

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA HELD  
BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO  
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in regular session by teleconference, Zoom Audio/Video in said City. Mayor Beverly Burks called the meeting to order. The following member of the Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Awet Eyasu; Councilmembers Jamie Carroll; Debra Johnson; Laura Hopkins; Yterenickia Bell, and Susan Hood. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk); and Stephen Quinn (City Attorney).

NOTE: Items appearing in these minutes are in the order they were discussed, not necessarily in the order they appeared on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

Approved the 05/03/2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and 05/31/2022 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the 05/03/2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and the 05/31/2022 City Council Work Session Minutes. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

4. REPORTS

A. Planning/Economic and Development Report

- The draft re-write Zoning Ordinance is available for the public's feedback.
- There will be a Variance Request for 3747 Market St. on the next Planning and Zoning Board meeting agenda.
- Update on electric vehicle chargers.
- Accepted a Grant for \$340,000 for the Clarkston Greenway study.
- Millage Rate Public Hearings and Adoption dates announced.

B. City Manager's Report

- This report was given after the Mayor's report.

C. City Attorney's Report

- No report.

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

- Mayor Burks gave a brief overview of meetings and events she attended and other news of the City.
- City Manager's Report: City Engineer, Larry Kaiser presented a SPLOST Report.

The meeting recessed due to an interruption at 7:54pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55pm.

- Councilmember Hopkins recommended the striping project on Rowland, Hill and Market go to the Transportation and Environment Committee.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Medford presented comments.

Amina Osman presented comments.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of a resolution executing a Memorandum of Understanding with Fresh Harvest for funding.

Attorney Stephen Quinn presented a brief overview of this item and presented a few options to the City Council. Option 1 would be to approve the \$40,000 ARAPA allocation tied to the March 2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); Option 2 would be to refer to the May 2022 MOU for \$40,000 in the reimbursement basis; and Option 3 would be to vote on one of the two options or the third option. The Council would also need to vote to rescind the prior appropriation from December of last year.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Joshua Deaton stated he was unable to meet with Ms. Qawiy to draft an updated Memorandum of Understanding due to a conflict of schedules.

Mr. Quinn recommended leaving the rescinding for another meeting a month from now since it was not on the agenda.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to defer Item 6A, Approval of a resolution executing a Memorandum of Understanding with Fresh Harvest for funding to the next City Council Work Session and City Council Meeting. Councilmember Hopkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0-1). Vice Mayor Eyasu abstained.

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of a resolution adopting the 2022 Service Delivery Strategy Renewal with Dekalb County.
- B. Approval to refer the Friendship Forest Rock Removal discussion to the Transportation and Environment Committee.
- C. Approval of a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Atlanta United Football Club, LLC to host Free Youth Soccer Programs to be held at Milam Park for a fee of \$2,700.
- D. Approval of Proclamations for LGBT Pride Month; World Refugee Day; and Juneteenth
- E. Approval of three (3) Speed Tables on Rogers Street.
- F. Approval of a resolution appointing the City Manager.
- G. Approval of a resolution appointing members to the Early Learning Task Force.
- H. Approval to refer the discussion of signage on Market Street at its intersections with E. Ponce de Leon Ave. and N. Indian Creek, and the street scape on Market St. to the Transportation and Environment Committee.
- I. Approval to refer the discussion of creating an Equity and Community Empowerment Department utilizing ARPA Funds to the Equality, Inclusion, and Opportunity Committee.

Vice Mayor Eyasu made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items (A) through (I). Councilmember Johnson 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 allocating \$125,000 of ARPA Funds to Empower Clarkston for one-year.

Luke Keller of Tekton Career Training presented a brief overview of the training, retrofit oversight and pre and post inspections of the Empower Clarkston Program.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

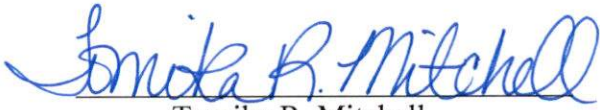
Councilmember Bell made a motion to allocate \$125,000 of ARPA Funds to Empower Clarkston for a one-year training program serving the City of Clarkston. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

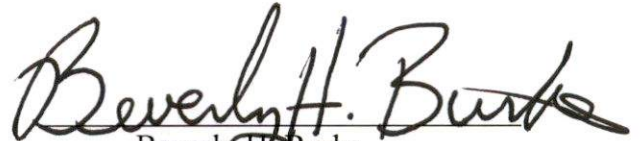
Vice Mayor Eyasu made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell  
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks  
Mayor