

CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 6:00 pm

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Mayor Leslie McPherson called the meeting to order

Present: Mayor Leslie McPherson, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth, Councilman Tyler L. Barr and Councilwoman Dominique Conteh

Invocation was led by Carroll County Commissioner, Clint Chance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ofc. Debra Williams, VRPD

Ceremonial Presentations

- Cities Week Coloring Contest Winner, Lena Price
- Proclamation- National Police Week May 11-16, 2026
- Proclamation -Recognizing Villa Rica Small Business, Café Bloom
- Certificate of Appreciation- Carroll County BOC
- Georgia Association of Water Professionals Award Presentation

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.)

Pam Whyte- mentioned incident from March 12, 2026 Council meeting. She mentioned the subject involved, sent her a message on Facebook and Ms. Whyte reported the message to the police. She believes she has followed the rules, and the police are not investigating her claim. She mentioned selective law enforcement should not be allowed, no matter if the subject involved is the mayor's daughter.

Amy McCoy- read from a prepared statement about feces in the streams and an open shaft that caused her medical damage.

Jackie Childress- mentioned she is apologizing for some statements she made on Facebook that were not true and asked for forgiveness, from Councilwoman Warmoth.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilman Barr rescheduled his townhall meeting for May 28, 2028 from 6-7 pm at the Mirror Lake Golf Club, all residents are invited. He recognized John Bain and his team for their handling of a flooded street inside Mirror Lake subdivision. He mentioned his son who attended the meeting.

Councilwoman Conteh thanked Mark Teal for repairing the traffic signal at I-20 WB and Liberty Road. She mentioned her next town hall will be in June, and more information will be out soon. She is also working with district 4 Douglas County Commissioner on getting sidewalks in ward 5.

Councilman Momtahan reminded everyone of early voting at Powell Park this week.

Councilwoman Warmoth offered grace and compassion and understands we all fall short. She mentioned the Council is here to serve the people, but the citizens need to let them know about the issues, as they cannot be everywhere all the time. She has been trying to help revitalize downtown but nothing happens quickly in government.

Mayor McPherson addressed a public comment about the incident involving her daughter. She mentioned it was investigated; she personally did an open records request for the video footage and the incident did not happen. She mentioned the wonderful business forum where 60 plus people attended. She mentioned she attended the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce awards luncheon on May 2 and Caliber 1 received the award for business of the year, Richard Davis received small businessperson of the year, Acra Printing received business of the month. She mentioned the Veterans Memorial Dedication on Friday May 16 at 10 am, and a letter she received from Brian Jack explaining how local Congressmen can help citizens with certain issues.

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth asked to amend the agenda to add item K2, Los Cowboys Mexican Restaurant 2026 License Agreement Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman

SECONDER: Tyler Barr, Councilman

AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

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. Final Plat Approval: Robbie Bisop Parkway

2. Addition of Juneteenth (June 19) as a City Paid Holiday
3. 2026 Community Development Grant Application- Villa Rica Lions Club for an upcoming fundraising concert to be held at The Mill Amphitheater on Saturday, October 3, 2026
4. Resolution for Road Dedication & Acceptance of Robbie Bishop Parkway as a Public Street
5. Local Drought Response Ordinance

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER: Tyler Barr, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Resolution- Renaming Fortune Parkway

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the Resolution as presented.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER: Tyler Barr, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

1. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2026, Work Session and April 14, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth moved to approve the April 7, 2026, Work Session and April 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Dominique Conteh, Councilwoman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

A. Legal (Nicole Smith, City Attorney)

1. Resolution Authorizing Participation in Amicus Brief in Chang vs City of Milton on Remand

Councilwoman Dominique Conteh moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Villa Rica's participation in an amicus brief in the Chang v. City of Milton on remand

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Dominique Conteh, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman
AYES: Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh
ABSTAIN: Momtahan

B. Finance (Interim Finance Director, Amanda Long)

1. Financial Update March 2026

Interim Finance Director Amanda Long provided an update via PowerPoint Presentations

C. City Manager (Interim City Manager, Jennifer Hallman)

1. Modification of GEFA Loan No. DW2020024

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth moved to approve the resolution allowing the Mayor and/or her designee(s) to execute modification #4 to the promissory note and loan agreement for Loan No. DW2020024 with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Tyler Barr, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

2. 2026 License Agreement with Los Cowboys Mexican Restaurant

Councilwoman Dominique Conteh moved to approve the 2026 License Agreements with Los Cowboys Mexican Restaurant to provide the sale of beer, wine and alcohol at the five events listed that Villa Rica Main Street will be hosting at The MILL amphitheater.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Dominique Conteh, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Stephanie Warmoth, Councilwoman
AYES: Momtahan, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh
NAYS: Marchman

E. Executive Session (Nicole Smith, City Attorney)

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to enter Executive Session 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) 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 at 7:21 PM

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER: Dominique Conteh, Councilwoman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

Councilman Tyler Barr moved to return to Regular Session at 8:56 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Tyler Barr, Councilman
SECONDER: Dominique Conteh, Councilwoman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve Approved Resolution to exercise the City's power of eminent domain on parcel numbers V050150047, V050150051, V050150053, V050170003, V050150057, V050150078, V050150044, V050150045, V050150059

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER: Tyler Barr, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

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.

RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Shirley Marchman Councilwoman
SECONDER: Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh


City Clerk Theresa Campbell


Mayor Leslie McPherson

