

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, JULY 2, 2024

On the 2nd day of July 2024, 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 Yterenickia Bell; Jamie Carroll; Mark Perkins; and Susan Hood. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Tammi Saddler Jones (Interim City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Lisa Cameron (Planning and Economic Development Director); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk); and Stephen Quinn (City Attorney).

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers were present.

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to remove Item 8A. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION

A. To approve minutes the following meetings:

- 06/04/2024 – City Council Meeting
- 06/11/2024 – Special Called Meeting
- 06/20/2024 – Special Called Meeting (10:00 AM)
- 06/20/2024 – Special Called Meeting (6:30 PM)
- 06/27/2024 – Special Called Meeting
- 06/27/2024 – City Council Work Session Meeting

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

4. REPORTS

A. Planning/Economic and Development Report.

- The Planning and Zoning Board Meeting met on June 18th for a public hearing.
- The Historic Preservation held a meeting on June 19th.
- The Downtown Development Authority held a meeting on June 10th.

- The Economic Development Department established the Clarkston Home Grown Program.
 - B. City Manager's Report
 - Informed Council of a possible later recommendation of an additional planning position in the Planning/Economic and Development Department.
 - Thanked everyone for assisting in celebrating the Juneteenth Celebration.
 - Closure of City Offices on July 4th in observance of the holiday.
 - City Offices will start limited hours of operation, starting July 12th and every other Friday in preparation of moving to the new location.
 - C. City Attorney's Report
 - Brief report on the litigation with TitleMax.
 - 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
- The following citizens presented public comments: Tim Hall, Simone Wilson, Dean Moore, and Stephen Echols.
6. OLD BUSINESS
- There was no Old Business discussed.
7. CONSENT AGENDA
- A. To consider a Proclamation designating July as "Park and Recreation Month".
 - B. To consider a resolution to ratify a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for tasers in the amount of \$74,981.40 to be funded out of the General Fund.
 - C. To consider a resolution in support of joining the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA).
 - D. To consider a resolution authorizing, among other things, the issuance and sale of a Tax Anticipation Note in the principal amount of \$950,000.
 - E. To consider a resolution appointing Dekalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to conduct the City of Clarkston, November 5, 2024, Special Municipal Election.
 - F. To consider the appointment of Clarkston resident, Amy Medford, to fill the vacancy in membership on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS
- A. To consider a referral from the Housing & Infrastructure Committee to staff to begin the 30-day review process on the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

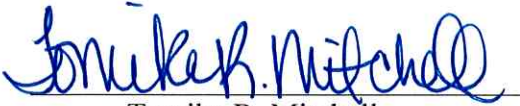
This item was removed from the agenda due to a motion made at the start of the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

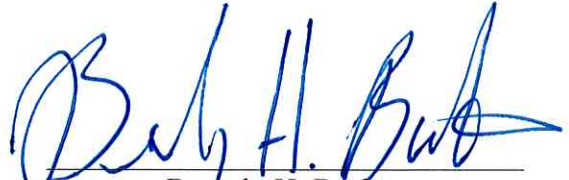
Councilmember Bell made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk



Beyerly H. Burks
Mayor

