

SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING / WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Officials Present: Hybrid / In-Person/Zoom

Council: Jamie Carroll, Debra Johnson, Awet Eyasu,
Ahmed Hassan, Laura Hopkins,
Mark Perkins
I-City Manager: Shawanna Qawiy
City Attorney: Stephen Quinn
City Clerk: Tomika R. Lewis

A. CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 6:36 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

(D1) 2022 BUDGET ADOPTION

- (1) Interim City Manager presented the FY 2022 Budget Presentation.
- (2) Public Hearing - Public comments were made referencing the Fresh Harvest Truck, hiring a Parks Service employee, a search company for the City Manager position and the need for the City Manager to have a city vehicle.
Speakers: Amy Medford and Herbert Clark

The Public Hearing closed at 7:02 pm.

The Special Called City Council Meeting adjourned.

E. WORK SESSION

Vice Mayor Eyasu read the Work Session Comment Policy.

Vice Mayor Eyasu called for any adjustments to the Work Session agenda.
Councilman Carroll made the motion to add an item to the agenda. Add under F1 for Old Business, a discussion of the proposed Fresh Harvest Truck.
Second: Councilman Perkins.

A vote was called, and the motion to add agenda item F1 carried. (4,2)
Councilmembers Hopkins and Johnson voted "No".

F. OLD BUSINESS

(F1) Discussion of the proposed Fresh Harvest Truck

The Council discussed the Fresh Harvest Truck and heard from the owner, Joshua Deaton.

Attorney Stephen Quinn expressed his legal opinion on this item stating it's a close question as to whether the proposed use would fit under the ARPA allowed uses. He expressed that it would need to fit under Economic Relief for persons that are having an economic crisis that could be tied to the Coronavirus pandemic. Providing food to people who need it is not one of the main categories. He stated it is definitely possible to fit it under one of the main categories, but he has not received direction to review this in detail and would do so with instruction.

Interim City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy read the four categories of eligible uses of the ARPA Funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Public comments were made referencing the Fresh Harvest Truck and the city funding the company with government funds.

Speakers: Joshua Deaton, Allison Barnett, Hillary Chesim, Amina Osman, Kate Lindsey, Jean X, Maggie X, Joshua, Dr. Andrew Kim, Dean Moore, and Amy Medford

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G. NEW BUSINESS

(G1) Review/Discuss the SPLOST 04 B&C Rowland Road Diet- Rowland Street Road closure options.

Interim City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy gave brief overview of options for the SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet-Rowland Street Road closure options from Market Street to Norman Road

Larry Keiser recommended Option 4 for the SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet-Rowland Street Road closure options from Market Street to Norman Road that was substitute to the construction of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) required streetscapes sidewalks on the south of Rowland Street.

Public comments speakers: Brian Medford presented his public comments.

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(G2) Review/Discuss the Rowland Street and Wagoner Street Relocation Agreement PI #L10472 between the City of Clarkston and Georgia Power.

Interim City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy and Larry Kaiser gave brief overview of the relocation agreement between the City of Clarkston and Georgia Power for the SPLOST 04 B & C Rowland Street Road Diet project- Rowland Street and Wagoner Street project. The

project as presented will be at a cost of \$37,285.00 with the city being responsible for 90% of the cost at \$33,556.50.

Public comments speakers: Herbert Clark and Amina Osman presented public comments.

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(G3) Review/Discuss the SPLOST 04 B&C Rowland Road Diet- change order request for storm line installation at 847 and 851 Rowland Street.

Larry Kaiser gave brief overview of the SPLOST 04 B&C Rowland Street Road Diet-change order request for storm line installation at 847 and 851 Rowland Street and the change order request as presented at a cost of \$28,471.00.

There were no public comments.

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(G4) Review/Discuss the SPLOST 08 Market Street Sidewalks & Resurfacing & Carroll Park Resurfacing- change order request for the Market Street resurfacing and sidewalk project with Unincorporated DeKalb County.

Larry Kaiser gave a brief overview of the SPLOST 08 Market Street Sidewalks & Resurfacing & Carroll Park Resurfacing -change order request for Market Street resurfacing and sidewalk project with Unincorporated DeKalb County and the construction costs associated with the continuation of the project extending into Unincorporated DeKalb County. He also mentioned modification of the scope of work for SPLOST 08 Market Street Sidewalks and Resurfacing & Carroll Park Resurfacing project as presented with the reimbursement cost to the City of Clarkston will be in the amount of \$136,803.82 by DeKalb County.

