

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, JUNE 6, 2023

On the 6th day of June 2023, 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 Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Debra Johnson; Councilmembers Awet Eyasu; Jamie Carroll; Yterenickia Bell, Laura Hopkins, and Susan Hood. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk); and Stephen Quinn (City Attorney).

NOTE: Items appearing in these minutes are in the order they were discussed, not necessarily in the order they appeared on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to add Item 8B to discuss increasing compensation for the Clarkston police force. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion failed (2-3). Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers Eyasu and Hood voted "no".

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

- A. To approve the 05/02/2023 City Council Meeting minutes and 05/30/2023 City Council Work Session minutes.

Councilmember Hopkins entered the meeting.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to approve the 05/02/2023 City Council Meeting minutes and the 05/30/2023 City Council Work Session minutes with corrections. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

- B. To approve a Proclamation for Municipal Court Clerks Week.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated this item was to approve a Proclamation for MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS WEEK. Municipal court clerks play a significant role in providing access to justice, preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Georgia.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Municipal Court Clerks Week. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

C. To approve amending appointments to the Standing Advisory Committee and city committees.

Mayor Burks stated at the 2023 retreat the recommendation was to amend the Standing Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair appointments on the committees.

The Council amended the below committees.

Public Safety and Legal Committee

Chair: Y'Terenickia Bell
Vice-Chair: Awet Eyasu
Members: Jamie Carroll

Transportation and Environment Committee

Chair: Awet Eyasu
Vice-Chair: Laura Hopkins
Members: Susan Hood

Housing and Infrastructure Committee

Chair: Jamie Carroll
Vice-Chair: Susan Hood
Members: Mayor Beverly Burks

Community Development and Civic Innovation Committee

Chair: Debra Johnson
Vice-Chair: Y'Terenickia Bell
Members: Awet Eyasu

Business and Economic Development Committee

Chair: Susan Hood
Vice-Chair: Y'Terenickia Bell
Members: Mayor Beverly Burks

Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity Committee

Chair: Debra Johnson
Vice-Chair: Laura Hopkins
Members: Mayor Beverly Burks

Early Learning Task Force
Liaison: Awet Eyasu and Jamie Carroll
Members:

Youth Advisory Council
Liaison: Awet Eyasu and Y'terenickia Bell
Members:

Senior Resident Advisory Committee
Liaison: Debra Johnson and Susan Hood
Members:

Police Community Task Force
Liaison:
Members:

Preventive Health Task Force
Liaison: Y'terenickia Bell and Debra Johnson
Members:

Public Art Advisory Committee
Liaison: Laura Hopkins
Members:

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve the amendment to the Standing Advisory Committee and city committees. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

4. REPORTS

- A. Planning/Economic and Development Report and the City Manager's Report.
 - City Manager Qawiy gave a report on current and ongoing projects and programs.
- B. City Manager's Report
 - This item was presented under 4D.
- C. City Attorney's Report
 - No report given.
- D. Council Remarks
 - The Council members briefly gave an overview of meetings and events they attended, and projects they are currently working on.
- E. Mayor's Report
 - Mayor Burks gave a brief overview of meetings and events she attended and other news of the city.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens presented comments on police staffing, millage rate, road stripping and cameras: Amy Medford, Sgt. Bulcher, Sgt. Hilton, Officer Dillard, Officer Patterson, Brian Medford, Harry Kendrick, Mark Perkins, and Josh Deaton.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy responding to the citizens comments.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** – The discuss amendments to the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated this item was to approve amending the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance. At the scheduled City Council meeting on April 4, 2023, the City Council voted to defer the council vote on amending the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance and maps until the May 2, 2023, Regular City Council meeting. During that time the consensus was to defer to vote at the June 6th, 2023, Regular City Council meeting.

A community meeting was held at the Clarkton Community Center on May 23, 2023.

The zoning ordinance establishes zoning districts that specify permitted uses, building standards and regulations that apply to different types of properties. Amendments to the zoning ordinance and maps are to increase the ease, impact, purpose, and intent of the local laws and regulate land use and development within the city. The impact of the amendments will include the nature and scope of the changes and the views and concerns of the community.

On March 21, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended to deny the amendments to the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance and maps. On April 4, 2023, the City Council voted to

defer this item until the May 2, 2023, Regular City Council meeting. The City Council voted to defer this item until tonight's City Council meeting.

