

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, December 10, 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 Tracy Jarvis, Building Development Director

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Keith Shaddix, Captain VRPD

### Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting FY23
2. Police Captain-Keith Shaddix-Retirement-24 Years of Service
3. Kevin Aldridge- Museum Coordinator-5 Years of Service Recognition

### Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to amend the agenda to remove item B1 and table it till January Regular Meeting, and to adopt the agenda as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Danny Carter, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	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. **Doug Lang-Wants tractor trailers on South Carroll Road to be rerouted and mentioned that Villa Rica Pkwy has been an emotional roller coaster.**
2. **Pam Whyte- Wants the council to stop the road. Read a portion of a letter penned by Anna McCoy and mentioned Leslie McPherson begging her community to speak at public comment about wanting Tom Barber fired, also spoke against Councilman Momtahan and Carter.**
3. **Aleta Farmer-Mentioned her community did not choose this road the city did and does not feel the city values people that look like her. Mentioned she is going to governor.**
4. **Molly Elder-Thanked Ms. DeSanto for the community meeting and answering questions that had not been answered before. She was not pleased with the news story that was shown on Fox 5 and how it mentioned eminent domain.**
5. **Wanda Cooper- Mentioned she has read the budget and saw no money allocated for the Cleghorn Community and accused the council of violating their oaths of office. She wants all citizens to make a claim against the council members bonds and that the council should have stopped the road.**
6. **Brent Steele-Mentioned the new Public and how the citizens were never made aware of their portion of the road. He wants to know how much acreage is needed to build a home in Villa Rica, and what will happen if the city takes some of the land from a homeowner and then they need to rebuild, but they no longer meet the conditions?**
7. **Deborah Dobbs-Mentioned her address being changed without her knowledge and that her neighbors dog got loose and hung itself. Also, that her mailbox was damaged by construction workers.**
8. **Amy McCoy-She spoke of the lack respect Councilwoman Marchman receives from the other council members. Claimed the council lied to the community, claimed the citizens tax money was spent frivolously and accused the council of mistreating their community based on race.**

#### **Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)**

**Councilman Matthew Momtahan- mentioned that he has listened to persons of the public making allegations of untruths and misgivings. He told the citizens they have two weeks to file their claims against him, or he will have his attorney contact them. He also mentioned the details of his home purchase.**

**Mayor McPherson- mentioned she has nothing against any council members and believes there has been no wrongdoing.**

#### **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. **Contract Renewal with Municipal judge Keith Rollins and Solicitor Robert Harker**

2. Resolution Declaring Emergency of Sewer Flow of Shoreline Lift Station
3. Villa Rica Civic Center and Sports Complex Scoreboard Replacements
4. Rivershire Place Final Plat
5. FY25 Budget Amendments #1-#19
6. Execute loan modifications #3 to the promissory note and loan agreement for Loan No. DW2020024 with Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA)
7. 2025 F150 Purchase Community Development
8. 2025 F150 Purchase Customer Service
9. 2025 Escape Purchase Code Enforcement
10. 2025 F250 Purchase Building Maintenance
11. 2025 F450 Purchase Distribution
12. 120 Water Contract Renewal
13. Weatherstone Lift Station Refurbishment
14. Approve Public Comment Policy
15. Purchase of Mitigation Credits for Creek Crossing
16. Proposed Text Amendment, Peddlers Permit

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

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

**A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)**

1. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2024 Work Session and November 12, 2024 City Council Meeting.

**Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to adopt all the minutes as presented.**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)  
**MOVER:** Shirley Marchman, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Danny Carter, Councilman  
**AYES:** Marchman, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter  
**ABSTAIN:** Momtahan (absent from November Meeting)

Mayor Leslie McPherson left the meeting at 6:58 PM

**B. Community Development (Nina Shabazz, Director)**

1. ABL-07-24 Thai Basil Cuisine Inc. and Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: No one came forward

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to approve the alcohol license application for Thai Basil Inc. located at 921 Moores Ferry Rd. Villa Rica, Ga 30180.

