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Mark Perkins

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Manager

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 - 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- A. Award presentation by the President of the Georgia Chapter of American Planning Association.
- B. Employee of the Month Recognition – April 2025
- C. To approve the following meeting minutes:
 - 1. 4/1/2025 – City Council Meeting
 - 2. 4/29/2025 – City Council Work Session

4. REPORTS

- A. Public Works Department Report
- B. City Manager's Report
- C. City Attorney's Report
- D. Council Remarks
- E. Mayor's Report

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Council during the time allotted for public comment. Each attendee will be allowed 3 minutes for comments at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. The public comment period will be limited to 40 minutes, and it is not a time for dialogue. If your public comment contains a series of questions, please submit those to the City Clerk in writing. This will facilitate follow-up by the council or staff. The City Council desires to allow an opportunity for public comment; however, the business of the city must proceed in an orderly, timely manner.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. To approve a proclamation designating May as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month”.
- B. To approve a proclamation designating May as “Jewish American Heritage Month”.
- C. To approve requiring the city to have an option to receive payments electronically by January 1, 2026, in line with department protocol.
- D. To approve issuing the Call for Election for the November 4, 2025, General Election.
- E. To approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the City Code concerning alcohol to allow beer or malt beverages to contain up to fourteen percent (14%) alcohol by volume.
- F. To approve the Georgia Department of Transportation 2025 Local Road Assistance Project selection and grant application submittal.



- G. To approve an ordinance to amend Article V of Chapter 19 of the City Code concerning Stormwater Utility Services to amend and clarify certain definitions; to create “sub-classes” for attached residential dwellings for the purpose of fairly assessing the Stormwater Utility Service Fee.
- H. To approve an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget appropriating the amounts in the expenditures/expenses as amended, adopting the items or revenue anticipations as amended and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available, and for other purposes - 736 Park North Boulevard, Suite 120, Security First Protective Services.
- I. To approve a resolution declaring support for the preservation of the Federal Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds.
- J. To ratify accepting the proposal from Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) to renew the property and liability insurance for the term of 2025-2026 in the amount of \$185,994.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

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CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 3A

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Presentation

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Presentation of two awards from Georgia Planning Association for Outstanding Public Involvement and Outstanding Planning Process for the Clarkston Greenway Study.

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐ YES ☒ NO
PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO: Kristen Wescott, AICP
PHONE NUMBER:

PURPOSE: For the President of the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association to present two awards to the City of Clarkston.

NEED/ IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A



CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 3B

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Presentation

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Employee of the Month – April 2025

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO: Dr. Dwight L. Baker
PHONE NUMBER: 404.824.8135

PURPOSE:

To recognize and reward exceptional employee performance, fostering a culture of appreciation and motivation.

NEED/IMPACT:

- Highlighting outstanding contributions enhances employee morale and engagement.
- Celebrating achievements promotes a positive work environment and inspires others to excel.

RECOMMENDATION:

Announce the Employee of the Month during monthly Council meetings and through internal communications to ensure recognition is well-publicized.

The Employee of the Month will:

- Receive a \$50 gift card.
- Be featured in internal and social media communications.
- Become eligible for nomination as the Employee of the Year.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD IN-PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

On the 1st day of April 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in regular session in-person and 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 Debra Johnson and Councilmembers Sharifa Adde, Yterenickia Bell; Jamie Carroll; Susan Hood; and Mark Perkins. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: ChaQuias Miller-Thornton (City Manager); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Xavier Todd (Assistant Police Chief); Dr. Dwight Baker (Director of Human Resources & Risk Management); Richrd Edwards (Planning and Economic Development Director); Michael Duncan (Parks and Recreation Director), and Stephen Quinn (City Attorney).

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to add an item to the agenda to discuss the carpet for the property at 736 Park N. Blvd. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

A. Employee of the Month Recognition – March 2025

Dr. Dwight Baker, the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management recognized the Employee of the Month for March 2025, offering a brief explanation of the employees' outstanding contributions to the city. The recognition was awarded to Officer C. Earl II from the Police Department, acknowledging his dedication and hard work.

B. To approve the following meeting minutes:

- 2/25/2025 – City Council Work Session
- 3/4/2025 – City Council Meeting
- 3/25/2025 – City Council Work Session

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve the following sets of minutes: 2/25/2025, 3/4/2025, and 3/25/2025. Councilmember Adde duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

4. REPORTS

A. Planning and Economic Development Report.

- Richard Edwards provided a brief report on the Planning and Economic Development Department, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Historic Preservation Commission. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director, Dr. Garcia presented a brief report on the DDA and how the organization is moving forward.

B. City Manager's Report

City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton provided a brief report/update covering the following: Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) Project update; Citywide electronic payment capabilities; Millage Rate Meeting with DeKalb County Tax Commissioners Office; Food Distribution Event on April 5th; Mayor's Tots Town Hall on April 28th; and Waterway Clean Up.

C. City Attorney's Report

- Stephen Quinn did not have a report.

D. Council Remarks

- The Councilmembers 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

Martha Brown and Debbie Gathmann presented public comments.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- To approve a proclamation designating April as "African American Women's History Month".
- To approve a proclamation designating April as "National Arab American Heritage Month".
- To approve a proclamation designating May 11-17 as "Economic Development Week".
- To approve a proclamation designating April 21 – 26 as "Georgia Cities Week".
- To approve the request to purchase two new 2023 Ford Interceptors from Alan Vigil Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc. (*State Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000183-0005*) for the Police Department in the amount of \$104,544.00 to be funded out of SPLOST II.
- To approve the request to purchase the necessary equipment for two new 2023 Ford Interceptors from Dana Safety Supply (*State Contract # GS-07F-0512T*) in the amount of \$36,674.88 to be funded out of SPLOST II.
- To approve a resolution authorizing a change order to the Magnum Paving Resurfacing contract for additional resurfacing of three roads approved by the Georgia Department of

Transportation, Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant 2025 program in the amount of \$187,071.88 to be funded out of SPLOST II.

- H. To approve a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the DeKalb County Housing Authority and the City of Clarkston for the joint provision of affordable housing services in the City of Clarkston.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7A through H. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. To consider for approval a resolution awarding a services agreement to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Perez Planning + Design, LLC, for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan services in the amount of \$141,400 to be funded out of SPLOST II.

Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Duncan presented a brief overview of the 2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan which will run from April 7th – December 31st. Perez Planning & Design, LLC will provide consulting services to develop a master plan for Parks and Recreation facilities and offerings. The plan should create a road map for ensuring equitable proximity and connections to quality parks and green space, recreation facilities and programs throughout the community now and into the future.

The Council discussed this matter.

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to a resolution awarding a services agreement to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Perez Planning + Design, LLC, for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan services in the amount of \$141,400 to be funded out of SPLOST II. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved.

- B. **Public Hearing** – To receive comments from the public regarding a proposed variance request from Section 540(a) of the zoning ordinance to not require a 5-foot sidewalk along a local street at 3679 West Smith Street, Clarkston, GA (18 119 05 017).

Planning and Economic Development Director, Richard Edwards stated the variance request was to not include a 5-foot sidewalk for a residential street along West Smith St. The current owner is looking to demolish the existing home and build a new single-family home. The zoning ordinance requires any construction that exceeds 50% of the replacement cost of the existing structure to be brought into conformance with the provisions of the zoning ordinance.

Staff recommended denial of the proposed variance request, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request and recommended that City Council consider adopting a fee in-lieu program for sidewalks.

Public Hearing opened at 7:55pm.

Public comments were presented by Martha Brown.

Public Hearing closed at 7:56pm.

- C. To consider for approval a variance request from Section 540(a) of the zoning ordinance to not require a 5-foot sidewalk along a local street at 3679 West Smith Street, Clarkston, GA (18 119 05 017).

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve a variance request from Section 540(a) of the zoning ordinance to not require a 5-foot sidewalk along a local street at 3679 West Smith Street, Clarkston, GA (18 119 05 017). Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion.

