

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA HELD  
BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO  
IN SAID CITY ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 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.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

Approved the 07/05/2022 City Council Meeting minutes and 07/26/2022 City Council Work Session minutes.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the 07/05/2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and 07/26/2022 City Council Work Session Minutes. Councilmember Johnson 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 and the City Manager's Report

- Informed citizens and Council of the new Planning/Economic and Development Newsletter.
- Atlanta Regional Commission will host their monthly Land Use Coordinating Committee Meeting on August 17, 2022, at Refuge Coffee. A Walking Tour will occur.

B. City Manager's Report

- Chicanes have been removed from Roger St.
- Rowland St. installation of proper signage and inserts will occur on August 5, 2022.
- Budget Actuals are on track at 58.3% of the actual budget use.
- The Zoning Rewrite Meeting was held on August 3, 2022, to receive citizens comments.
- National Night Out which was held on August 2, 2022, was a success.

C. City Attorney's Report

No report.

D. Council Remarks

- The Council members briefly gave an overview of meetings and events they have attended, projects they are currently working on, and COVID updates.

E. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Burks gave a brief overview of meetings and events she attended and other news of the City.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Medford presented comments about the Zoning Rewrite Meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of declaring a 2000 Ford Sanitation Truck as surplus property to sale.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hopkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on storage companies.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on storage companies. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0-1). Vice Mayor Eyasu abstained.

B. Approval to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on gas stations.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on gas stations. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed this item and Councilmember Bell rescinded the motion.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve a moratorium on the development automobile service centers and automobile service stations/ filling stations in order to preserve the status quo., pending zoning actions to revise permitted use in the city's zoning code. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-1-0). Vice Mayor Eyasu voted “no”.

- C. Approval to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on small box variety stores.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt a resolution for a moratorium on small box variety stores. Councilmember Johnson duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (3-2-0). Vice Mayor Eyasu and Councilmember Hopkins voted “no”.

- D. Approval to allocate \$150,000 - \$300,000 in ARPA funds for a Small Business Façade Program.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Small Business Façade and Sign Matching Grant Program in the amount of \$200,000, in which the City Manager will reallocate the remaining balance of our Temporary Business Assistance Program that will end September 30, 2022, which will allow Small Business Façade and Sign Matching Grant Program to have a start date of October 1, 2022, and an end date of September 30, 2023; pending feedback on the City Manager on the participation of businesses, we will revisit it. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed this item. City Attorney, Stephen Quinn provided clarity.

Councilmember Johnson rescinded her motion.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to move this item to the September Work Session. Vice Mayor Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

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

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to deny this item based on the lack of information requested at the Work Session. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell  
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks  
Mayor