

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, MAY 6, 2025

On the 6th day of May 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); 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 Councilmembers were present.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

A. Award presentation by the President of the Georgia Chapter of American Planning Association.

Kristin Wescott, President of the Georgia Chapter of American Planning Association presented the City of Clarkston with two awards for the Clarkston Greenway Feasibility LCI Study: the Outstanding Public Involvement Award and the Outstanding Planning Process Award.

B. Employee of the Month Recognition – April 2025

Dr. Dwight Baker, the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management recognized the Employee of the Month for April 2025, offering a brief explanation of the employees' outstanding contributions to the city. The recognition was awarded to June Davis from the City Clerk's Office, acknowledging her dedication and hard work.

C. To approve the following meeting minutes:

- 4/1/2025 – City Council Meeting
- 4/29/2025 – City Council Work Session

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the following sets of minutes: 4/1/2025 and 4/29/2025. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

4. REPORTS

A. Public Works Department Report.

- Marcus Seaton provided a brief report on the Public Works Department reporting on the following: the Sanitation Digest, the Goat Rental agreement, and the Stormwater Tax Digest and Tax Fee.

B. City Manager's Report

City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton provided a brief report/update reporting on the following: 736 Park North Blvd. renovation; April 2025 Federal Treasury - ARPA report submission; Millage Rate Consideration; Administration and Operations Meetings; Mayor, Council, and Staff Retreat; New Hire Introductions; Municipal Court Administration Operations update; Upcoming I-285 Express Lane Transit Study Meeting; Upcoming Local Clarkston Events; Safe Streets For All RFP Project Plan posted; Upcoming RFP posting for Greenway Trail Phase I Design; Redefining the role and title of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Officer.

C. City Attorney's Report

- Stephen Quinn provided a brief report/update on the following: the approval of the Dekalb County Housing Intergovernmental Agreement and the new state law, House Bill 92, for municipalities to establish an estimated Rollback Rate.

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

Public comments were presented by Pastor C.O. Adams, Debrah Reese, Edward Shaffer, Martha Brown, Fidele Hakizimana, Mauldie Wynn, Carolyn Davis, and Abdulkadir Dine.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

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.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Perkins 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 adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks
Mayor

