

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, February 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 Kevin Kearsy

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Corporal Mark Bishop, Villa Rica Police Department

### Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

1. Montra Daniel-5 Years of Service Recognition
2. Brian Finley-25 Years of Service Recognition
3. LeAnne Preston-5 Years of Service Recognition
4. Recognition of Home Depot

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

Councilman Danny Carter moved amend the agenda to remove item E 1 and 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. Greg Roberts -Mentioned the water/sewer rate presentation and that the citizens did not have access to the presentation prior to the work session. He believes that the 180 day moratorium puts a blight on the city of Villa Rica and mentioned the left turn lane near the new Publix.
2. Amy McCoy- Read from a prepared statement and listened to the most recent WLBB interview Mayor Leslie McPherson was a guest and was upset by her comments during the interview.
3. Josh Evans-Mentioned the purchase of the Jet Vac Combo truck and that he knows 100 reasons not to make the purchase. He also questioned how the city got into the sewer capacity issue, and that the staff doctors reports.
4. Pam Whyte-Questioned the Mayor and City Manager on how they could state on WLBB that they communicated with their community. She believes Councilwoman Shirley Marchman was never notified about private meetings that took place. She believes the mayor spreads discord and division.
5. Aleta Farmer-Mentioned the WLBB interview and read from the advertisement for public hearing for the Planning and Zoning Commission in the Times Georgian from September 30, 2021. She believes this advertisement did not mention her community by any of their road names.

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

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth- mentioned she was out sick for the work session, but watched from home. She researched the Jet Vac Combo truck and spoke with someone at a fiber line company. If city staff was to hit one of the fiber lines, it would cost the city between 20,000 and 1 million dollars to repair. She believes this truck can help keep this kind of damage from happening.

Councilwoman Anna McCoy- mentioned Pam Whyte and Greg Robert's comments. The reason there are no restaurants coming to the city could be because the city has been chaotic for a while. She has faith the council will and can do better with regards to decision making.

Mayor Leslie McPherson- mentioned that she believes since July stability has been better, with Jeff Reese and Diana DeSanto.

#### **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. Approval of Northwoods Phase II Final Plat
2. Approval of Fairway 16 Final Plat
3. Approval of Downtown Gym Flooring Installation by Play On Courts
4. Approval of FY25 Budget Amendments #131-132
5. Approve the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan resolution & execute agreements for the North Bypass 12" water main.

6. Award 2025 Concert and Festival Proposal for Artist and Production Services to RCS Productions, Inc.
7. Approval of Alternative Environments to provide biweekly yard maintenance at Hillcrest Cemetery
8. Approval of Temporary Limited Alcohol Pouring License for Georgia Food Industry Education Foundation
9. Approval of Purchase of Combination Vacuum- Jet truck from Environmental Products Group, Inc.

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>	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Marchman, Momtahan, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

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

1. HB 581-Flaoting Homestead Exemption-Opting Out-Public Hearing

Kristi Chastain- wants the Council to take no action. She does not know why the county and the school board is treating this like the sky is falling.

Pam Whyte- questioned how this affects her community since they are in the TAD. She mentioned she paid over \$900 into the TAD itself and \$2000 over all in taxes. Wants to know if this is a tactic to tax citizens so the city can acquire their homes.

Amy McCoy- She questioned why the tax commissioner was not present to explain this to the citizens. She mentioned there were 3 meetings in 1 week, then continued to read from a prepared statement.

Aleta Farmer-concerned about the impact on ward 1 more so than the city as a whole. She is not clear how this helps her community. She is voicing concern so the council will know she is holding them accountable for ward 1.

Council took no action.

2. Water/Sewer Rates & tier Structure Recommendation

Councilman Danny Carter moved to authorize option #2 of water/sewer rate increases as presented by Carter & Sloope effective March 1, 2025.

<b>MOVER:</b>	Danny Carter, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anna McCoy, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, McCoy, Carter

3. Approval of December 10, 2024 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to adopt the Minutes as presented

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

3. Board of Ethics Appointments

Councilwoman Anna McCoy moved to table until the March regular meeting.

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

4. Resolution enacting a moratorium for 180 days on new construction

Councilman Danny Carter moved to adopt a Resolution enacting a moratorium for 90 days on the acceptance of any applications related to the development of new construction including rezoning or permits for construction or the subdividing of property and development of subdivisions or any commercial or residential construction

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

5. Approval of January 7, 2025 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

6. Approval of January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table until March Regular Meeting.

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

**B. Human Resources (Tiffany Landford, Director)**

1. Authorize award to successful respondent to RFQ Insurance Broker Services

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the selection of OneDigital as the awarded Insurance Broker Services provider and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement

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

**C. Finance (Jennifer Hallman, CFO)**

1. Financial Update: December 2024

Finance Director Jennifer Hallman presented financial update for December 2024.

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

1. ABL-01-25 Fast Adverts Corporation dba Shell Food Mart and Public Hearing

Public Hearing:  
No one came forward

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the alcohol license application for Fast Adverts Corporation dba Shell Food Mart located at 15041 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Villa Rica, Ga 30180

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

2. TA-02-25 Text Amendment to modify peddler's and solicitation and Public Hearing

Public Hearing:  
No one came forward

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the modification of Section 8.117-120 Registration: fee & application for permit to the Zoning Ordinance.

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

3. TA-03-25 Text Amendment to add new section to Article III-Heavy Motor Vehicles, Routes and Public Hearing

Public Hearing:  
No one came forward

Councilman Danny Carter moved to approve the text amendments as submitted and direct staff to finalize the proposed amendments for adoption.

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

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

Interim City Manager Diana DeSanto provided 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 9:32 PM.

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

Councilman Matthew moved to enter back into Regular Session at 9:50 PM.

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

No action taken

**Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)**

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

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

*Theresa Campbell*  
City Clerk Theresa Campbell

*Leslie E. McPherson*  
Mayor Leslie McPherson