The Council briefly discussed the matter with Attorney Quinn providing legal guidance .

Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion failed (1-5). Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers Adde, Bell, Hood, and Perkins voted “no”.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to deny a variance request from Section 540(a) of the zoning ordinance to not require a 5-foot sidewalk along a local street at 3679 West Smith Street, Clarkston, GA (18 119 05 017). Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-1). Councilmember Carroll voted “no”.

Ms. Miller-Thornton informed Mayor Burks that staff did not record a vote for Item 8A nor Item 8C. Mayor Burks stated the vote for Item 8A was unanimous and confirmed the two votes for Item 8C (1-5) and (5-1).

- D. **Public Hearing** – To receive comments from the public regarding a proposed resolution approving a conditional use permit to allow a drive-thru facility at 4540 East Ponce de Leon Avenue (Parcel ID: 18 142 01 089).

Planning and Economic Development Director, Richard Edwards stated the applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to allow a drive-thru facility at an eating and drinking establishment, which use to be the old KFC/Taco Bell restaurant that closed in 2020 that had a drive-thru facility associated with the use.

The current tenant, DBA Tacos and BBQ, opened in 2024 and is unable to utilize the drive-thru facility due to the nonconforming status of the drive-thru facility with the restaurant use. Section 225 of the zoning code states that any use that is discontinued for a continuous period of six (6) months cannot be re-established unless it is compliant with the current zoning code.

Public Hearing opened at 8:18pm.

There were no public comments during the public hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 8:18pm.

E. To consider for approval a resolution authorizing a conditional use permit to allow a drive-thru facility at 4540 East Ponce de Leon Avenue (Parcel ID: 18 142 01 089).

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approval a resolution authorizing a conditional use permit to allow a drive-thru facility at 4540 East Ponce de Leon Avenue (Parcel ID: 18 142 01 089). Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

F. To consider for approval an ordinance establishing a truck route in the City of Clarkston.

Councilmember Perkins stated due to the impact on public safety and the city infrastructure, having large semi-trucks cutting-through residential streets resulted in downed power lines and telecommunications. Councilmember Perkins presented a proposed ordinance to establish a truck route with updated definitions and adapted hours for delivery.

The Council discussed this matter.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve an ordinance establishing a truck route in the City of Clarkston. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

G. To discuss the carpet for the property at 736 Park N. Blvd.

City Manager, ChaQuias Miller-Thornton stated staff received a quote from Paryani Construction regarding the installation of a new carpet, tile, and baseboard throughout the facility in the amount of \$75,472 with an additional 5% construction management cost, totaling \$79,245.60. The cost for the demolition of the carpet has been eliminated due to the Public Works staff agreeing to perform the demolition services. Additionally, the Finance and Human Resources Departments were able to confirm the salary savings for the positions from the 2025 budget year that have not been filled as of the first quarter, that cost came in at \$85,244 for the Assistant City Manager, Accountant, and the Parks Maintenance Worker positions. The salary savings will be used for the purchase of the carpet and tile.

The Council discussed this matter.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve \$79,245.60 for the flooring at 736 Park N. Blvd., the new City Hall. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

On the 29th day of April 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in a Work Session in-person and 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 Debra Johnson and Councilmembers Sharifa Adde; Jamie Carroll; Susan Hood; and Mark Perkins. Absent: Yterenickia Bell. The following City staff were present: ChaQuias Miller-Thornton (City Manager); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk); Yolanda McGhee (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer); Dr. Dwight Baker (Director of Human Resources and Risk Management); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Jacob Bouie (Economic Development Coordinator); Richard Edwards (Planning and Economic Development Director); Larry Kaiser (City Engineer); and Shelly Momo (City Attorney).

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Bell was absent.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to discuss the City's insurance with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (5-0).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Burks read the Resident Comment Policy.

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. To discuss a proclamation designating May as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month".

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Yolanda McGhee presented for approval a proclamation designating May as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month".

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

B. To discuss a proclamation designating May as "Jewish American Heritage Month".

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Yolanda McGhee presented for approval a proclamation designating May as "Jewish American Heritage Month".

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

C. Presentation by benefits broker, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. on Employee Benefits.

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, Dr. Dwight Baker stated the city issued a bid last January for employee benefits consulting broker services, the staff selected Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.

Tammy Starkey with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. presented information about the company and the employee benefits services that will be provided to the City of Clarkston.

Dr. Baker stated this item was under the City Manager's spending authority and does not need approval from the City Council.

D. Presentation by Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc. on the March 2025 Waterway Cleanup Event.

Colton Wheeler with Collaborative Infrastructure presented the results of the Waterway Cleanup Event that was held on March 29, 2025 at Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary.

This item was for informational purposes only.

E. To discuss the findings of the survey conducted with businesses affected by the City of Clarkston holding events in downtown Clarkston.

Economic Development Coordinator, Jacob Bouie presented the findings from data collected for a business impact survey conducted with businesses affected by the City of Clarkston holding events in downtown Clarkston.

This item was for informational purposes only.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. To discuss requiring the city to have an option to receive all payments electronically, and to have an option to make all payments electronically by July 1, 2025.

Councilmember Carroll stated that since the initial discussion of this item, he has talked to the new City Manager and they reached an agreement that January 1, 2026, was an appropriate date, due to it starting the new fiscal year and the new software will hopefully be online.

The Council discussed this matter.

Ms. Miller-Thornton recommended the title of the agenda be amended to state "to receive all payments electronically by January 1, 2026, based on departmental protocol 1.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. To discuss issuing the Call for Election for the November 4, 2025, General Election.

The City Clerk, Tomika Mitchell stated this item was to call the November 4th Mayor and City Council election to elect a Mayor and three (3) Council Members with a term of office of four (4) years, and the elected officials will be sworn in at the January 2026 Council meeting.

This year the Dekalb County made revisions to the polling locations; however, Clarkston will continue to have two precincts which will be Clarkston First Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 4007 Church Street, and the Clarkston Library located at 951 N. Indian Creek Dr.

The qualifying period for the General Election is for five (5) days from Monday, August 18, 2025, until Friday, August 22, 2025, starting at 8:30am to 4:30pm (daily).

This information will be published in the city's legal organ, the Champions Newspaper, as well as the city website and the City Hall Annex.

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

B. To discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the City Code concerning alcohol to allow beer or malt beverages to contain up to fourteen percent (14%) alcohol by volume.

City Clerk, Ms. Mitchell stated the State of Georgia amended its regulations in 2004 to increase the allowable alcohol by volume (ABV) for malt beverages from six percent (6%) to fourteen percent (14%). This change enabled a wider variety of craft beers to enter the market, better aligning state laws with the evolving beer industry and shifting consumer preferences.

Staff have reviewed the ABV limits of surrounding jurisdictions and found the following: DeKalb County remains at 6%, while the cities of Tucker, Avondale Estates, Stone Mountain, Brookhaven, and Decatur have adopted the 14% limit.

The City of Clarkston's Code of Ordinances current defines *beer* or *malt beverage* as any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other product, or any combination of such products in water, containing not more than six percent (6%) alcohol by volume, and including ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and strong beer. The term "malt beverage" does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine.

To remain consistent with state regulations and neighboring municipalities, staff recommend increasing the allowable ABV for beer and malt beverages from six percent (6%) to a maximum of fourteen percent (14%).

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

C. To discuss the Georgia Department of Transportation 2025 Local Road Assistance Project selection and grant application submittal.

City Engineer, Larry Kaiser of Collaborative Infrastructure gave an overview stating the city received funding in the amount of \$137,876.46 about two months ago with no local match. Mr. Kaiser stated he looked at all the resurfacing work that has been completed and mentioned most of the fair-to-poor roads have been completed but there are a few remaining roads to be resurfaced, which will be addressed at a later date for various reasons.

Mr. Kaiser recommended the following roads for resurfacing using the LRA funds: DeBelle Street, Ridgeland Trail, Vaughan Street, Mell Place, and Casa Court.

