

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 4, 2021
Officials Present :Hybrid In-Person/Zoom

Mayor: Beverly Burks
Council: Jamie Carroll, Debra Johnson, Awet Eyasu,
Ahmed Hassan, Laura Hopkins,
Mark Perkins
I-City Manager: Shawanna Qawiy
City Attorney: Stephen Quinn

A. CALL TO ORDER at 7:05PM.

B. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Burks, Awet Eyasu, James Carroll, Ahmed Hassan, Debra Johnson, Mark Perkins, Laura Hopkins

Mayor Burks called for any adjustments to the agenda.

Councilwoman Johnson made the motion to amend the agenda to remove agenda item G1
Second : Councilman Carroll.

Councilman Perkins made a motion to remove agenda item G6.
Second: Councilman Carroll.

A vote was called, and the motions to remove agenda items G1 and G6 carried. (5,0)

C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/PRESENTATION

(C1) Councilwoman Johnson made the motion to approve the September 7, October 5, and October 26 meeting minutes.

Second: Councilperson Carroll.

A vote was called, and the motion carried. (5,0)

(C2) I-CM Qawiy introduced the new Economic Development Coordinator Dineta O'Hara. Ms. Oha

Ms. O'Hara provided with public with her over 10 years of experience in public relations and community and economic development.

The mayor and city council welcomed her to the City of Clarkston.

D. REPORTS

(1) Planning /Economic and Development Report

I-CM/Director Qawiy - gave an update on the 2022 business license submittal process and how the goal is to create a more streamlined process for the business owners. I-CM/Director Qawiy provided a background on the city's current developments for Glendale Rowe, Peachtree on

Ponce, and 1116 Smith Street. I-CM/Director Qawiy attended and provided the welcome for the Starnes Senior Residence ribbon cutting ceremony.

(2) City Manager's Report

I-CM Qawiy provided details on the stormwater agreements. I-CM Qawiy informed the public that the preliminary 2022 FY budget is ready for public review and input.

(3) City Attorney

Attorney Quinn provided an update on the Peachtree on Ponce council approved de-annexation process. DeKalb County has the de-annexation pending.

(4) Council Remarks

Councilperson Johnson: Attended the budget reconstruction meeting with staff. Attended a meeting with the Clarkston Shores representatives, October 21 food distribution with Parc 1000, October 21-1st Annual Breast Cancer/Domestic Violence Lighting Ceremony, October 23 Amani Women Center Tour, October 23 City food distribution event, Starnes Senior Residences ribbon cutting ceremony. Councilwoman Johnson also charged each councilmember with attending more community events when invited by the public.

Councilperson Hopkins: Congratulated the newly elected city council members to the team. And briefly mentioned the meeting with staff referencing the Rogers Street chicanes.

Vice Mayor Eyasu: No report

Councilperson Perkins: Congratulated the newly elected city council members and Council Carroll for another 4-year term.

Councilperson Carroll: Attended the budget reconstruction meeting with staff. Thanked voters for their votes and support. Congratulated the newly elected city council members to the team and thanked current councilmembers Hassan and Perkins. Thanked staff for conducting a smooth voting process.

Councilperson Hassan: No report

Mayor Burks: Attended the budget reconstruction meeting with staff, October 21 1st Annual Breast C Lightning

Breast Cancer/Domestic Violence Lightning Ceremony, October 31 Trunk or Treat-attended by Emory after dark participants, Closer Look- participant. Acknowledged that she is a one-year survivor of breast cancer and thanked all of her supporters. Thanked Council for allocating the funds for vaccinations to those who wish to be vaccinated. Congratulated the newly elected council members to the team.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made referencing congratulating the newly elected city council members, greenspace/pocket park options and creative ideas on the north side of East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Mell Avenue, Pecan/Bacon Street. Hours of operation for the Ponce Sports Lounge and the request to the Mayor and City Council to review the business hours, and how select businesses are using bleach to clean their establishments during business hours. Speakers: Brian Medford, Amina Osman, Jimmy Wegayehu,

F. OLD BUSINESS

(F1) Approve Excise Tax Ordinance

Motion: Vice Mayor Eyasu made the motion to approve the excise tax ordinance.

Second: Councilperson Hopkins

A vote was called, and the motion passed (6,0).

(F2) Approve an amendment to the approved contract for the Driveway Paving Reimbursement Agreement.

Motion : Councilperson Johnson

Second: Councilperson Perkins

A vote was called, and the motion passed (6,0)

G. NEW BUSINESS

(G2) Approve ARPA Fund Amendment-Fresh Harvest Food Truck Purchase

Councilman Carroll gave background on the item and how it was discussed at a previous work session and was not ready for a vote. Councilman Carroll made the motion to table the item until the December meeting. Councilman Perkins specified that the motion would need state to postpone.

Motion: Councilman Carroll made the motion to postpone the item until the December meeting.

Second: Councilman Hassan

A vote was called, and the motion passed, yes (5) No (1) Councilperson Hopkins.

(G3) Approve the adoption of a resolution to support the initiative of The Georgia Redistricting Alliance and Women Watch Afrika, Incorporated.

Ms. Glory Kilanko gave an overview of the redistricting initiative and the resolution.

Motion: Councilperson Hassan

Second: Vice Mayor Eyasu

A vote was called, and the motion passed (6,0)

(G4) Approve a changed order for the SPLOST 08 Market Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk Project.

I-CM Qawiy gave an overview of the item to modify the installation of wooden guardrails to metal guardrails.

Motion: Councilperson Perkins

Second: Councilperson Hassan

A vote was called, and the motion passed (6,0)

(G5) Adopt a new ordinance to adjust the annual licenses fee amount to be paid by insurance companies.

Motion: Councilperson Johnson

Second: Councilperson Hassan

A vote was called, the motion passed (5,0) Abstain (1) Vice Mayor Eyasu

(G7) Proclamation recognizing and observing November 11th as Veterans Days in the City of Clarkston.

Mayor Burks gave an overview.

Motion: Councilperson Perkins .

Second: Councilperson Hopkins

A vote was called, and the motion carried (6,0)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Burks called for a motion to adjourn:

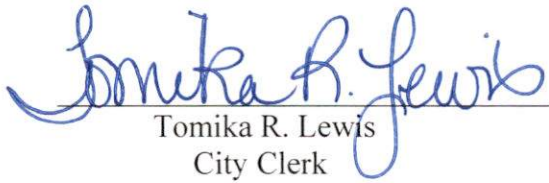
Motion: Vice Mayor Eyasu

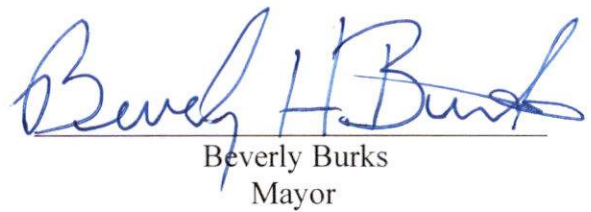
Second: Councilperson Hassan

A vote was called, and the motion passed (6,0)

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Tomika R. Lewis
City Clerk


Beverly Burks
Mayor