

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

City of Villa Rica



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | 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 Anna McCoy, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth, and Councilman Danny Carter

Invocation was led by Tracy Jarvis, Building Development Director

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Office Christopher Powell, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. Georgia School Board Appreciation Week
2. Nic Griffin-10 Years of Service Recognition

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved adopt the agenda as presented.

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. Dennis Brown- Mentioned that he wants to know where \$300,000 was spent on a million dollars that was given for Connors Road Park. He will never vote for a SPLOST again and wants

something done about the traffic on the East Side of the city.

2. Doug Lang- Mentioned he watched the Work Session and found the rental inspection conversation interesting. He supports proactive life safety and believes it boils down to whether the occupant of the home would allow someone entry inside the residence.
3. Aleta Farmer- She mentioned information that has not been shared with her community from September 2024, "The Gold Way Trail" She believes things that have been released are false.
4. Pam Whyte- She mentioned she attended the GICH meeting last Thursday and Saturday. She feels her community was forced into some of these ideas and that mayor spoke of eminent domain and that makes her uncomfortable.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilman Matthew Momtahan- mentioned the Transportation Meeting he attended and that they spoke on Punkintown Rd., Reed at S. Carroll Rd, potential new turn lane on Mirror Lake Blvd, LMIG and SPLOST funds to be used for different projects.

Mayor Leslie McPherson- mentioned that the council is looking at all modes of transportation and that there is a current safety study taking place. She thanked the Council for not taking action on HB581. she also mentioned a new restaurant replacing the Chatt and Choo and the new restaurant Captivating Camino.

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. Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County & Douglas County Tax Commissioner
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County for Elections
3. Fairway 17 Final Plat
4. July 3rd Fireworks Display
5. Engineering Services Agreement
6. Resolution and Letter of Support for Senior Housing Development (GICH)

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

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Approval of January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of February 4, 2025 Work Session Minutes
3. Approval of February 4, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve all meeting minutes as presented.

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

4. Approval of February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with an amendment of adding "NAYS" to section D 3.

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

5. Board of Ethics Appointments

Mayoral appointment of Hurchail Barthe by Mayor McPherson

Council appointment of Luz Morales

Councilwoman Anna Mcoy moved to approve the appointment of Luz Morales

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

Mayoral appointment of Connie Flowers with Council approval.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the appointment of Connie Flowers.

After discussion Mayor McPherson withdrew the appointment of Connie Flowers.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table the appointment until the April regular meeting.

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

B. Public Works (Hal Burch, Director)

1. Thomas Dorsey Traffic Study

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table until the April regular meeting.

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

C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman, CFO)

1. Purchasing Ordinance Updates

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the purchasing ordinance updates consisting of purchasing authority limits, purchasing methods thresholds, local vendor preference and technical compliance approval.

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

2. Financial Update: December 2024

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for January 2025.

D. Community Development

1. ABL-03-25 Honest Commercial Inc. dba Discount Smokes & Beer and Public Hearing

Public Hearing:
No one came forward

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to approve the alcohol license application for Honest Commercial Inc. dba Discount Smokes & Beer at 733 W. Bankhead Hwy, Villa Rica, Ga 30180

RESULT: **ADOPTED (4-1)**
MOVER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter
NAYS: Marchman

2. ABL-04-25 Captivating Camino LLC and Public Hearing

Public Hearing:
Pam Whyte spoke in favor and welcomed them to Villa Rica

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the alcohol license application for Captivating Camino, LLC located at 921 Moores Ferry Rd Ste A, Villa Rica, GA 30180

RESULT: **ADOPTED (4-1)**
MOVER: Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER: Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
AYES: Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter
NAYS: Marchman

3. TA-05-25 Sign Ordinance text Amendments sections 9.03(f), 9.04, 9.29(f), 9.39(3), 9.40(7)(b) and Public Hearing

Public Hearing:
No one came forward in favor

Josh Evans- mentioned anchors needed to be used to hold metal signs with also means rust screws will be present. He does not like inflatable decorations.

Doug Lang- mentioned he is confused about what is being discussed. He believes business owners should choose their own signs and colors.

Jackie Childress- mentioned inflatables decorations are tacky; she has seen them in Douglasville and noticed they were not secure. Public safety is her concern.

Luz Morales-would like this item tabled and taken back to Planning and Zoning.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the text amendments 9.03 (f), 9.04 and 9.39 (3).

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

City Manager's Report (Diana DeSanto, Interim)

Interim City Manager Diana DeSanto provided March 2025 update via PowerPoint Presentation

E. Executive Session (Kevin Drummond, City Attorney)

Councilman Danny Carter moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation and 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) at 8:03 PM.

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

Councilman Danny Carter moved to enter back into Regular Session at 8:45 PM.

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

No action taken

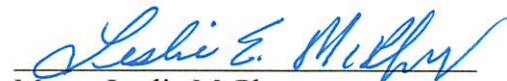
Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

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

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


City Clerk Theresa Campbell




Mayor Leslie McPherson