Draft Council Agenda May18, 2020
Council's Chamber
5:30 p.m.

Mayor Officially Opens Meeting

Opening Prayer Led by Councilman - **Curtis**

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman - **Lee**

Mayor Calls Meeting to Order:

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion –
Second –

1. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of May 04, 2020 – **Bibb**

   ♦ **Closed Session**

2. Purchasing Bids – **Lauritsen**
3. Resolution – Joint Development Authority (JDA) of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins - **Lashley**
4. Resolution – Employee Promotions – **Lee**
5. Discussion – I-75 Visitors Information Center (VIC) – **Curtis**

Council Comments

Mayor's Comments

Adjourn

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Formal Public Comment – Speaker Protocol

The City of Warner Robins has identified this portion of the meeting to allow individuals an opportunity to formally address specific item(s) on the agenda for this meeting. The Mayor will recognize the speaker at the appropriate time and ask him/her to come forward to the podium. The City Council members may ask the speaker questions and/or engage in dialogue if they choose, but the speaker should not have an expectation that a question and answer format will occur. During this public comment section, persons shall be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes. When that time period has expired, the mayor shall direct the person speaking to cease. A second request from the mayor to cease speaking shall be cause for the removal of the speaker. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous while addressing the city council or who otherwise violates any of the above-mentioned rules while attending a council meeting shall be removed from the room at the direction of the mayor, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the council during that meeting. If the mayor fails to act, any member of the council may move to require the mayor to act. If so directed by the mayor or an affirmative vote of the majority of the council, the offending person shall be removed.

Informal Public Comment – City Council Agenda Protocol

The City of Warner Robins believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment may do so during the Informal Public Comment period of the meeting. These rules will govern; if silent, most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply. Elected officials shall preserve order and decorum. City officials or employees shall not respond to questions posed during a meeting. Citizens shall conduct themselves with propriety and decorum. Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of the feet, whistles, yells, and similar demonstrations shall not be permitted. Placards, banners, signs, pamphlets, flyers, or political materials shall not be permitted in the council chambers or conference room, general comments will be received. Persons are urged to limit comments to topics relevant to the operations or business of the City. During the public comment sections of a council meeting, persons shall be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes. When that time period has expired, the mayor shall direct the person speaking to cease. A second request from the mayor to cease speaking shall be cause for the removal of the speaker. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous while addressing the city council or who otherwise violates any of the above-mentioned rules while attending a council meeting shall be removed from the room at the direction of the mayor, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the council during that meeting. If the mayor fails to act, any member of the council may move to require the mayor to act. If so directed by the mayor or an affirmative vote of the majority of the council, the offending person shall be removed.

Placement on the Agenda

Warner Robins requires that any person who wishes to place a subject on the agenda shall advise the City Clerk's Office and the specified subject matter which he or she desires to place on the agenda no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the council meeting. Every member of the public will be given an opportunity to be placed on the agenda once every six (6) months. The request can be done in person, regular mail, fax or e-mail. The request should state the name of the individual(s) desiring to be heard and the subject matter to be presented to City Council. Requests may be referred at the discretion of the City Clerk, to appropriate staff for mediation prior to being placed on the public agenda. Please be advised the request to be placed on the agenda does not entitle the speaker to be added to the agenda.

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Action Item #: 1

City of Warner Robins
City Council Meeting
Minutes

Monday, May 04, 2020 **4:00 PM** **Council Chambers**

Regular Meeting of Warner Robins City Council - Meeting was conduct via teleconference, due to the State of Emergency issued by Governor Brain Kemp on March 13, 2020 concerning the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(g) allows cities to conduct a meeting via teleconference, without a requirement of having a quorum present in person, when "necessitated by emergency conditions,".

Presiding: Mayor Randy Toms

City Officials Present:

Councilman Daron Lee
Councilman Charlie Bibb
Councilman Keith Lauritsen
Councilman Kevin Lashley
Councilman Clifford Holmes
Councilman Larry Curtis

Opening Prayer: Councilman Lashley
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Holmes

Call to Order: 4:09 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda: Councilman Lauritsen moved to adopt the agenda with the change of action Item #: 1 from a Resolution to a discussion at this time. Councilman Bibb seconds the motion. Councilmen Lee, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for adoption of the agenda.

Action Items:

Action Item 1	Presentation of Minutes from Special Called Meeting of Mayor and Council
The minutes of the regular called meeting of Mayor & Council on April 20, 2020 were presented for approval.	
Motion:	Councilman Lauritsen moved for the approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2020.
Second:	Councilman Lee
Outcome:	Councilmen Lee, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes, and Curtis voted for approval.

