

CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, April 1, 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 (Absent), Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth, and Councilman Danny Carter

Invocation was led by Mr. Alex Lemons, Member of Senior Center

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt. Jacob Brown, Villa Rica Police Department

Ceremonial Presentations (Mayor and Council)

10 Years of Service Recognition- Katie Godfrey
Georgia Cities Week April 21- April 26, 2025
Georgia Municipal Clerks Week May 4- May 10, 2025
Proclamation for May id Older Americans Month
Proclamation Carroll County Child Advocacy Center, Child Abuse Prevention Month

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Danny Carter moved adopt the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	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. David Taylor- Mentioned paving project that occurred in Mirror Lake Subdivision. He is upset that the crosswalks were not repainted or marked with signage.
2. Aleta Farmer- She is thankful for the Proclamation for May is Older Americans Month. She is disappointed the Council has not considered older residents when making decisions on the new road.
3. Pam Whyte-She believes the common denominator between previous council and the current administration is that deals were made for property that the city does not own. She mentioned the ethics board is useless as it is currently designed.
4. Amy McCoy- read from a prepared statement and wants explanation of several documents. She wants to know how TAD dollars were spent.
5. Doug Lang-mentioned state ethics board fines. He questioned why Villa Rica was audited. He was personally involved in an audit because of the complaint made by the city. He gave examples as to why the city may have been chosen for the audit.
6. Marvin Helton- mentioned Thomas Dorsey speeding issue. He requested speed bumps. He also disagrees with 1 way road on Eleanor Walk.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilwoman Anna McCoy gave praise to the Parks and Recreation Department. She mentioned being invited to throw the first pitch at the opening ceremony. She was given a jersey like the ones worn by staff. A young child came and gave her a hug, and she knew that it was a testament to the great, safe job the department implements. She also mentioned attending the Mirror Lake HOA meeting.

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. Keep Carroll Beautiful Sponsorship for E- recycling Event
Approval of J & M Tank Lines and Scruggs Company for a fixed asphalt plant to be located on the existing property parcel # V030100037
2. Approval of 3 way stop at the intersection of Thomas Dorsey and Daniel Rd.
3. Approval of award to the low bid from Magnum Paving, Inc. for the Min St. Plaza Paving Project
4. Approval of the current Mirror Lake Blvd. Left-hand Turn Lane Design
5. Approval of the 2025 Community Development Grant Application from the Villa Rica Lions Club in the amount of \$8500 for the Sail On Beach Boys Tribute Fundraiser Concert to be Saturday October 4, 2025 at the Mill Amphitheater
6. Approval of the 2025 Community Development Grant Application request of \$10,000 to Thomas Dorsey Birthplace & Gospel Heritage Festival, Inc. for their annual event on June 27th-29th, 2025 at the Mill Amphitheater

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

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Approval of March 4, 2025 Work Session Minutes and Approval of March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve both meeting minutes as presented.

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

2. Main Street Advisory Board Appointments

Councilman Danny Carter moved to appoint Gina Price Steed and Nathan Jackson to the Main Street Advisory Board to fill the unexpired terms of Barbara Daniell and Susan Crane with terms of 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2025.

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

3. Downtown Development Authority Appointment

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to the appointment of Alan Martinez to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Daniell for a term of 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2027.

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

B. Public Works (Hal Burch, Director)

1. Thomas Dorsey 3-way, Eleanor Walk Proposed One Way and Public Hearing

Public Hearing Against:

1. Ryan Clark- thanked Stephanie Warmoth for apologizing for making a mistake. He disagrees with closing Eleanor Walk. The only entrance to his business is on that road. He also mentioned in 11 years he has never seen traffic back up on Eleanor Walk.

2. Doug Lang- mentioned there are great options for this issue. He does not want Eleanor Walk to become a 1-way street, he would like to see speed bumps not humps.
3. Pam Whyte- does not understand why there is a public hearing. She mentioned no notification was given and had there been proper notice the community would have shown up.
4. Aleta Farmer- she is familiar with traffic in the area and thinks the school board should manage this issue.

Councilman Danny Carter moved to table item until next regular meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Anna McCoy, after further discussion Councilman Danny Carter withdrew his motion. Without a motion on the floor Councilman Matthew Momtahan made a motion to call the question and was seconded by Councilman Danny Carter, the city attorney Kevin Drummond explained there would typically need to be a motion on the floor to “call the question”. The Council took no action on this item.

City Manager’s Report (Diana DeSanto, Interim)

Interim City Manager Diana DeSanto provided an April 2025 update via PowerPoint Presentation

C. 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), and 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) at 7:44 PM.

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

Councilman Danny Carter moved to enter back into Regular Session at 9:05 PM.

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