

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA  
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO  
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in a Work 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; Laura Hopkins; Debra Johnson; 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

2. ROLL CALL

All members of the City Council were present.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to amend the agenda by removing “Item 6B” and deferring it to the Public Safety and Legal Committee. Vice Mayor Eyasu seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0). Councilmember Hopkins was absent.

3. WORK SESSION – RESIDENT COMMENT POLICY

Mayor Burks read the Resident Comment Policy.

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. To consider declaring a 2000 Ford Sanitation Truck as surplus property to sale.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated the City of Clarkston Public Works Department requested a 2000 Ford Sanitation Truck, VIN# 3FDXF75R4YMA30880be declared as obsolete and surplus equipment in order to be auctioned for sale. This vehicle was acquired in February 2020 and has been in service for 22 years and has mileage of 86,626 miles.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

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

B. Presentation- Gainesville Police Department Mental Health Clinician Program

Councilmember Bell introduced Chief Jay Parrish from Gainesville Police Department.

Chief Parrish presented information on the Gainesville Police Department Mental Health Clinician Program, a system of response that ensures symptoms of mental illness and resource deficiencies lead to support and therapeutic intervention instead of incarceration.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding from AboutFace-USA, Incorporated to allocate \$22,100.00 in ARPA funds for the “Project GROW” program.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated “Project GROW” (Gardening, Rehabilitation, Outreach and Wellness) Program is a horticulture therapy of growing vegetables and plants for the benefit of the community, participants will develop and foster genuine relationships while gaining a viable skill that will help them with growing their own food.

Carol LaBranche gave a brief overview of the program history and success stories.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Amy Medford and Brian Medford presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the next City Council Meeting agenda.

- B. A discussion to adopt a resolution by the Clarkston City Council in support of reproductive rights and abortion related care.

This item was deferred to the Public Safety and Legal Committee.

- C. A discussion to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on storage companies, gas stations and small box variety stores.

Councilmember Bell gave a brief overview of the 2020 moratorium pertaining to the storage companies, gas stations and small box variety stores and inquire with Council to consider enacting a 6 or 12-month moratorium and possibly extending it before it expires.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Amy Medford and Brian Medford presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the next City Council Meeting agenda.

- D. A discussion to allocate \$150,000 - \$300,000 in ARPA funds for a Small Business Facade program.

Councilmember Bell stated the purpose of this façade grant program is to improve the street and store front exteriors of the small business owners, with a matching fund grant program.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Amy Medford and Brian Medford presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the next City Council Meeting agenda.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

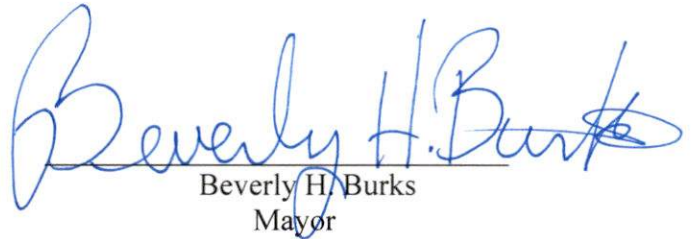
Councilmember Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (5-0). Councilmember Hopkins was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell  
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks  
Mayor