Staff recommends that the approved LRA roads be considered by Council as CO #2 to Magnum Pavings existing contract. This will allow the city to take advantage of the unit prices in Magnums contract with the city as occurred with CO #1. If Council concurs, work on CO #1 and CO #2 will be performed at the same time.

The next steps will be to upload the selected roads to GDOT's portal prior to June 1, 2025, obtain a quote from Magnum Paving to perform the milling and asphalt resurfacing as change order #2 to the LMIG 25/SPLOST II Resurfacing contract approved by Council in January 2025, and if Magnum Paving chooses not to provide a quote, staff will develop specifications and work scope and forward to Procurement for advertising to-bid this summer.

Mr. Kaiser also noted that the punch list has been prepared for the recently resurfaced roads and work will begin on April 28 and staff was able to perform alternate forms of road repair resulting in the final invoice from Magnum Paving to be \$100,000 under the contract amount.

The Council briefly discussed this matter including the dumpsters that are located on Vaughn, that goes from Market St. to Montreal. Council recommended Mr. Kaiser taking a look into this and having it on the list and if it needs to come off, to update the Council.

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

- D. To discuss an ordinance to amend Article V of Chapter 19 of the City Code concerning Stormwater Utility Services to amend and clarify certain definitions; to create "sub-classes" for attached residential dwellings for the purpose of fairly assessing the Stormwater Utility Service Fee.

City Engineer, Larry Kaiser of Collaborative Infrastructure stated the city has an outdated ordinance and staff have made a number of revisions to update the definitions, sub-classes, stormwater credit and exemptions. Amendments to the stormwater utility service fee ordinance will create "sub-classes" for attached residential dwellings including modifications to stormwater service charges to address credits and exemptions.

The Council briefly discussed this matter.

Mr. Kaiser gave a brief overview of the property types, apartments, commercial, institutional, industrial, detached residences, condos, and townhomes.

Ms. Miller-Thornton recommended Mr. Kaiser create a form with detailed information and individual letters to the owners to notify them of the increase.

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

- E. To discuss an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget appropriating the amounts in the expenditures/expenses as amended, adopting the items or revenue anticipations as amended and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available, and for other purposes - 736 Park North, Security First Protective Services.

City Manager Miller-Thornton stated this was an initial expectation in the project cost for 736 Park North, which is the cost for security services systems and installation. It has been determined that the installation needs complete rewiring and installation of new equipment, and the cost is \$23,000. An initial estimation of \$25,000 was calculated at the beginning of the project and the change over from years the budget allocation approved in 2024 was not included in the 2025 year.

The Council briefly discussed this matter.

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

- F. To discuss a resolution declaring support for the preservation of the Federal Tax Exempt of Municipal Bonds.

City Manager Miller-Thornton stated there was a talk in the legislature about federal government taking away tax exempt status for municipal bonds. So, the Federal Policy Council of GMA and other municipal organizations encouraged cities to provide a resolution to its delegation asking the delegation to protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

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

- G. To discuss the City's insurance with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency.

City Manager Miller-Thornton stated the City's property and liability insurance policy is set for renewal on May 1. Staff are a little behind on getting the renewal terms for the upcoming term, as presented the total cost for renewal is \$185,994, which includes a renewal credit of \$10,858 that is provided to the cities through the GIRMA plan. The city budgeted \$171,000 towards insurance and after approval of the proposal, along with any other budget amendments that need to be presented to the Council will come before the Council at the May Work Session. Ms. Miller-Thornton requested consent of this item and recommended ratifying the item at the following Council meeting, which would allow her to inform GIRMA of the Council's consent. The Council consented to this item and will ratify it at the next City Council meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor



CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7A

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve a proclamation announcing May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Clarkston.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Yolanda McGee
PHONE NUMBER: 404 754-6960

PURPOSE: To approve an Asian American & Pacific Islander heritage month proclamation in the City of Clarkston.

NEED/ IMPACT: To recognize Asian American & Pacific Islander in the City of Clarkston.

RECOMMENDATION: Mayor publicly announce city's proclamation acknowledging May as Asian American & Pacific Islander heritage month.



PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston takes pride in recognizing May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrating the many notable contributions of Asian and Pacific Island Americans who have enriched our nation's history and are instrumental in its future success; and

WHEREAS, after decades of effort, federal legislation co-sponsored in 1992 by Congress members Frank Horton and Norman Yoshio Mineta, after advocacy by congressional staffer Jeanie Jew, permanently designated the month of May as national "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month;" and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first known Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 — accomplished with the incredible efforts of approximately 20,000 Chinese workers who endured racist mistreatment and hardship throughout; then followed tragically by President Chester A. Arthur signing in to law the 1882 Exclusion Act on May 8, 1882, suspending Chinese immigration for years and declared Chinese immigrants ineligible for naturalization; and

WHEREAS, for generations, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have courageously reached for their hopes and dreams and forged a proud legacy that reflects the spirit of our nation; often in the face of severe racial bias, discrimination, and legislation; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent vastly diverse ethnic groups, including all those who have immigrated to the United States themselves or whose ancestors originated from the continent of Asia and the numerous Pacific Islands known as Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, today we stand in solidarity with Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and assert in the strongest possible terms that anti-Asian racism, intimidation and hate crimes will not be tolerated and have no place in our society; and

WHEREAS, the triumphs, perseverance and achievements of all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to inspire us with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multicultural customs and experiences of their diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islanders have played a significant role in our local history and the community fabric of Clarkston with enormous contributions to science, education, agriculture, government, commerce, the arts, and many other fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's observance is "**A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience**": which also reflects the City of Clarkston strong commitment to an equitable and inclusive organizational culture, dedicated to leading with purpose and passion in service to our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this fourth day of May, 2025, the City of Clarkston does hereby proclaim May 2025 as "**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**," encouraging all

residents of Clarkston to share in this special tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who continue to enrich our nation and our local community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Clarkston to be affixed this 6th day of May, 2025.

Mayor Beverly H. Burks, City of Clarkston

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell, City Clerk



CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7B

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve a proclamation announcing May as Jewish American heritage month in the city of Clarkston.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Yolanda McGee
PHONE NUMBER: 404 754-6960

PURPOSE: To approve the Jewish American heritage month proclamation in the City of Clarkston.

NEED/ IMPACT: To recognize Jewish Americans in the city of Clarkston.

RECOMMENDATION: Mayor publicly announce a city proclamation acknowledging May as Jewish American heritage month.



PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS: Clarkston is one of the most diverse cities in Georgia, with a strong Jewish community as an important part of the city's fabric, in many ways to the strength and resilience of our community; and

WHEREAS: Throughout history, Jewish people have helped advance society through science, politics, journalism, arts and entertainment, literature, commerce, human rights and more; and

WHEREAS: This community of neighbors, friends, colleagues and family members has offered much in the way of innovation, creativity, and lasting contributions to our common knowledge, but has also historically been subject to discrimination, hatred and violence that we continue to struggle with today; and

WHEREAS: Antisemitism impacts millions of Jews and people of all backgrounds around the globe. The Anti-Defamation League tracks antisemitic incidents, and in 2022 recorded 3,697 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism against Jewish people in the U.S., the highest number recorded since they began monitoring these trends in 1979; and

WHEREAS: Clarkston strongly stands against hate, bias or violence based on race, nationality, gender, disability, or religion; and

WHEREAS: As supporters and allies of our Jewish community committed to our vision of welcoming the world and recognizing our diversity as a key strength for our character; and

WHEREAS: We are pleased to recognize and celebrate the resilience, faith, and heritage of this community, whose values, culture, and contributions have shaped our culture through the years and will continue to do so into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 29th day of April 2025, the City of Clarkston does hereby proclaim **May 2025 as "Jewish American Heritage Month,"** encouraging all residents of Clarkston to share in this special tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who continue to enrich our nation and our local community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Clarkston to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor Beverly H. Burks, City of Clarkston

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell, City Clerk



CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7C

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION/ MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve requiring the city to have an option to receive payments electronically by January 1, 2026, in line with department protocol.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐ YES ☐ NO
PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO: Councilmember James Carroll
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

PURPOSE: To approve requiring the City to have the option to make and receive payments electronically by January 1, 2026, in line with department protocol.

NEED/ IMPACT: Currently, the City requires at least some payments to be made by check, and makes many payments by mailing checks. This causes delays in making and receiving payments, and several businesses have complained to me that there is not an electronic option to make some payments, which in at least one case has held up receipt of bond payments. Therefore, I recommend that the City be required to have an electronic option to make and receive payments by January 1, 2026, in line with department protocol. This will give staff time to set up electronic payment systems.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A.

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7D

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve issuing the Call for Election for the November 4, 2025 General Election.

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐YES ☒NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐YES ☒NO
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tomika R. Mitchell, City Clerk
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

PURPOSE: To approve issuing the Call for Election for the November 4, 2025 General Election

NEED/ IMPACT: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Clarkston on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to elect a Mayor and three (3) Council Members to the Clarkston City Council. The term of office is four (4) years, and the elected officials will be sworn in at the January 2026 meeting of the City Council.

Voting will take place at the two precincts: Clarkston First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 4007 Church Street, and the Clarkston Library at 951 N. Indian Creek Dr., from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The qualifying period for the General Election is for five (5) days from Monday, August 18, 2025, until Friday, August 22, 2025, starting at 8:30am to 4:30pm (daily).

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends Issuing the Call for the November 4, 2025 General Election.

CITY OF CLARKSTON
NOTICE TO CALL FOR A GENERAL ELECTION
QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Clarkston on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to elect a Mayor and three (3) Council Members to the Clarkston City Council. The term of office is four (4) years, and the elected officials will be sworn in at the January 2025 meeting of the City Council.

Voting will take place at the two precincts: Clarkston First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 4007 Church Street, and the Clarkston Library at 951 N. Indian Creek Dr., from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any person who is a resident of the City of Clarkston and who is registered at least thirty (30) days prior to this election with the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections as an elector within the City of Clarkston shall be eligible to vote in this election. Deadline for voter registration is October 6, 2025.

Persons wishing to qualify for this election may file a Notice of Candidacy with the Municipal Election Superintendent at the Clarkston City Hall Annex, 1055 Rowland Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, beginning on Monday, August 18, 2025, to Friday, August 22, 2025, except during a daily lunch break from 12:00pm -1:00pm. The Qualifying fee for each City Council seat is \$360.00. The Qualifying fee for the Mayor seat is \$450.00.

Application for absentee ballots may be made by mail or in person to the Absentee Ballot Clerk, DeKalb County Elections Division, 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032, 404-298-4020.



CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7E

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION/ MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the City Code concerning alcohol to allow beer or malt beverages to contain up to Fourteen Percent (14%) alcohol by volume.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐ YES ☐ NO
PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO:

Tomika R. Mitchell, City Clerk

Richard Edwards, Planning & Economic Development Dir.

PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

PURPOSE: To approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the City Code concerning alcohol to allow beer or malt beverages to contain up to Fourteen Percent (14%) alcohol by volume.

NEED/ IMPACT:

In 2004, the State of Georgia amended its regulations to increase the allowable alcohol by volume (ABV) for malt beverages from six percent (6%) to fourteen percent (14%). This change enabled a wider variety of craft beers to enter the market, better aligning state laws with the evolving beer industry and shifting consumer preferences.

Staff have reviewed the ABV limits of surrounding jurisdictions and found the following: DeKalb County remains at 6%, while the cities of Tucker, Avondale Estates, Stone Mountain, Brookhaven, and Decatur have adopted the 14% limit.

The City of Clarkston's Code of Ordinances current defines *beer* or *malt beverage* as any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other product, or any combination of such products in water, containing not more than six percent (6%) alcohol by volume, and including ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and strong beer. The term "malt beverage" does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine.

To remain consistent with state regulations and neighboring municipalities, staff recommend increasing the allowable ABV for beer and malt beverages from six percent (6%) to a maximum of fourteen percent (14%).

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend increasing the beer or malt beverage alcohol by volume percentage to not more than fourteen percent (14%).

ORDINANCE NO. 514

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING
ALCOHOL TO ALLOW BEER OR MALT BEVERAGES TO CONTAIN UP TO
FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%) ALCOHOL BY VOLUME.**

WHEREAS, in 2004, the State of Georgia amended its regulations to increase the allowable alcohol by volume (ABV) for malt beverages from six percent (6%) to fourteen percent (14%); and

WHEREAS, this change enabled a wider variety of craft beers to enter the market, thus better aligning state law with the evolving beer industry and shifting consumer preferences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston desires to bring its allowable ABV for beer or malt beverage into conformity with State law and the allowable ABV in nearby municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 3-2 of the City Code is hereby amended to change the definition of “beer or malt beverage” to read as follows:

“Beer or malt beverage means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other product, or any combination of such products in water, containing not more than fourteen (14) percent alcohol by volume, and including ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and strong beer. The term "malt beverage" does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine.”

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and signature by the Mayor.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

**CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

By _____
Tomika Mitchell, City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Stephen Quinn
Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney



CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7F

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve the GDOT 2025 Local Road Assistance Project Selection and Grant Application Submittal.

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Pages: 7

INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Kaiser, P.E.
PHONE NUMBER: 404-909-5619

PURPOSE: To approve the GDOT Local Road Assistance (LRA) streets to be milled and resurfaced utilizing the state's LRA funding allocation of \$137,876.46.

NEED/ IMPACT: Over the past 12 months, funding sources LMIG 23/24, LMIG 25, LRA 24 and SPLOST II have been applied towards resurfacing a significant number of roads with condition ratings from "2" to "4". These roads were presented to council at the 2024 retreat and in various work sessions over the past year. These four funding sources have had a significant impact on reducing the number of poor to very poor condition rated roads. The attached Exhibit A reflects a status update of the roads that have been approved for resurfacing over the past 12 months.

A few roads remain with condition ratings "3" to "4". See the attached Exhibit B.

Exhibit B also identifies all remaining City roads that have NOT been resurfaced over the past 14 years along with their respective road condition rating. This comprehensive list provides council with the opportunity to select roads that may differ from staff's recommendations.

Please note that the 2025 LRA state funding requires no local match funding. The deadline for submittal of the LRA grant application is June 1, 2025.

Upon approval of the roads to be funded by LRA 2025, staff will prepare the LRA application and obtain the Mayor's signature before staff uploads all documentation to the GDOT LMIG portal prior to June 1, 2025.

Please note that LRA 2025 funding will be insufficient to cover the cost for any projects selected. The staff's or the council's list of roads to be resurfaced must be no less than \$137,876.46 to ensure 100% utilization of this state funding. As such, the estimated cost of the staff's recommended LRA funded roads, as shown in Exhibit B, will exceed the 2025 LRA allocation. SPLOST II Resurfacing Budget is recommended for funding all costs exceeding the LRA 25 allocation.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends applying the LRA 2025 funding to the roads that are “checked” in Exhibit B and listed with corresponding maps, Exhibit C, as follows:

- ✓ DeBelle Street
- ✓ Ridgeland Trail
- ✓ Vaughan Street
- ✓ Mell Place
- ✓ Casa Court

Staff recommends that the approved LRA roads be considered by Council as CO #2 to Magnum Pavings existing contract. This will allow the city to take advantage of the unit prices in Magnums contract with the city as occurred with CO #1. If Council concurs, work on CO #1 and CO #2 will be performed at the same time.

NEXT STEPS: (1) Upload the selected roads to GDOT’s portal prior to June 1st, 2025, (2) Obtain a quote from Magnum Paving to perform the milling and asphalt resurfacing as change order #2 to the LMIG 25/SPLOST II Resurfacing contract approved by council in January 2025, (3) If Magnum Paving chooses not to provide a quote, staff will develop specifications and work scope and forward to Procurement for advertising to-bid this summer.

