

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA HELD  
BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO  
IN SAID CITY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in special 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; Yterenickia Bell, and Susan Hood. Absent: Laura Hopkins. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); and Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk).

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 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Hopkins was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Councilmember Carroll entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Proposed 2022 Millage Rate.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy gave a presentation on the proposed 2022 Millage Rate of 14.89. Ms. Qawiy explained the effects if the Council decided to keep the rate the same as last year or decrease by .5 mil or 1.0 mil.

The Council briefly discussed the proposed rate. Councilmember Carroll stated he would like to reduce the rate by .5 mil. Councilmember Bell stated she wanted additional information to determine her proposed action on the rate. Councilmember Johnson stated she would like the rate to stay at 14.89 and smooth over the \$200,000 deficit. Vice Mayor Eyasu stated he would like to reduce the rate, roll it back and plug the gap using ARPA funding. Councilmember Hood stated she would like the rate to stay at 14.89.

B. Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rate.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:03 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

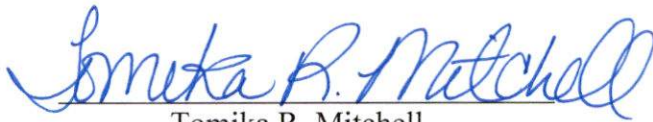
The Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Eyasu made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell  
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks  
Mayor