There were no public comments.

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(G5) Review/Discuss the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$91,600.45.

Interim City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy gave a brief overview and clarification of this item pertaining to the possible acceptance of the GDOT LMIG award of \$91,600.45 with a city 30% match of \$27,480.14 for the allocation of an eligible project that will have a total value amount equal to or exceed the funding amount of \$119,080.59.

Larry Kaiser stated there are no SPLOST projects eligible for federal funding and there are currently three SPLOST projects citywide.

Public comments were made referencing being in favor of this item, inquiring if business owners were notified, expressing it would be great idea to get the plans in order, and against having contracts if not needed.

Speakers: Brian Medford, Susan Hood, Dean Moore, and Herbert Clark.

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(G6) Review/Discuss allocating ARPA funds for an outdoor Calisthenic Gymnasium at local park.

Vice Mayor Eyasu presented this item with a brief explanation and overview of the equipment needed for outdoor gym equipment for a calisthenic park.

It was stated that the Park Ranger recommended putting a trail around the field.

Councilmember Perkins recommended having an exact location before voting on this item. Vice Mayor Eyasu recommended to upgrade and rehabilitate the current equipment and Councilmember Hopkins recommended getting new equipment for adults.

Public comments were made by Amy Medford and Brian Medford.

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(G7) Review/Discuss erecting a plaque to commemorate the sitting mayor and council members that have worked with the streetscapes project.

Vice Mayor Eyasu presented this item stating Councilmember Johnson recommended to erect a plaque to commemorate the Mayor and Council Members (past and present) that have supported the streetscapes project.

Interim City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy will move forward with getting a draft. Larry Kaiser stated the Streetscape Project was from 2012 to present.

There were no public comments.

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(G8) Review/Discuss amending the current process of adding items to an agenda by the mayor and city council members.

Vice Mayor Eyasu gave a brief overview on the ordinance and recommended that it should be required to have a total three or more Council members in agreeance of an item to be able to place an item on the agenda.

The Council briefly discussed.

City Attorney, Stephen Quinn stated currently the Mayor with two Councilmembers can place an item on the agenda. He recommended the Council adopt the agenda at the begin of the meeting and post a draft agenda 48 hours in advance.

Public comments were made referencing some citizens not being in favor of the ordinance and requested maybe send the agenda out in different languages.

Public comments were made by Brian Medford, Amy Medford, YT Bell, and Herbert Clark.

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(G9) Review/Discuss a resolution to present to the Housing Standing Advisory Committee to draft policies/procedures and/or ordinances related to apartment inspections, tenant/landlord relations and other improvements.

Councilmember Jamie Carroll gave a brief overview and Councilmember Debra Johnson listed a few areas she and the Mayor spoke about that they would like the Housing SAC to review.

Public comments were made referencing inquiries of a necessary solution, speaking in favor of the item, and recommended full apartment inspection.

Public comments were made by Amy Medford, Roberta Malavenda and Herbert Clark.

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(G10) Review/Discuss a resolution to present to the Community Development and Economic Development Standing Advisory Committees to draft a comprehensive workforce development plan for the City of Clarkston.

Vice Mayor Eyasu gave a brief overview of this item.

There were no public comments.

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(G11) Review/Discuss drafting a resolution for the creation of a Downton Development Authority to be reviewed by the Community Development and Economic Development Standing Advisory Committees and to coordinate with city staff on a Business and Economic Strategy program.

Vice Mayor Eyasu gave a brief overview of this item.

Public comments were made by Amy Medford and Brian Medford referencing the need to revitalize downtown.

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(G12) Review/Discuss the proposed City Council Regular and Work Session Meeting dates and City Holiday Calendar.

The Council discussed the holidays and City Council Regular and Work Session Meeting dates listed and stated Council will have to get with the two new incoming Councilmembers to see when a good day for them will be to get sworn in.

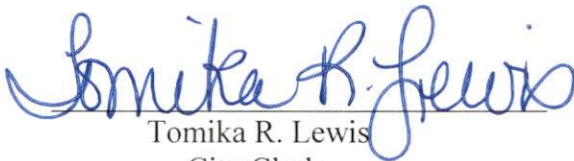
(G13) Review/Discuss allocating ARPA funds for distribution in 2022.


Councilmember Debra Johnson stated she has no funds for food distribution and requested \$10,000 for food distribution in December.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

ATTEST:


Tomika R. Lewis
City Clerk


Beverly Burks
Mayor