Note to Council: (a) Punch List is has been prepared for the recently resurfaced roads and work will begin 4/28, (b) Staff was able to perform alternate forms of road repair resulting in final invoice from Magnum Paving to be \$100,000 under the contract amount

Attachments: Exhibit A, B & C

EXHIBIT B

CLARKSTON

ALL REMAINING STREETS TO BE RESURFACED

(street's resurfaced within the past 14 years not included)

2025 LMIG SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING - \$137,876.46 WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED

STREET	FROM	TO	LENGTH (feet)	EST. COST	Pavement Condition 10 = Excellent 5= Fair 1=Very poor	COMMENTS
Woodland Ave	Church Street	North Decatur Rd	950	\$50,350	6	Potential development projects over the years – recommend resurfacing in the future
Glendale Rd	RR Tracks	County Line	1,600	\$84,800	6	Pavement in Good Condition
Montreal Creek Court	Montreal Road	Cul-de-sac	580	\$30,740	5	Pavement in Fair Condition.
Montreal Rd	North Indian Creek	City of Tucker	2,760	\$146,280	7	Pavement in Good Condition
North Indian Creek	Montreal Road	County	4,100	\$1,200,000	7	Pavement in Good Condition; multi-lane roadway with additional traffic control; hold until road diet occurs
Mauck Street	Church Street	Dead End	700	\$37,100	3-4	Pavement in Fair to Poor condition; recommend delay in resurfacing – potential develop. projects
Jamieson Place	North Indian Creek	Market Street	580	\$30,740	3	Requires county \$ participation; 50% of road is in the county; road in Poor Condition
College Ave	Market St	Rogers Street	1,075	\$56,975	5	Hold until speed calming decision
Bacon Street	Jolly Ave	Pecan Street	485	25,705	5	Recommend hold for future storm water project; Pavement in Fair Condition
Popular Street	Market Street	Parking Lot	1,370	\$72,610	3-4	Pavement in Fair to Poor condition
East Avenue	Market Street	Parking Lot	1,030	\$54,590	3-4	Pavement in Fair to Poor condition;

						recommend hold on resurfacing until sanitary sewer repairs are completed by the county
Market Crescent	Market Street	Cul-de-Sac	950	\$50,350	5	Pavement Fair Condition; recommend resurfacing upon completion of storm water culvert replacement project; project underway in summer 2025
✓ DeBelle Street	Market Street	North Indian Creek Drive	750	\$39,750	3-4	Pavement in Fair to Poor Condition
Market Way	Market Crescent	Cul-de-Sac	310	\$16,430	5	Pavement Fair Condition; recommend resurfacing upon completion of storm water culvert replacement project; project underway in summer 2025
Market Walk	Market Street	Cul-de-Sac	850	\$45,050	5	Pavement in Fair Condition
Market Place Court	Market Walk	Cul-de-Sac	240	\$12,720	5	Pavement in Fair Condition
✓ Ridgeland Trail	MacLaren Dr	Cul-de-Sac	550	\$29,150	4	Pavement in Fair Condition
Park North Blvd (public section)	Church St	Private Rd Section	880	\$46,640	4	Pavement in Fair Condition
✓ Vaughan Street	Montreal Rd	Market St.	440	\$23,320	2	Pavement in Poor Condition
✓ Vaughan Street	Market Street	Hill Street	670	\$35,510	4	Pavement in Fair Condition
✓ Mell Place	Mell Ave	Dead End	445	\$23,585	3-4	Pavement in Fair to Poor Condition
✓ Casa Court	Casa Drive	Cul-de-Sac	210	\$11,130	3	Pavement in Poor Condition
Wagoner Street	Church Street	Rowland St.	225	\$11,925	4	Pavement in Fair to Poor Condition
Hill Street	North Indian Creek Drive	East Ponce de Leon	450	\$23,850	6	Pavement in Fair Condition
Brockett Road	East Ponce de Leon	Dead End	545	\$28,885	7	Pavement in Good Condition
Rayford Trail	Church Street	Dead End	565	\$29,945	7	Pavement in Good Condition
Jolly Street (South)	Rowland Street	County Line	845	\$44,785	5	Recommend hold until sidewalk project is completed; pavement in Fair Condition

TOTAL (identified by a check mark)) = \$162,445

APPROX. COST PER MILE FOR 2 INCHES ASPHALT MILLING, 2 INCHES ASPHALT RESURFACE & TRAFFIC CONTROL

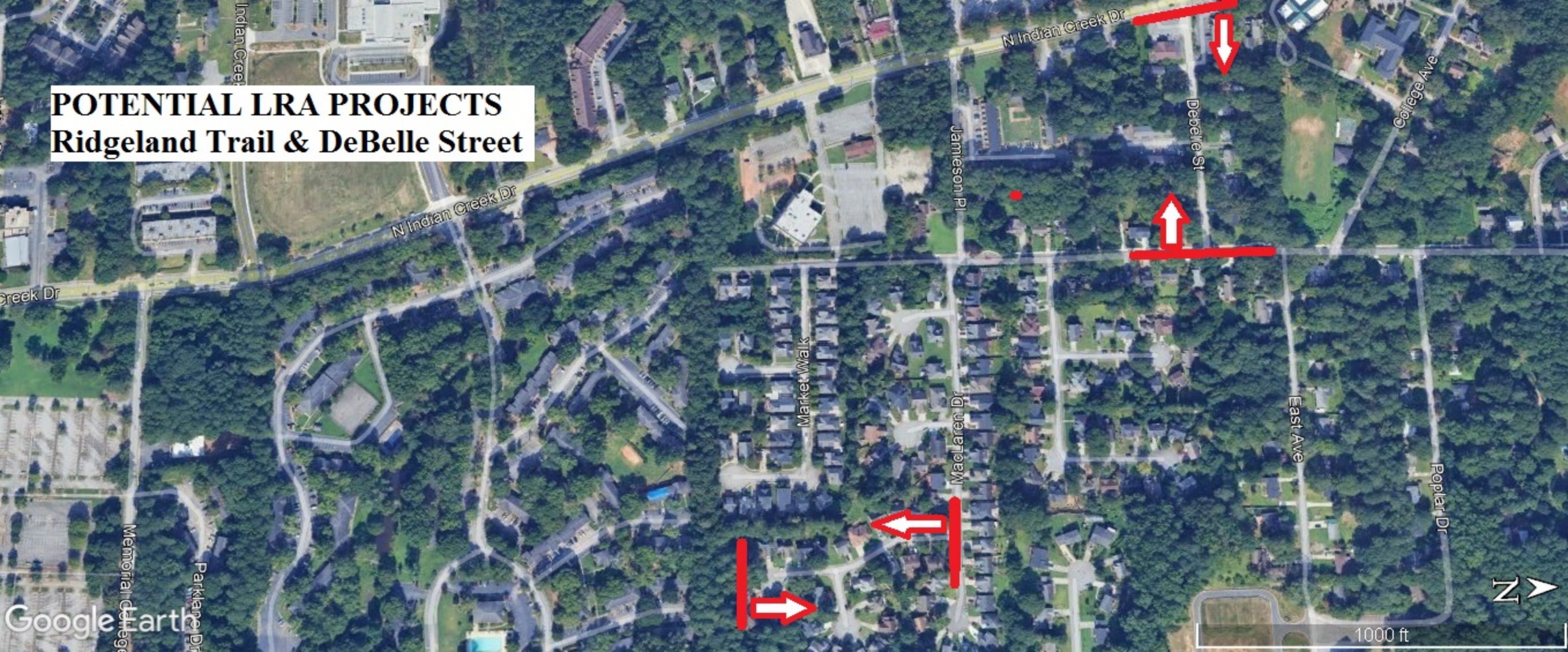
\$280,000 (\$53 per foot)

POTENTIAL LRA PROJECT

Casa Court & Mell Place



POTENTIAL LRA PROJECTS
Ridgeland Trail & DeBelle Street



POTENTIAL LRA PROJECT

Vaughan Street





CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: 7G

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve an ordinance to Amend Article V of Chapter 19 of the City Code concerning Stormwater Utility Services

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
Pages: 13

INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Kaiser, P.E.
PHONE NUMBER: 404-909-5619

PURPOSE: To approve its Stormwater Utility Service Fee ordinance to more fairly distribute the costs of managing stormwater within the City

NEED/ IMPACT: Amendments to the stormwater utility service fee ordinance will create “sub-classes” for attached residential dwellings including modifications to stormwater service charges to address credits and exemptions

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval. Existing ordinance is outdated and requires modifications to definitions, stormwater service charges and associated credits and exemptions.

The attached document to be considered by council for adoption and the existing edited version is attached for council review.

ORDINANCE NO. 515

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICES TO AMEND AND CLARIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO CREATE “SUB-CLASSES” FOR ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FAIRLY ASSESSING THE STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICE FEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston maintains certain stormwater control and conveyance facilities for the benefit of all properties and persons within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City funds these necessary public stormwater facilities through a stormwater utility service fee and desires to amend its stormwater utility service fee ordinance to more fairly distribute the costs of managing stormwater within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Existing Chapter 19, Article V of the City Code, entitled “Stormwater Utility Services,” is hereby repealed and new Article V attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted as Article V of Chapter 19 (Sections 19-130 to 19-137 of the City Code).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is intended to be severable. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or word.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the City Council and signature by the Mayor. It is intended that this Ordinance apply to Stormwater Utility Service fees assessed for year 2025.

SO ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

**CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

By _____
Tomika Mitchell, City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
ARTICLE V. STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICE

ARTICLE V. STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICES

Sec. 19-130. Definitions.

As used in this Article V, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

Attached residential dwelling unit. A developed land containing individually owned, attached dwelling units such as condominiums, townhomes, or other residential structures not listed herein where one or more family groups commonly and normally reside or could reside. It may also include out buildings and separate garages used in conjunction with the building. Attached residential dwelling unit shall not include developed land containing multiple dwelling unit residential properties.

Credit. A conditional reduction in the amount of a stormwater service charge to an individual property based on the provision and continuing presence of an effectively maintained and operational on-site stormwater system or facility or the provision of a service or activity by a property owner, which system, facility, service or activity reduces the stormwater utility's cost of providing stormwater services and facilities. Credits for on-site stormwater systems shall be generally proportional to the affect such systems have on the peak rate of runoff from the site.

Detached dwelling unit. A developed land containing one structure which is not attached to another dwelling and which contains one or more bedrooms, with a bathroom and kitchen facilities designed for occupancy by one family. Detached dwelling units may include houses and manufactured homes located on one or more individual lots or parcels of land. It may also include out buildings and separate garages used in conjunction with the house. Detached dwelling unit shall not include developed land containing structures used for non-residential purposes.

Developed land. Property altered from its natural state by construction or installation of more than two hundred (200) square feet of impervious area as defined in this Section.

Duplexes and triplexes. Developed land containing two (duplex) or three (triplex) attached residential dwelling units located on one or more lots or parcels of land. In the application of stormwater service charge rates, duplexes and triplexes shall be treated as detached dwelling unit.

Equivalent residential unit (ERU) of impervious area. The median impervious coverage of detached dwelling unit properties in the City of Clarkston as determined by the city, and shall be used as the basis for determining stormwater service charges to detached dwelling unit properties or classes of detached dwelling unit properties and other properties. One thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of impervious area shall be one equivalent residential unit.

Impervious area. Those areas which prevent or impede the infiltration of stormwater into the soil in the manner in which it entered the soil, in natural conditions, prior to development. Common impervious area includes, but is not limited to, rooftops, sidewalks, walkways, patio areas, driveways, parking lots, storage areas, compacted gravel and soil surfaces, awnings and other fabric or plastic coverings, and other surfaces which prevent or impede the natural infiltration of stormwater runoff which existed prior to development.

Impervious surface. Impervious surface shall mean and have the same definition as impervious area.

Multiple dwelling unit residential properties. Developed land whereon four or more attached residential dwelling units are located and shall include, but are not limited to, apartment houses, boarding house, group homes, hotels and motels, retirement centers and other structures in which four (4) or more family groups commonly and normally reside or could reside. In the application of stormwater service charge rates, multiple dwelling unit properties shall be treated as other developed land.

Other developed property. Properties including, but not limited to, multiple dwelling units residential properties, manufactured home and mobile home parks, commercial and office buildings, public building and structures, industrial and manufacturing buildings, storage buildings and storage areas covered with impervious services, parking lots, parks, recreation facilities, houses of worship, public and private schools and universities, government buildings, research stations, hospitals and convalescent centers, nursing homes, and mixed use developments.

Stormwater charges. The stormwater management service charge or charges applicable to a parcel of developed land, which charge shall be reflective of the City of Clarkston's stormwater utility's cost of providing stormwater management services and facilities. Service charges will be based on measurable parameters which influence the stormwater utility's cost of services and facilities, and may include but are not necessarily limited to the amount of impervious area on each parcel of developed land. The use of impervious area as a service charge rate parameter shall not preclude the use of other parameters, or of grouping of properties having similar characteristics through the use of ranges or rounding up or down to a consistent numerical, or the use of flat-rate charges for one or more classes of similarly-situated properties whose impact on the stormwater utility's cost of providing stormwater management services and facilities is relatively consistent. Stormwater service charges may also include special charges to individual customers for services or facilities related to stormwater management, including but not limited to charges for development plan review, inspection of development projects and on-site stormwater control systems, and enhanced levels of stormwater services above those normally provided by the City of Clarkston.

Undeveloped land. Property in its unaltered natural condition or which is modified to such a minimal degree as to have a hydrologic response comparable to land in an unaltered natural condition shall be deemed undeveloped. Undeveloped land shall have minimal impervious area, which impedes the infiltration of stormwater runoff or causes stormwater runoff to collect, concentrate or flow in a manner materially different from what would occur if the land were in an unaltered natural condition. For purposes of this article, undeveloped land includes property altered from its natural condition by the existence and/or installation of two hundred (200) square feet or less of impervious area.

Sec. 19-131. Determination and modification of stormwater service charges.

Stormwater services charges may be determined and modified from time to time by the city council so that the total revenue generated by said charges and any other sources of revenue that may be made available to the stormwater utility will be sufficient to meet the cost of services and

facilities, including but not limited to, the payment of principal and interest on revenue bond obligations incurred for improvements to the stormwater system.

Sec. 19-132. Effective date of stormwater service charges.

Stormwater service charges shall accrue on January 1st of each year and shall be billed annually to customers pursuant to Sec. 19-136, subject to specific exemptions and credits pursuant to Sec. 19-138.

Sec. 19-133. Stormwater service charges.

- (a) In order to recover the cost of providing stormwater services and facilities while fairly and reasonably apportioning the cost among developed properties throughout the city, the following stormwater rates shall apply:
 - (1) Detached dwelling units shall be charged the rate applicable to one (1) equivalent residential unit as specified below, or as hereafter amended.
 - (2) Attached residential (AR) dwelling units are those units existing on a property meeting such definition as defined in 19-130 of this article. The AR class shall consist of two distinct “sub-classes”.
 - a. AR properties where the residential units are condominiums are designated as “Subclass 1.” Each Subclass 1 unit shall be charged at the rate of 0.50 equivalent residential units as specified below, or as hereafter amended.
 - b. AR properties where the residential units are townhouses are designated as “Subclass 2.” Each Subclass 2 unit shall be charged at the rate of 0.85 equivalent residential units as specified below, or as hereafter amended.
 - (3) All developed lands not classified as attached residential dwelling units or detached dwelling units shall be billed for one (1) equivalent residential unit (ERU) for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of impervious area or increment thereof. Fractional ERUs will be rounded to one decimal place to establish the number of ERUs for billing. If the developed land has less than 1 ERU, then the property will be billed a minimum of 1 ERU.
- (b) The stormwater service charge per equivalent residential unit (ERU) shall be five dollars and thirty-three cents (\$5.33) per month.

Sec. 19-134. Exemptions and credits applicable to stormwater service charges.

- (a) Except as provided in this Section, no public or private property shall be exempt from stormwater utility service charges or receive a credit or offset against such service charges. No exception, credit, offset, or other reduction in stormwater service charges shall be granted based on the age, tax, or economic status, race, or religion of the customer, or other condition unrelated to the stormwater utility’s cost of providing stormwater service and facilities. Property owners of developed land may receive a stormwater service charge credit for on-site systems or facilities, as hereinafter provided.

- (b) Undeveloped land as defined in this article shall be exempt from stormwater service charges.
- (c) Railroad tracks shall be exempt from stormwater service charges, provided however, that railroad stations, maintenance buildings, or other developed land used by the railroad for its purposes shall not be exempt from stormwater service charges.
- (d) Developed land other than attached residential dwelling units or individual detached dwelling units may receive a stormwater service charge credit. The stormwater service charge credit shall be determined based on the technical requirements and standards contained in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual. The stormwater service charge credit may be up to thirty (30) percent of the service charge applicable to a property, and shall be proportional to the extent that on-site systems, facilities, services, and activities provided, operated, and maintained by the property owner reduce or mitigate the stormwater utility's cost of providing services and facilities.
- (e) Groups of attached or detached dwelling units represented by an incorporated homeowner's association providing on-site systems, facilities, services, or activities which reduce or mitigate the stormwater utility's cost of providing services and facilities may receive a stormwater service charge credit. The stormwater service charge credit shall be determined based on the technical requirements and standards contained in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual. The stormwater service charge credit available to groups of attached or detached buildings may be up to thirty (30) percent of the service charge applicable to individual properties, and shall be proportional to the extent that on-site systems, facilities, service and activities provided, operated, and maintained by the homeowners association reduce or mitigate the stormwater utility's cost of providing services and facilities.
- (f) In determining the amount of the credit to be applied, the following criterion shall be considered and a credit granted upon a showing of the following:
 - (1) Ten (10) percent credit for on-site systems or facilities sized and functioning to meet water quality standards in accordance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as may be updated from time to time.
 - (2) Ten (10) percent credit for on-site systems or facilities properly sized and functioning to meet the channel protection standards in accordance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as may be updated or amended from time to time.
 - (3) Ten (10) percent credit for on-site systems or facilities sized and functioning to meet the peak flow reduction standards in accordance with the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as may be updated or amended from time to time.
- (g) Any credit allowed against the service charge is conditioned on continuing compliance with the city's design and performance standards as stated in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual and/or upon continuing provision of the systems, facilities, services, and activities provided, operated, and maintained by the property owner or owners upon which the credit is based. A credit may be revoked by the city at any time for non-compliance.
- (h) Property owners seeking service charge credits must apply for stormwater service charge credits through completion and submittal to the city of a stormwater service charge credit application prior to January 1st of the year in which stormwater service charges are billed

by the city. Credits will only be granted through applications approved by the city for the remainder of the year in which stormwater service charges are to be billed.

- (i) Upon receipt of a timely filed completed application, the head of the department of public works or their designee shall review the application and make a determination as to whether the applicable criteria for a credit has been met. All decisions regarding the approval or disapproval of a stormwater credit shall be made within sixty (60) days of the date the completed application was submitted to the city.

Sec. 19-135. Inspection of private facilities.

Continuing compliance with the city's design and performance standards may be verified by the city, or its designee's, inspection of the systems or facilities upon which the credit is based. No credit shall be given under this article unless the property owner agrees in writing in its application that the city or its designee shall have the right for its designated officers, representatives, agents, and employees to enter upon private and public property, upon reasonable notice to the owner of such property, to inspect the property and conduct surveys and engineering testing on such property in order to assure compliance with the city's design and performance standards. On-site systems or facilities determined to no longer comply with the city's design and performance standards shall subject the property owner to revocation of all, or a portion of, stormwater service charge credits based on the city inspectors' estimate of capacity reduction for a period of not less than one (1) year. The city shall provide the appropriate maintenance checklist and forms to the owner(s) of the storm water facilities. These checklist(s) and form(s) must be submitted to the city for review no later than 60 days before the credit expires.

Sec. 19-136. Stormwater service charge billing, delinquencies, and collections.

A stormwater service charge will be added to the annual DeKalb County ad valorem/real estate tax billing sent through the United States mail or by alternative means notifying the customer of the amount of the bill, the date the payment is due and the date when past due. Failure to receive a bill is not justification for non-payment. Regardless of the party to whom the bill is initially directed, the owner of each parcel of developed land shall be ultimately obligated to pay such fee. If a customer is underbilled or if no bill is sent for developed land, the city may backbill for a period of up to one (1) year, but shall not assess penalties for any delinquency. A one and one-half percent (1.5%) late charge per month shall be billed based on the unpaid balance of any stormwater utility service charge that becomes delinquent.

Sec. 19-137. Appeals.

- (a) Any customer who believes the provisions of this article have been applied in error may appeal in the following manner:
 - (1) An appeal must be filed in writing with the city within thirty (30) days of the decision that is appealed. In the case of service charge appeals, the appeal shall include a survey prepared by a registered land surveyor or professional engineer containing information on the total property area, the impervious surface area, and any other features or conditions which influence the hydrologic response of the property to rainfall events.
 - (2) City staff shall conduct technical review of the conditions on the property and respond to the appeal in writing within sixty (60) days.
 - (3) In response to an appeal the city may adjust the stormwater service charge applicable to a property in conformance with the general purpose and intent of this article.
- (b) The appeal process contained in this section shall be a condition precedent to an aggrieved customer seeking judicial relief. Any decision of the city pursuant to subsection (a) may be appealed by petition for review to the Superior Court of DeKalb County, filed within thirty (30) days of the date of service of the decision by the city.



CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 7H

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Approval

MEETING DATE: MAY 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve an Ordinance for amendment of the FY2025 General Fund budget to fund Security First Protective Services' installation of a building security and monitoring system at 736 Park North Boulevard in the amount of \$23,000.

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO
PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO: ChaQuias Miller Thornton
PHONE NUMBER:

PURPOSE: To approve an Ordinance approving funding, by way of amendment to the FY 2025 General Fund budget, for Security First Protective Services to install a building security and monitoring system at 736 Park North Boulevard in the amount of \$23,000. Approval of funding will constitute acceptance of the proposal for installation. Subsequent service agreement will be presented to legal services for review of terms.

NEED/ IMPACT: The City of Clarkston is relocating Administration, Police, and Court offices to a new location. In order to secure the space, a new building security system is required. The existing Tyco equipment may be compatible with the proposed Honeywell "addressable" panel and components. Tyco generally "private labels" their equipment, meaning they lock out other vendors from re-using. Security First has recommended that we completely re-wire and install all new equipment to ensure compatibility and for warranty purposes. Additionally, since we are not sure of the age of the existing equipment, it is better to install new.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approval of proposed budget amendment (Ordinance and Exhibit A attached) to fund the proposal for Security First Protective Services to install a building security and monitoring system at 736 Park North Boulevard in the amount of \$23,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 516

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS IN THE EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AS AMENDED, ADOPTING THE ITEMS OF REVENUE ANTICIPATIONS AS AMENDED AND PROHIBITING EXPENDITURES OR EXPENSES FROM EXCEEDING THE ACTUAL FUNDING AVAILABLE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, sound governmental operations require a budget in order to plan the financing of services for the residents of the City of Clarkston; and

WHEREAS, Title 36, Chapter 81, Article 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) requires a balanced budget for the City's fiscal year, which runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clarkston have approved the FY 2025 General Fund budget on December _____, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to amend the FY 2025 General Fund budget for supplemental appropriations; and

WHEREAS, any amendment to the budget must still result in a balanced budget, so that anticipated revenues and other financial resources for each fund equal the proposed expenditures or expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council by ordinance may make supplemental appropriations for the year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clarkston, Georgia, as follows:

Section 1. The attached Exhibit A, entitled FY2025 Budget Amendments by General Ledger Code, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is hereby adopted as amendment to the General Fund Budget for the City of Clarkston, Georgia for Fiscal Year 2025, which began January 1, 2025 and ends on December 31, 2025.

Section 2. The item(s) of revenue, other financial resources, and sources of cash shown within the attached are hereby adopted, as line-item amendments , and the amount(s) shown as expenditures or expenses, and uses of cash are hereby adopted as line-item amendments to the appropriate General Fund department(s), as named.

Section 3. The “legal level of control” as defined in OCGA §36-81 is set at the department level, meaning that the City Manager is authorized to move appropriations from one line item to another within a fund, but under no circumstances may expenditures or expenses exceed the amount appropriated for a fund without a further budget amendment approved by the City Council.

Section 4. All appropriations shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of May 2025.

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL

Beverly H. Burks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tomika Mitchell
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Stephen Quinn
Stephen G. Quinn
City Attorney



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Customer Name

Quotation

Clarkston City Hall Annex / Police
3921 Church Street
Clarkston, GA 30021
TAX EXEMPT

Date	Quotation Number	Sales Person		
4/10/2025	17329	MDP		
Description		Quantity	Cost	Total
BUILDING SECURITY SYSTEM SECURITY SYSTEM 1 Honeywell (Vista 128BPT) Security Intrusion Detection Panel 1 Honeywell CELLULAR communicator 3 Honeywell Alpha Keypads (white) 9 Magnetic Door Contacts (addressable) 38 Glass Break Sensors (addressable) 2 Interior siren (locations TBD) 1 Exterior siren (location TBD) Inc Cabling (material / labor), programming, testing, training, battery backup, misc hardware		1	22,689.00	22,689.00

If you have any questions please give us a call, thanks.

1. Please notify us immediately of any discrepancies.
2. Quotation is valid for acceptance within 30 days.
3. Do not return any products without return authorization.
A 10% restocking fee will apply
4. If permits are required, additional fees will apply
5. Customer responsible for appointment cancellation before
technician arrives, otherwise a trip charge will apply.
6. Payment Terms: 50% Rough & 50% Trim
7. If paying with credit card, a 3% processing
fee will be added to charges over \$250.00

Print Name _____

Acceptance Signature _____

Subtotal \$22,689.00

Sales Tax (0.0%) \$0.00

Total \$22,689.00

ANY ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY

City of Clarkston
FY2025 Budget Amendments by General Ledger Code
EXHIBIT A - ORDINANCE NO. _____

<u>Department</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Administration	
100-1500-10-511100	(21,636) Salaries
100-1500-10-512200	(1,364) Administration Social Security - FICA)
Building and Grounds	
100-1565-15-521215	<u>23,000</u> Professional Services
	0.00

(Note: The Administration proposes a reduction in salaries and related expense for vacancy of the Assist. City Manager position in April and May of 2025 (\$10,833/month x 2 months = \$21,636). A reduction in related the Social Security salary expense is proposed in the amount of \$1,364. Total Administration expense reduction is proposed in the amount of \$23,000.

The Administration proposes offsetting increase in the Building and Grounds Professional Services line item in the amount of \$23,000 to fund the Security Installation at 736 Park North.

Total net increase in budgetted allocation is proposed at \$0.00.)



CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 71

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Consent/Approval

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To approve a resolution declaring support for the preservation of the Federal Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds.

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐ YES ☐ NO
PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO: ChaQuias Miller Thornton
PHONE NUMBER:

PURPOSE: To approve a resolution declaring support for the preservation of the Federal Tax Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds.

NEED/ IMPACT: The City of Clarkston may from time to time find it necessary to issue municipal bonds to secure funding for large scale community development initiatives and capital projects related to infrastructure and/or facilities improvements. These bonds equip local governments with a financing tool to fund capital projects at lower interest rates and without having to burden taxpayers. Their tax-exempt nature makes municipal bonds an attractive investment, allowing cities to lower their borrowing costs; unlock myriad opportunities for job creation and economic growth; and demonstrate good local stewardship of public dollars since debt issuance must receive voter approval in Georgia.

Protecting and modernizing tax-exempt municipal bonds demonstrates strong intergovernmental partnership at the local, state and federal levels.

Eliminating the tax exemption would raise borrowing costs for local governments, burdening taxpayers and making it nearly impossible to fund community-wide capital projects.

Our federal lawmakers in Congress have done right to protect tax-exempt municipal bonds over the last 100 years, with their impact positive, far-reaching and visible nationwide. Therefore, we urge Congress to continue protecting this critical tool to enable infrastructure investments that might not otherwise take place. We oppose any intention of eliminating the tax exemption as a pay-for to offset other proposed tax cuts.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the resolution declaring support for the preservation of Federal tax-exempt status for municipal bonds.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-022

A RESOLUTION BY THE CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS

WHEREAS, the tax-exempt municipal bond market is a widely used source of capital for states, local governments, tribes, territories, and non-profit borrowers that finances a tremendous share of the nation's public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments finance about three-quarters of the public infrastructure in the United States and use tax-exempt bonds to do so, with the federal government providing only about one-quarter of the investment; and

WHEREAS, federal tax exemption for municipal bonds, dating back to the 1800s and incorporated into the modern tax code in 1913, has been crucial for state and local governments to affordably finance critical infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds enable borrowers to achieve a multiplier effect of 2.11, meaning that for every dollar, borrowers achieve \$2.11 in borrowing cost savings thereby demonstrating the efficiency and effectiveness of this exemption in facilitating infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds provide for essential infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, utilities, broadband, water and sewer systems, and hospitals, which are vital to the health and well-being of our community such that without such bonds, the cost of borrowing would be more expensive, thus causing an increase in taxes and fees and placing an undue burden on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clarkston finds and determines that tax-exempt municipal bonds provide an opportunity for economic development, better facilitate the construction of necessary facilities, equipment, and other goods, and increase safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Clarkston that the City Council hereby declares its official support for the preservation of the federal tax exemption of municipal bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Clarkston hereby encourages the Georgia Congressional Delegation to assist the City of Clarkston, Georgia by preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and supporting efforts to ensure the protection of the federal tax exemption of municipal bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the City Council of the City of Clarkston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Georgia Congressional Delegation upon its approval by the City Council of the City of Clarkston.

SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of May, 2025.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

Beverly H. Burks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tomika Mitchell, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Stephen Quinn

Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney



CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 7J

WORK SESSION/ CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING TYPE:
Regular Meeting

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

ACTION TYPE:
Consent/Approval

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: To ratify accepting the proposal from Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) to renew the property and liability insurance for the term of 2025-2026 in the amount of \$185,994.

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐ YES ☐ NO

PAGES:

PRESENTER CONTACT INFO: ChaQuias Miller Thornton
PHONE NUMBER:

PURPOSE: To ratify accepting the proposal from Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) to renew the property and liability insurance for the term of 2025-2026 in the amount of \$185,994.

NEED/ IMPACT: Annual renewal of the City's property and liability insurance policy is set for May 1. The City's Administration Office did receive Quote Proposal for renewal of the City's policies in the amount of \$185,994. During the Work Session meeting of Mayor and Council on 04/29/2025, Mayor and Council consented to approve the Quote Proposal as presented, with full ratification of approval to be performed by formal vote of Council during the Regular Meeting session on 05/06/2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends ratification of the acceptance of the proposal from GIRMA to renew the City's property and liability insurance for the term of 2025-2026 in the amount of \$185,994.