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Mayor Beverly Burks

Councilmembers:

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:00PM
ZOOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda with the correction of having an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

2. ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All members of Council were present.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

Vice Mayor Eyasu made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 22, 2022 City Council Work Session. Councilmember Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

The February 01, 2022 City Council meeting minutes will be placed on the next City Council agenda for approval.

4. REPORTS

A. Planning/Economic and Development Report

- The March 11, 2022 Virtual Council Retreat has been scheduled.
- Road work on Norman Rd. and Market St. Project is moving forward.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission has a meeting scheduled for March 15 to hear a Conditional Use Permit request.

B. City Manager's Report

- Substation work with Georgia Power and the City is being held at City Hall Annex. Plans are being finalized and will be presented to Council for review.
- The reflectors have arrived for lanes and will be installed on the corner of Market St. and East Ponce De Leon.
- The City received a construction agreement for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Installation set to begin in April 2022.
- Change Order replacement for decorative fence has been damaged and will be replaced.

C. City Attorney's Report

- No report to present.



D. Council Remarks

- The Council members briefly gave an overview of meetings and events they have attended, Covid-19 updates, and projects they are currently working on.

E. Mayor's Report

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Medford expressed her thoughts and appreciation to Council on a few items.

Brian Medford applauded staff for well done job on a project and made a few announcements.

A citizen voiced his concerns about businesses in Clarkston having to close early and the effect on the business.

Idil Hussein, Ashrakat Hassan, Suraiya Sharker, Ayesha Abid, Glory Kilanko, and Darlene Lynch presented comments pertaining to language translations for voting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Approval of the cost estimate from the selected firm of POND & Co. for the SPLOST 09 Professional Engineering Services for the Mell Avenue Crossing Multi-Leg Intersection Safety and Operational Improvements Project.

Vice Mayor Eyasu made a motion to approve in accordance of the Brooks Act, the cost and fee was unable to negotiate and deny the POND & Co. agreement and move forward with the fee and scope of the second selected firm Volkert, Inc and submit cost and fee. Councilmember Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approval of a resolution for SPLOST 08 Market Street Resurfacing and Sidewalks Project Change Order #2.
- B.** Approval to refer the Housing First Initiative to the Community Development and Civic Innovation Committee.
- C.** Approval of a resolution to adopt the approved Clarkston Comprehensive Plan Update.
- D.** Approval of a resolution to encourage Dekalb County Commissioners to provide additional translations for voting information and materials. *(This item is from New Business)*



Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which consist of four items: Approval of a resolution for SPLOST 08 Market Street Resurfacing and Sidewalks Project Change Order #2; Approval to refer the Housing First Initiative to the Community Development and Civic Innovation Committee; Approval of a resolution to adopt the approved Clarkston Comprehensive Plan Update; and Approval of a resolution to encourage Dekalb County Commissioners to provide additional translations for voting information and materials. Vice Mayor Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of a resolution for SPLOST 04 B &C Pedestrian Enhancements Trailhead and Rowland Street Project Change Order #41.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve a resolution for SPLOST 04 B &C Pedestrian Enhancements Trailhead and Rowland Street Project Change Order #41. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

- B. Approve of a resolution to encourage Dekalb County Commissioners to provide additional translations for voting information and materials.

This item was moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

- C. Approve to use \$100,000 of ARPA Funds to provide supplemental financial aid with provisions to residents tested positive for COVID-19 by a Medical Test Provider.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve a resolution to provide supplemental financial aid with provisions to residents who test positive for COVID-19 use employer does not cover loss of wages for isolation/quarantine. Vice Mayor Eyasu duly seconded the motion.

The Council discussed the motion with the attorney.

Councilmember Carroll rescinded his motion.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve a resolution to provide supplemental financial aid to residents who test positive for COVID-19 by a Medical Test Provider if an employer does not cover loss of wages for five days of isolation, with proof of verifiable loss of income due to quarantine for the employee or one of the employee's dependents. Vice Mayor Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A personnel matter was discussed.




10. ADJOURNMENT


Councilmember Carroll made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ATTEST:



Beverly H. Burks
Mayor



Tomika R. Lewis
City Clerk