

CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, 101 Main Street
Tuesday, June 9, 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 Miss Carroll County and Miss Carroll County Teen

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Douglas County

National Anthem was sung by Miss West Georgia and Miss West Georgia Teen

Ceremonial Presentations

- Proclamation- Miss Douglas County & Miss Douglas County Teen
- Proclamation- Miss Carroll County & Miss Carroll County Teen
- Proclamation -Miss West Georgia & Miss West Georgia Teen
- Proclamation- Juneteenth Celebration
- Proclamation- Recognizing the Cultural Arts Council

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.)

· Lisa Conner- mentioned town hall, Villa Rica Pkwy, and an email from June 1, 2017, involving Chris Pike. She mentioned the median home sale price as of today, and how the price the city paid for homes would not allow them to purchase another home. Citizens deserve better.

Amy McCoy- read from a prepared statement about government transparency, and mentioned an open records request she claims has never been filled. She also mentioned the City trying to stop protestors from bringing signs to the Council meeting.

Narissa Dobbs- mentioned the “Crack” and how the people that live in that in community are proud of that name. She questioned the council on how they would behave if it was their grandmother being removed from her home? She mentioned the data center and that she hopes this Council never knows peace.

Pam Whyte- held up a poster and mentioned she was not given due process. The City did not own the property they tried to put up to build the road. She questioned the Council about why the City purchased a home from someone, only to try to give it to another resident? She mentioned Cleghorn Park no longer being owned by the City and they need to make the community aware, as people are trespassing to play basketball.

Dr. Steve Woodall- mentioned Punkintown Rd. and Old Stone Rd. He supports responsible growth and does not believe the transportation study reflects future growth. He wants to know the long-term plan once all the development is complete for traffic control. He also requests updated traffic projections once the projects are complete.

Josh Evans- mentioned the Council pushing people out of their homes and cannot get a City Manager. He mentioned the grounds maintenance crew chewing up grass and trash. He also mentioned a 50–60-million-dollar lawsuit coming for violations of the clean water act. He claims sewage was leaking into a creek for over 1 year. He also does not support the water plant expansion. He questioned who put the pipe over the creek on Bolijeri Rd?

Jackie Childress- mentioned her family being born and raised in Villa Ric. She mentioned the City going through trials and tribulations and how the City stayed united. She believes legacies need to be protected. She wants Juneteenth to be given respect and the Council to rescind their Eminent Domain vote.

Aleta Farmer- brought her grandchild to the podium and explained why that child is protesting. She mentioned the Eastside TAD and the property to be pledged. She claims the City used their land as collateral and they were not given due process. She wants the Council to investigate.

Jeremy Germaine- mentioned the Proclamations presented earlier and that celebrating cannot be done when people are being displaced from their homes. He believes profit is being used above the people and mentioned the expensive water the City is paying for the Council to drink.

Linda Parrish- mentioned the Cleghorn Community and how they fought for their homes and deserve respect, and that the area is not a ghetto or slum area. She mentioned 264 new dwellings and where will the kids go to school? She wants the Council to rescind their vote.

Council Updates (Subjects of General Interest and Concern)

Councilwoman Conteh thanked everyone that attended the townhall and read from a prepared statement.

Councilman Barr thanked the Council for recognizing the pageant ladies. He also received calls from several citizens and met with them. He wants to move forward and moving forward for him means, if you have facts bring him facts.

Councilman Momtahan mentioned the Bypass Road dedication for Dr. Larry Boss, provided by Senator

Tim Bearden and Jutt Howard.

Mayor McPherson mentioned upcoming events of the Liberty Tree dedication, Robbie Bishop Pwky. dedication, and Larry Boggs dedication in July.

Adoption of the Agenda (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Tyler Barr moved to amend the agenda to add item I2

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

Councilwoman Dominique Conteh moved to add an Executive Session for the purpose of personnel to the agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Dominique Conteh, Councilwoman
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. Workers Compensation Renewal for 2026-2027 with BITCO
2. Approval of Appointment of Katelyn Small to the Villa Rica Library Advisory Board
3. Approval of reappointment of Claudia Best to the Carroll County Library Advisory Board
4. Water Plant Construction- Preliminary Design
5. Sanitation Rate Increase
6. Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement for the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Distribution- Douglas County
7. Assume maintenance responsibility for the weather sires located within the City of Villa Rica from Carroll County
8. Approve the resolution calling for the exchange of City of Villa Rica property (V020010010) for Downtown Development Authority property (V050130015)

Councilman Tyler Barr moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

A. Governing Body (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

1. Approval of May 5, 2026, Work Session Minutes and May 12, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

2. Resolution for Villa Rica Cultural Arts Center

Councilman Tyler Barr moved to table item until July 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

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

B. Legal (C. David Mecklin, City Attorney)

1. Public Comment Policy

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to approve the Public Comment Policy as presented.

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

C. Police (Michael Mansour, Chief)

1. Purchase of 2026 Ford Escape

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth moved to approve the purchase of 2026 Ford Escape from Don Rich Ford.

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

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

1. City Manager Report

Interim City Manager Jennifer Hallman provided report via PowerPoint presentation.

E. Executive Session (C. David Mecklin, City Attorney)

Councilwoman Stephanie Warmoth stepped away at 7:44 PM (attended Executive Session)

Councilman Tyler Barr moved to enter Executive Session to meeting 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 7:45 PM

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

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to return to Regular Session at 8:35 PM.

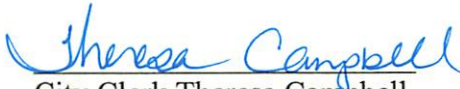
RESULT: ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Shirley Marchman, Councilwoman
SECONDER: Tyler Barr, Councilman
AYES: Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh

Attorney Mecklin advised no action taken.

Adjournment (Mayor Leslie McPherson)

Councilman Tyler Barr 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:	Tyler Barr Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	Momtahan, Marchman, Warmoth, Barr, Conteh


City Clerk Theresa Campbell




Mayor Leslie McPherson