

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA HELD
IN SAID CITY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

On the 3rd day of August 2022, at 6:00 p.m., the City of Clarkston, Georgia met in a Special Called session in said City. Mayor Beverly Burks called the meeting to order. The following member of the Council Members were present: Councilmembers Laura Hopkins; Jamie Carroll; Debra Johnson; Yterenickia Bell, and Susan Hood. Absent: Vice Mayor Eyasu. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager) and Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk).

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 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Eyasu was no present.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the comments received on the Preliminary Review of the Zoning Code Rewrite.

Mayor Burks welcomed the citizens to the Special Called meeting to review the current Zoning Code Rewrite recommended changes.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated Pond & Co. would give a brief presentation and then allow the citizens to review the displayed changes placed around the room.

Rosie Mafe with Pond & Co. stated the Zoning Code Rewrite was to reorganize the code and the biggest changes would be rearranging articles, and adding tables and graphics. Ms. Mafe began with a presentation of brief information on the following:

- Use Table and what some of the symbols stood for
- Dimensional Standards were added with a few changes
- Housing
- Parking Standards were changed from parking maximum to parking minimum

There were several questions addressed to the City and Pond & Co.:

- What is an Overlay District?
- What is the benefit to the residents of “NR1”?
- What is the goal of trying to establish more duplexes in a single-family home district?
- How will the property taxes be affected?
- Will this allow for new resident construction?
- Is there a regulation on who owns the accessory dwelling unit?

A comment was then made by a citizen, stating affordable housing needed to be related to housing cost. There was also a recommendation made for a lounge ordinance to allow lounges in the City.

- How is the Council mitigating the lack of language translations and including the refugees in this process?
- Does the City want more homeowners or rentals?

Ed Caddell with Sycamore Consulting gave a brief overview of the history of the current Zoning Rewrite process.

The citizens then reviewed the displayed boards of zoning rewrite recommended updates and discussed their thoughts individually with Pond & Co. and City Council officials.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor