

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA HELD
BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

On the 2nd day of May 2023, 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 members of the Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Debra Johnson; Councilmembers Awet Eyasu; Jamie Carroll; Yterenickia Bell, Laura Hopkins, and Susan Hood. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); 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.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to remove item 7E from the Consent Agenda and add it under New Business at 8D and add Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

A. To approve the 04/04/2023 City Council Meeting minutes and 04/25/2023 City Council Work Session minutes.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the 04/04/2023 City Council Meeting minutes and the 04/25/2023 City Council Work Session minutes. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

B. Presentation from the University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs:
GMA Practicum Project: Clarkston Community Outreach.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated the University of Georgia, Department of Public Administration and Policy/School of Public and International Affairs has agreed to participate in the Georgia Municipal Association Local Government Practicum program to provide recommendations for inclusive outreach strategies for more public feedback and community communication. The City of Clarkston applied for the Georgia Municipal Association Local Government Practicum program to allow students to develop an inclusive community outreach plan. The students were asked to research, analyze, and provide recommendations on how to

be more inclusive in outreach strategies to allow for more public feedback and community communication.

Mihui Lee, Dr. Euitaek You, and Moonseok Chois gave a presentation on Inclusive Community Outreach Strategies for the City of Clarkston.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

4. REPORTS

A. Planning/Economic and Development Report and the City Manager's Report.

- Zoning Rewrite Meeting on May 23rd at 6pm at the Clarkston Community Center
- 40 Oaks Farmhouse Assessment completed
- Greenway Feasibility Study is underway
- Georgia Municipal Association Convention registration
- Georgia Cities Week announcement of appreciation
- City is now the owner of the 3920 Montreal Creek Court for greenspace
- City participated in the Health Equity Metro-Atlanta Wellbeing Initiative Project
- Millage Rate Meeting dates: Public Hearings - May 30th at 10AM and 6:30PM and June 6th at 7PM
- Milam Pool opening on May 25, 2023
- Mural on the wall on Bon St.
- A karate movie will be filmed at Tahoe Village on May 10, 2023

B. City Manager's Report

- This item was presented under 4D.

C. City Attorney's Report

- No report given.

D. Council Remarks

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

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

The following citizens presented comments on various subjects: Ira Katz, Amy Medford, Victoria Webb, Trudy Sherman Anthony, Marlo Santos, and Mike Brabson.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- ##### A. To approve a Civility Resolution for the City of Clarkston.

- B. To approve a resolution to deny the claim asserted by claimant Larry McClam.
- C. To approve amending the adopted 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule to change the June 27, 2023, City Council Work Session meeting to June 29, 2023.
- D. To approve a resolution for Georgia Cities Week for the City of Clarkston.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** - To approve amending the zoning map to rezone the properties located at 572 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 007), 582 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 002), 586 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 006), 590 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 005), 596 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 004), 600 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 009), 606 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 008) and 616 Woodland Avenue (18 047 34 001) Scottdale, GA 30079 (within the City of Clarkston) from NR-CD Neighborhood Residential Community Development District to TC Town Center.

Ms. Qawiy stated this item was to approve a city-initiated map amendment and rezoning of the parcels located at 572, 582, 586, 590, 596, 600, 606 and 616 Woodland Avenue from NR-CD to TC. The Mayor and City Council will consider amending the zoning map to rezone the properties located at 572 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 007), 582 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 002), 586 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 006), 590 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 005), 596 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 004), 600 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 009), 606 Woodland Avenue (18 047 32 008) and 616 Woodland Avenue (18 047 34 001) Scottdale, GA 30079 (within the City of Clarkston) from NR-CD Neighborhood Residential Community Development District to TC Town Center.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

The Public Hearing opened.

Amy Medford spoke in favor of amending the zoning map.

Georgette Afford spoke against amending the zoning map.

The Public Hearing closed.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to deny amending the zoning map to rezone the properties located at 572, 582, 586, 590, 596, 600, 606 and 616 Woodland Avenue from NR-CD to TC. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-0-2). Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Hopkins abstained.

- B. To approve a renewed contract with Sears Pool Management Consultants, Incorporated for \$61,200.

Ms. Qawiy stated this item was to approve a renewed contract from Sears Pool Management Consultants, Incorporated for \$61,200. The Sears Pool Management Consultants, Incorporated will service the Milam Park pool in operation and open season pool maintenance services for the Clarkston Community. The pool shall open for the season on May 25, 2023, and will close on September 4, 2023.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-1). Councilmember Eyasu voted “no”.

Vice Mayor Johnson presided over the next item.

- C. To approve codifying the Public Comment process for City Council Work Session and City Council Regular City Council meetings.

Mayor Burks presented this item giving a brief overview.

The Council briefly discussed the amendments to the public comments policy.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve the Clarkston City Council Policy and with the following amendments: under Registration Requirements add the following as the last sentence: If additional time remains after the registered speakers have completed their comments, an unregistered speaker may speak up to the limit of the time allowed for public comments, pursuant to the prior regulations. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

Mayor Burks presided over the meeting.

- D. To approve a contract with Brittany Trammell for Solicitor for the City of Clarkston.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to defer the contract to the June 6 City Council meeting. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion.

The Councilmember briefly discussed this item.

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

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council discussed a personnel matter.

10. ADJOURNMENT

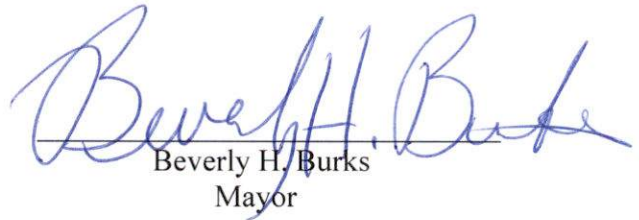
Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (6-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks
Mayor