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Action Item 2	Purchasing Coversheet
Purchasing coversheet items, attached hereto, were presented for approval.	
Motion:	Councilman Lee presented and moved for the approval of the Purchasing Coversheet. Items one through three.
Second:	Councilman Bibb
Outcome:	Councilmen Lee, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 3	Discussion – Revised City Charter
Councilman Bibb stated that he felt the City should move forward with the vote on the revised City Charter. He stated that part of his campaign platform was with the needed changes to the City Charter and that we as a City need to come together talk about the changes and move forward with a vote. Councilman Holmes stated his not opposed to the changes but would like to look further at what exactly the changes are in comparison to what the City Charter already says. A redline or highlighted side by side comparison. All agreed with the hopes to be able to bring to the next meeting on May 18, 2020 meeting.	
Motion:	N/A
Second:	N/A
Outcome:	N/A

Action Item 4	Resolution Employee Promotions
The following employees were recommended for promotion by their respective department. 1) John Scott Webb, promoted from Police Lieutenant, Job Class #631, Grade 606, Police Department, to Police Captain, Job Class #628, Grade 608, Police Department, to be effective May 4, 2020.	
Motion:	Councilman Curtis moved for the approval of this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Lashley.
Outcome:	Councilmen Lee, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

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Action Item #: 1

Action Item 5	Resolution WAN Settlement
Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins to authorize Mayor Randy Toms to enter a settlement and release agreement with A2D Inc. and eCBI Warner, LLC to settle and resolve all claims by payment of $65,205.00 to A2D, Inc. to be paid to eCBI Warner, LLC, the subcontractor of A2D Inc., said payment to be made from the Building & Transportation- Professional Services account. Settlement and release documents have been provided to Mayor and the Council of the City of Warner Robins prior to signing.	
Motion:	Councilman Lashley moved for the approval of this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Bibb.
Outcome:	Councilmen Lee, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Action Item 6	Resolution – Surplus of Old Fire Uniforms and Bunker Gear
Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins approve the donation of surplus firefighting bunker gear in possession of the Warner Robins Fire Department to Southside Baptist Church to be used in charitable donations to firefighters in countries such as Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia, said donation to be made in the name of the City of Warner Robins.	
Motion:	Councilman Holmes moved for the approval of this Resolution.
Second:	Councilman Lauritsen
Outcome:	Councilmen Lee, Bibb, Lauritsen, Lashley, Holmes and Curtis voted for approval.

Council Comments

Mayor Comments

Adjournment: 4:44 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Kim A. Demoonie
Acting City Clerk

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Action Item #: 2

CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA

COUNCIL DATE: May 18, 2020

WRITTEN REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE ACQUIRED. BY APPROVAL, AUTHORITY IS GIVEN FOR SUPPORTING CONTRACTS TO BE EXECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE: (Bid tabulations are attached)

BID NUMBER / ITEMS	VENDOR	COST	ACCOUNT NO. / BUDGET	COMMENTS
1) Ford F-150 X1C Bid No.: F-4310	Wade Ford, Inc. Smyrna, GA	$27,328.00 See attachment #1	3520 54123 / 2018 SPLOST FIRE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	

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BID TABUATION

BID NO.: F-4310
BID OPENING DATE: TUESDAY MAY 5, 2020

ATTACHMENT #1

1	2020 1/2Ton Extended Cab Truck								
	Supplier	**QTY**	**UOM**	**Estimated**	**Price**	**Extended**	**Supplier Notes / Alternate Description**	**Manufacturer**	**Manufacturer #**
	Wade Ford Inc	1	Each		$27,328.00	$27,328.00		Ford	F150 X1C
	[ALT1] Wade Ford Inc	1	Each		$29,484.00	$29,484.00	Using F250 to meet engine & GVWR specs	Ford	F250 X2A

2	2020 1/2 Ton Extended Cab Truck								
	Supplier	**QTY**	**UOM**	**Estimated**	**Price**	**Extended**	**Supplier Notes**	**Manufacturer**	**Manufacturer #**
	Wade Ford Inc	1	Each		$25,900.00	$25,900.00		Ford	Ranger R1E

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Action Item #: 3

CITY OF WARNER ROBINS
STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins, acting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5.1, appoint the following three (3) individuals to the Joint Development Authority of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins to act on behalf of the City of Warner Robins:

Name	**Term to Expire**
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

This __th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA

By:_____
Randy Toms, Mayor

Attest:

_____
Kim Demoonie
Interim City Clerk

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Action Item #: 4

CITY OF WARNER ROBINS
STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following employees are recommended for promotion by their respective departments,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council deem such recommendations beneficial,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these promotions be approved as follows:

-1-

Mark Wright, promoted from Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to Police Lieutenant, Job Class #631, Grade 606, Police Department, to be effective May 18, 2020.

-2-

Wayne Fisher, promoted from Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to Police Lieutenant, Job Class #631, Grade 606, Police Department, to be effective May 18, 2020.

-3-

Bradley Mules, promoted from Police Sergeant, Job Class #635, Grade 605, Police Department, to Police Lieutenant, Job Class #631, Grade 606, Police Department, to be effective May 18, 2020.

This _____day of _____, 2020

By: _____
Randy Toms, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Demoonie, Interim City Clerk

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Action Item #: 5

MEMO
May 14, 2020

TO: Mayor Randy Toms and City Council
RE: I-75 Visitor Information Center (VIC)

The Warner Robins Convention & Visitors Bureau board of directors met Wednesday, May 14, 2020. Discussion followed regarding the recommendation to move forward immediately on building a visitor information center on I-75 as confirmed by the 2012 SPLOST and the 2009 confirmation of the Georgia General Assembly House Bill 712 which was signed into law by the governor (Act of 2009, p. 3981) to increase lodging tax from 6 cents to 8 cents for the purpose of building a VIC at I-75 for the City of Warner Robins. The recommendation was unanimous and viewed as a pivotal move to jumpstart overnight stays for local lodging facilities and specifically pulling visitors off the interstate into the city.

Attached please find the written recommendation based on economic projections for the tourism industry from sources such as STR, Media One, Explore Georgia and Travel & Tourism Research to rebound the economy post COVID-19.

The CVB board requests that the topic is placed on the Council meeting agenda for Monday, May 18, 2020.

Thank you.

Marsha Priest Buzzell, TMP
Director

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Action Item #: 5

May 4, 2020

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Mayor Toms:

During the past several weeks, the Warner Robins Convention & Visitors Bureau has attended many webinars hosted by research companies that track supply and demand on many levels of the lodging and travel industry. Those resources include STR, Media One, Explore Georgia, and Travel & Tourism Research Associates among others.

Based on data collected over years to determine trends and performance, the following are key projections for a rebounding travel industry and the lodging sector during the current crisis:

* The recession is here (numbers will be similar to the Lehman Brothers collapse in 2008)
* Rural areas will recover sooner than urban
* The drive market will be the first to return to traveling (meaning Georgia travelers will be the first visitors)
* Interstate properties are not being hit hard, meaning that the economy hotels will do better
* Hotels will come back on average by 50% occupancy by the end of 2020 (the Warner Robins average is far higher averaging 79%)
* Lodging tax collections will be similar to 2013 for a while (Note: 2013 Warner Robins collections were $1,381,810; 2019 collections were $2,349,575)
* Industry wide, the first visitors to stay in the hotels will be business (there is a debate that the first will be the domestic leisure traveler including RV; business travelers; and then group travel (conferences/meetings)
* Industry wide, new hotels will continue to open in 2021 at a rate of 2%
* There won't be full recovery in 2021 - more likely 2022
* The Great American Road Trip is going to be what brings the economy back sooner than later
* We won't see the business as in 2019 again for a few years

The current storm is raging for us all, but we're in different boats! What do we have to do to help? The answer from the Convention & Visitors Bureau is to have an I-75 Visitors Information Center before the end of the year. Now is the time to have sooner than later success in economic recovery by building such a pivotal tourism generator. We already know drivers are going to gas up at Buc-ee's. But a manned Visitor Information Center on I-75 will entice visitors into the city to dine, shop, stay at the hotels and make the ten mile drive to the Museum of Aviation. The market we are going after is the weekend leisure driver which is confirmed to be the first people to hit the road immediately over the predicted three year recovery.

At the appropriate time, the CVB key messaging to the drive market and RV community on social media and our website will be that it is safe to visit Warner Robins, and we are open. Having a VIC on I-75 will spark a quicker recovery specifically geared toward filling the hotels with the weekend leisure drivers as well as business visitors who will return eventually.

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Action Item #: 5

The CVB Board of Directors highly recommends immediate consideration of this proposal and a call to action.

Respectfully,

Jen Colvin (Chair) Southeast Regional Little League Headquarters

Trinette Rosales (Vice Chair) Jersey Mike's Subs

Glenn Starlnecker (2nd Vice Chair) Courtyard by Marriott

Jade Morey (Secretary) Municipal Planner

Ron Weigle (Synovus Bank) Treasurer

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