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

2. ABL-09-24 Shree Naiya Inc. dba Brookside Cupboard and Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: No one came forward

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth moved to approve the alcohol license application for Shree Naiya Inc. dba Brookside Cupboard located at 1238 Rockmart Rd. Villa Rica, Ga 30180.

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

3. ABL-10-24 5 Star Food Mart, LLC and Public Hearing.

Public Hearing: No one came forward

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to approve the alcohol license application for 5 Star Foods, LLC. located at 205 S. Carroll Road Villa Rica, Ga 30180.

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

4. ABL-11-24 Gabes Downtown Douglasville, LLC and Public Hearing

Public Hearing: No one came forward

Councilman Momtahan recused himself from this vote.

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to approve the alcohol license application for Gabes Downtown Douglasville, LLC located at 129 Main St. Villa Rica, GA 30180.

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

5. ABL-12-24 Nextgen Nexus Inc. dba Junior Food Store and Public Hearing

Public Hearing: No one came forward

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth moved to approve the alcohol license application for Nextgen Nexus Inc. dba Junior Food Store located at 516 Dallas Hwy Villa Rica, Ga 30180.

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

C. City Manager (Interim City manager Diana DeSanto)

1. Villa Rica Parkway Connector Resolution

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve resolution to direct city staff to resume work on the Villa Rica Parkway and to engage in property easement and acquisition negotiations along Cleghorn, Darden, McCauley, North Carroll Road and Gordon Streets in relation to the proposed Villa Rica Connector.

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

**City Manager's Report (Diana DeSanto, Interim)**

Interim City Manager Diana DeSanto provided update on current projects from December 2024 with a Power Point presentation.

**Adjournment (Mayor Pro Tem Danny Carter)**

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Anna McCoy and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro Tem Danny Carter adjourned the meeting.

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

  
City Clerk Theresa Campbell

  
Mayor Leslie McPherson



**CITY OF VILLA RICA**  
**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Villa Rica through its Community Development Department have reviewed and revised the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Villa Rica; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Sec. 8-118 & 8-120 of the City of Villa Rica's Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to modify the procedure to obtain a Peddler's, Soliciting and Canvassing permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained as follows:

8-118.

(a) Any person 18 years of age or older desiring to peddle, solicit or canvass within the city shall make application with the Community Development department and pay a nonrefundable registration fee of \$25.00 per occurrence; each occurrence or event shall not exceed two consecutive days.

8-120.

(a) Each registrant under this article shall at all times while in the city visibly display the permit and shall exhibit the same when requested to do so by any law enforcement officer or by any municipal authority and by any person being solicited. Possession of this registration permit shall not in any way represent an endorsement or approval of any product or project by the city.

IT IS SO ORDAINED on this 10th day of December, 2024



Leslie McPherson, Mayor

Attest:



Theresa Campbell, City Clerk



## City of Villa Rica Public Comment Policy

(Effective January 1, 2025)

The conduct of City Council meetings is guided by rules designed to carry out the public's business in the most effective manner possible.

- Public Comment will be held at all Regular Meetings of the Mayor and City Council
- Each speaker must register to speak by means of a Public Comment sign-in sheet prior to the start of the meeting
- The sign-in sheet shall be removed within the first ten minutes of the start of the Regular Meeting
- All public speakers must state their name and address after they are recognized by the Mayor and before they speak.
- In the interest of fairness to other people wishing to speak all organizations/ groups shall select a spokesperson/representative.
- Each speaker shall limit comments to three minutes, with a maximum of twenty speakers, or 60 minutes of total public comment.
- Each speaker shall promptly conclude all comments when his or her time has expired.
- All remarks should be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any single member, unless in response to a question from a member.
- Each person addressing the City Council shall do so in an orderly manner and shall not engage in conduct that disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Council meeting.
- Personal, impertinent, slanderous, or profane remarks also shall not be allowed towards staff or the elected body.
- City Council shall not act relative to any public comment during this meeting.
- Public comments requiring a response shall be made by City Council or a staff member in the form of a letter.