Rosie Mafe, from Pond & Co. gave a brief overview of the history of the amendments.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:08 p.m.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the amendments: Ira Jenkins, Lisa Williams, and Martha Brock.

The following citizens spoke against the amendments: Amy Medford, Brian Medford, Josh Deaton, and Harry Kendrick.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:17 p.m.

B. To adopt the amendments to the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance

Councilmember Hood amended the motion to adopt a new zoning ordinance as new appendix a of the city's code of ordinances; to repeal the existing zoning ordinance designated as appendix a to the code; and for other purposes. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hood amended the motion to include the date of the documents as 6/5/2023. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-2). Councilmembers Carroll and Bell voted "no".

Mayor Burks called for the vote on the original motion made by Councilmember Hood and declared the motion approved (4-2). Councilmembers Carroll and Bell voted "no".

C. PUBLIC HEARING - To discuss amendments to the Clarkston Zoning Maps.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy gave a brief overview of the zoning map stating the were no changes based on the current zoning rewrite. Ms. Qawiy gave an overview of the changes to the overlay boundaries. The zoning map will stay the same as adopted from December 2022 and will be amended to include the concealed overlay.

The Public Hearing opened.

No citizens spoke in favor of the amendments.

Martha Brock spoke for and against the amendments.

The Public Hearing closed.

- D. To adopt the amendments to the Clarkston Zoning Maps.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to adopt a new City Zoning Map. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

- E. To approve the 40 Oaks Farmhouse/ Nature Preserve recommendations.

Councilmember Eyasu gave a brief overview of the 40 Oaks Farmhouse/ Nature Preserve.

The below recommendations is to create a timeline for next steps that are inclusive but are not limited to the following.

1. Contact a consultant team to assess the architectural value of the 40 Oaks Farmhouse
2. (Emergency) mothball the structure.
3. Fence the perimeter of the 40 Oaks Farmhouse.
4. Erect an entrance gate to be opened at dawn and closed at dusk.
5. Include the police department in patrolling the nature preserve area.
6. Inquire about the National Registry of Historic Places.
7. Inquire about Certified Local Government Designation.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to approve 40 Oaks Farmhouse/ Nature Preserve recommendations. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. To approve a resolution authorizing the reappointment of the Solicitor, Christopher Diwan.
- B. To approve a resolution for a name change petition request from the Smith Street Community (a.k.a. Legacy Village Subdivision) to change the name of Smith Street and Lincoln Street to Patricia Davis Drive.
- C. To approve allocating \$50,000 of ARPA funds to the Rental Assistance Program.
- D. To approve allocating \$50,000 of ARPA funds to the Utility Assistance Program.
- E. To approve allocating \$100,000 of ARPA funds for residential legal assistance and representation.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. To approve a resolution allocating \$100,000 of ARPA funds for Governmental/Administrative Services.

Ms. Qawiy stated this item was to approve allocating \$100,000 of ARPA funds for Governmental/Administrative Services. Recipients have broad discretion to use funds for the provision of government services for costs incurred by the recipient after March 3, 2021. The

explanation of how the funds would support the communities, populations, or individuals in the jurisdiction will be noted. The Treasury encourages use of funds that advance strong, equitable growth, including economic and racial equity. By implementing the administrative services, the hope is to receive guidance to design implement and measure appropriate projects, programs and administrative needs. That may include data analysis, targeted consumer outreach, improvements to technology infrastructure, and impact evaluations.

The recommendations are made to access the governmental services and its negative economic impacts. Communications, marketing/rebranding and all-inclusive translations services program \$30,000- \$40,000. Temporary administrative/consulting services for data analysis and impact analysis evaluations \$25,000- \$45,000

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve allocating \$100,000 of ARPA funds for Governmental/Administrative Services specifically for communications, marketing/rebranding and all-inclusive translations services program and temporary administrative/consulting services. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-1-0). Councilmember Eyasu abstained.

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council discussed litigation.

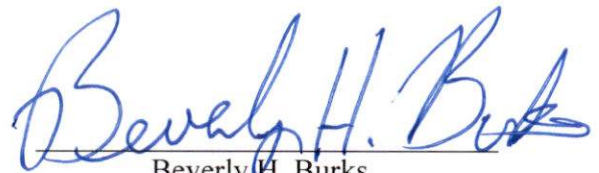
10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

ATTEST:


Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor