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Mayor Beverly H. Burks

Councilmembers:

Jamie Carroll Laura Hopkins
Awet Eyasu Yterenickia Bell
Debra Johnson Susan Hood
Shawanna Qawiy, Interim City Manager

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 7:00PM
ZOOM

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Hopkins was absent.

3. WORK SESSION – RESIDENT COMMENT POLICY

Mayor Burks read the Resident Comment Policy.

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Clarkston Community: COVID-19 Needs Assessment

Dr. Ashli Owen-Smith of Georgia State University, Prevention Research Center gave a brief presentation on COVID-19 statistics for the City of Clarkston.

Councilmember Hopkins entered the meeting.

Brian Medford expressed his thanks for this research project.

B. Milam Park Pool Management Contract

Interim City Manager Qawiy gave a brief overview of the current Sears Pool Management Contract.

Amy Medford offered her comments pertaining to this item.

C. Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition Presentation

Mjgan Zare of Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc. gave a brief overview of the organization and what assistance they provide to the citizens.

Michael Schaaphok, citizen of the City of Stone Mountain asked if Chief Hudson could contact their Chief pertaining to Narcan.

D. Opioid Settlement: State of Georgia and Local Governments Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Distribution and Johnson and Johnson Opioid Settlement

The City discussed and reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding at the advisement of the City Attorney concerning the Opioid Settlement and was advised that it would be beneficial to participate in the statewide lawsuit.



City Attorney Quin stated the State of Georgia has reached a settlement with Johnson & Johnson pertaining to the Opioid lawsuit. This item will be placed on the next City Council Consent Agenda.

E. Empower Clarkston

Luke of Tekton gave a brief overview of Tekton, Empower Clarkston requesting to receive guidance on a partnership project to establish a program to recruit and train participants in a two (2) year cohort that will include ten (10) students and ten (10) Clarkston residences.

Alyson Luzetsky of Tekton provided further clarification of the program Empower Clarkston.

Brian Medford expressed his appreciation to the staff of this organization.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of a “living urn” tree planting at Friendship Forest.

Vice-Mayor Eyasu gave a brief overview of this item stating a citizen resident who passed away had a wish that her ashes would be placed in a living urn, tree planting at Friendship Forest.

Michael Schaaphok, citizen of the City of Stone Mountain asked that the tree will be native species and inspected.

This item will be placed on the next City Council Consent Agenda.

B. Discussion of the cost estimate from the selected firm of VOLKERT, Incorporated for the SPLOST 09 Professional Engineering Services for the Mell Avenue Crossing Multi-Leg Intersection Safety and Operational Improvements Project.

Interim City Manager Qawiy stated the cost estimate from the selected firm of VOLKERT, Incorporated for the SPLOST 09 Professional Engineering Services for the Mell Avenue Crossing Multi-Leg Intersection Safety and Operational Improvements Project.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Brian Medford expressed his positive thoughts about the project.

This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda for discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Alcohol license for goPuff D/B/A GB License, LLC located at 808 Park North Boulevard, Clarkston, GA 30021.



Interim City Manager Qawiy stated the Alcohol Review Committee (ARC) has received and reviewed an application for an alcohol license application for a retail delivery shop to sale and deliver Beer/Wine and Malt beverages. The location to be considered for this alcohol beverage license is 808 Park North Boulevard, Clarkston, GA 30021.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Amy Medford expressed her concerns regarding the current convenience store following City rules and regulations.

Brian Medford expressed he was in agreeance with the delivery services for safety reasons.

- B.** Discussion of SPLOST 04 B & C Pedestrian Enhancements Trailhead and Rowland Street Mell Avenue traffic calming project Change Order for chicane removal and speed table installation.

Interim City Manager Qawiy stated the change order #38 for SPLOST 04 B & C Pedestrian Enhancement Trailhead and Rowland Street chicanes removal and speed tables installation on Rogers Street.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item will be placed on the next City Council Consent Agenda to be forwarded to the Public Safety and Legal Committee and the Transportation and Environment Committee for discussion.

Brian Medford expressed his thoughts pertaining to this item.

- C.** Discussion to amend the city code to allow service stations/convenience stores to operate 24 hours per day with the installation of video surveillance equipment.

Councilmember Bell discussed an Ordinance by the City of Clarkston to amend Chapter 9.5 of the City Code regarding service stations and Chapter 11 of the Code regarding businesses to limit hours of operation for convenience stores and to exempt convenience stores that maintain video surveillance systems from limited hours of operation and other purposes.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Amy Medford expressed her concerns about the safety of the gas stations being open for 24 hours a day.

Brian Medford expressed his appreciation for the suggestion for cameras and his concerns for subtenants.



This item will be tabled to the April City Council Work Session.

- D. Discussion of Change Order #42 for SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet Project/Local Maintenance Improvement Grant paving project.

Interim City Manager Qawiy gave a brief overview to discuss Change Order #42 for SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet Project Local Maintenance Improvement Grant paving project.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item will be on the next City Council agenda.

- E. Discussion of Change Order #44 for SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet Project/Paving of Hill Street.

Interim City Manager Qawiy discussed Change Order #44 for SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet Project /paving of Hill Street.

Larry Kaiser provided additional information about the project.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Brian Medford offered comments on this item.

Michael Schaaphok, citizen of the City of Stone Mountain offered comments on this item.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

- F. Discussion of Change Order #3 for SPLOST 08 Market Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk expansion project.

Interim City Manager Qawiy gave a brief overview of Change Order #3 for SPLOST 08 Market Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk expansion project.

Larry Kaiser provided additional information about the project.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item will be placed on the next City Council Consent Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Council did not enter Executive Session.

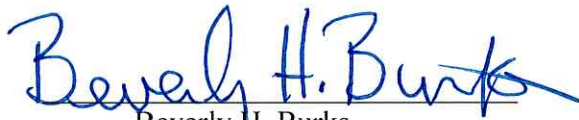



7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor


Tomika R. Lewis
City Clerk