

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

On the 25th day of October 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 members of the City Council 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.
3. WORK SESSION – RESIDENT COMMENT POLICY

Mayor Burks read the Resident Comment Policy.

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. To present the 2020 City of Clarkston Comprehensive Audit.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated this item was to present and discuss the 2020 City of Clarkston Comprehensive Audit.

Finance Director, Dan Defnall introduced the auditor from Maudlin & Jenkins.

Josh Carroll with Maudlin & Jenkins presented the results from the 2020 City of Clarkston Comprehensive Audit.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Mr. Defnall answered questions regarding the city's revenue and the fund balance.

The Mayor stated this item was for presentation only.

- B. To discuss amending Article V Multifamily Rental Dwellings Section 11- 97. Fee and certificate required paragraph (c) to include increasing the annual inspection reports from 20% to 50% annually.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated this item was in reference to the multi-family incompliance initiative, which was discussed in detail at a SAC meeting. This was a recommendation to move forward from the committee.

Councilmember Hood stated it was discussed to amend the annual code compliance certificate shall cover at least twenty (20) percent to fifty (50) percent of the units within each dwelling, provided all units shall be inspected by qualified inspectors, at a minimum, *annually*; and hear from apartment owners to get their input on the amendment.

Ms. Qawiy stated there have been a few meetings with apartment owners and plan to commence by the end of the year.

Councilmember Hood briefly explained additional information and inquired with Council about deferring this item for one month to get additional input from apartment owners and to figure out how to address new construction, remodeling, and qualifications for inspectors.

Ms. Qawiy presented a brief overview of the process of inspections for new construction.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Brian Medford presented comments on this item.

This item will be deferred for one month to the next Council Work Session, after being discussed at the Housing and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. To discuss allocating \$30,000 ARPA funds to the Clarkston Community Center proposal request for (the) Expansion of Adult & Senior Services; ESL & Civics, Digital Literacy program.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated the Clarkston Community Center is seeking to expand the adult and senior services, English as second language and civics and digital literacy programs at the Clarkston Community Center. The center is seeking funding assistance from the ARPA allocation in the amount of \$30,000 to complete this initiative.

Luay Sami and Amber McCorkle with the Clarkston Community Center gave a brief overview of the proposal and their budget.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Brian Medford presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda at the next City Council Meeting.

- B. To discuss a resolution to eliminate the single use of plastic products in the City of Clarkston by June 30, 2023.

Vice Mayor Eyasu presented a brief overview of this item stating it came about in January 2020 but was put on hold due to the pandemic. He stated the Transportation & Environment Committee meet and decided to refer this item to the City Council for the entire City and not just City property.

Savannah Seydel, Vice President of Sustainability Better Earth presented comments on this item.

Jennette Gayer, Better Earth stated presented comments on this item.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Vice Mayor Eyasu stated the resolution should address single-use plastic bags.

Attorney Stephen Quinn recommended creating an ordinance for this item with details of exactly what the Council wants to do.

Deepak Patel, owner of Fresh Food Town presented comments on this item.

Jimmy Wegayen presented comments on this item.

The Council also discussed using ARPA funds to fund this initiative.

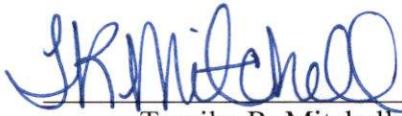
This item will be placed on the next City Council Work Session agenda, after being discussed at the Transportation & Environment Committee meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

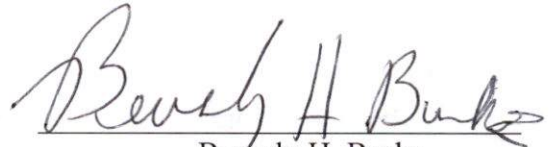
Councilmember Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk



Beyerly H. Burks
Mayor