library Maintenance
7. Modification of Existing Waterline on Hwy 61
8. Finance Department Reorganization
9. FY24 Budget Amendments #242-249
10. Cottages at Villa Rica Pump Station Easement

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2024, Work Session

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

2. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the minutes as presented

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

3. Discussion: Villa Rica Parkway/Cleghorn Street

Citizens and the City Council spoke in a townhall like forum for 1 hour and 13 minutes.
Post discussion: The will of the Council was to pause any further action for 2 months.

4. City Manager Tom Barber's Contract Renewal

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to not renew Tom Barber's contract for 2025. Councilman Danny Carter seconded the motion. Post discussion Councilwoman Shirley Marchman was amenable to Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth amending the motion to terminate Tom Barber effective immediately. Councilman Danny Carter withdrew his second. Councilwoman Anna McCoy seconded the motion. Post discussion Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to withdraw her motion.

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

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmouth moved to terminate Tom Barber's employment effective July 1, 2024. Councilwoman Anna McCoy seconded with the condition that Mayor McPherson has to obtain consensus from the Council for the succession plan. Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth agreed to the conditions.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
AYES: Marchman, Warmoth, McCoy
NAYS: Momtahan, Carter

B. Community Development (Nina Shabazz)

1. Watermist Phase 2A Final Plat Approval and Public Hearing

Pulte Home Company spoke in favor of approval.

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

C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman)

1. Financial Update March 2024

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for April 2024

D. City Manager (Tom Barber)

1. Development Agreement with Carroll County and Jeff Matthews

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Villa Rica, Carroll County and Jeff and Brenda Matthews regarding a proposed street connecting South Street and Commerce Drive.

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

E. Executive Session (C. David Mecklin, City Attorney)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to enter Executive Session at 9:30 pm for the purpose of Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).also, meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2), and finally Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was Liberty Pointe.

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

Councilman Danny Carter moved to return from Excessive Session at 10:09 pm and enter regular session.

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

Councilman Danny Carter moved to appoint Tracy Jarvis as Director of Building Development.

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

Councilman Danny Carter moved to enter into a settlement agreement with Liberty Custom Homes.

RESULT: **ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman

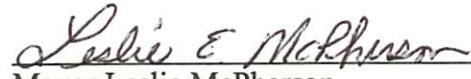
AYES:

Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilwoman Anna McCoy 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

