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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

On the 8th day of August 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.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION
   A. To approve minutes the following meetings:
      - 07/02/2024 – City Council Meeting
      - 07/30/2024 – City Council Work Session Meeting

   Councilmember Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.
      - Attended the ConnectATL Summit in July to discuss the state moving forward from GV to NV.
      - There are two applications for the vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission.
      - The Economic Development Department Initiative update along with Land Use Planning.
   B. City Manager's Report
      - Introduced new employees to the Mayor and Council.
      - Chie Hudson gave an update on the steps the police department is taking to address gun violence.
   C. City Attorney's Report
      - No 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

The following citizens presented public comments: Sean Waters, Lisa Williams, Dean Moore, Robyn Sands, Debby Gathmann, Robert Wynfrey, and Kathy Burrells.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. To consider an Ordinance No.493 amending Chapter 3 of the Code, regarding alcoholic beverages, to allow "late night sales" for consumption on the premises subject to certain conditions.

Councilmember Bell presented a brief overview of this item stating the item was deferred to the Public Safety and Legal Committee by the City Council. The committee held a meeting in July to discuss in detail next steps in regard to late night sales.

The recommendation from the Public Safety and Legal Committee was for Councilmember Bell to consult with Planning & Zoning and the City administration to move forward with the list of the recommendations that were brought forward in regard to late night ordinance and how we govern it, designation of locations of those businesses that have those late night hours and if there should be a tier, and also best practices from other cities.

The Council briefly discussed the item and Councilmember Carroll recommended tabling this item to be able create the ordinance through the committee and staff work.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to table this item for 60 days. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-1). Vice Mayor Johnson voted "no".

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. To consider a Change Order for additional work scope at 1056 Vaughan Street driveway apron in the amount of $2,840 to be funded out of SPLOST I.

Councilmember Perkins 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 (5-0).

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. To consider a resolution approving a contract with Paryani Construction, Inc. to perform renovation work at 736 Park North for use as city administrative space for a term of six months in an amount not to exceed $480,000, to be funded out of the General Fund, Federal Seizure Fund, and Tenant Improvement Allowance.

Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones stated this item was approval of a contract with Paryani Construction, Inc, a Statewide Contractor. for the renovations of some areas within the building located at 736 Park North for Use as City Administrative Space for a Term of six months in an amount not to exceed $480,000 to be funded out of the General Fund, Federal Seizure Fund, and Tenant Improvement Allowance. The project cost is $474,984, below the approved contract amount; the breakdown of the project cost is as followed:

- $218,507 to be funded out of the General Fund
- $165,060 to be funded out of the Tenant Improvement Allowance
- $96,433 to be funded out of the Federal Seizure Fund

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to approve the resolution approving a contract with Paryani Construction, Inc. to perform renovation work at 736 Park North for use as city administrative space for a term of six months in an amount not to exceed $480,000, to be funded out of the General Fund, Federal Seizure Fund, and Tenant Improvement Allowance. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

B. To consider a resolution awarding a contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Southern Demolition, LLC for the demolition of the two-story house at Forty Oaks Nature Preserve in the amount of $39,750 to be funded out of SPLOST II.

Will Moody, the city’s Purchasing Consultant presented this item stating this was the first bid to conduct the demolition of this two-story structure and Southern Demolition, LLC was the lowest and most responsive; notations were made on what they would have to do including notifying the residents. The cost of $39,750.00 for this project be paid from the SPLOST Fund.

The Council briefly discussed this item and Councilmember Hood made a motion to table this item for the 90 days through the meeting on November 7th. This motion died due to the lack of a second to the motion.

Mr. Moody provided clarification on the 90 days.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to table this item until the November 7th Council meeting. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion failed (1-4). Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers Bell, Carroll and Perkins voted “no”.

Councilmember Bell asked Mr. Kaiser to give a timeline of what has been to date pertaining to the property.

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to postpone the consideration a resolution awarding a contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Southern Demolition, LLC for the demolition of the two-story house at Forty Oaks Nature Preserve in the amount of $39,750 to be funded out of SPLOST II to October 1st Council meeting. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (3-2). Vice Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Bell voted “no”.

C. To consider a resolution to adopt the City of Clarkston Livable Centers Initiative Greenway Trail Planning and transmit the study to the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Mr. Kaiser stated staff was recommending adoption of the resolution and study and allowing staff to move forward with preparing a scope of services for engineering, surveying and right-of-way acquisition and select a firm before the end of the year, to start in January Phase I of the Greenway Plan.

Sara with Atlanta Regional Commission gave a brief presentation with updates regarding the City of Clarkston Livable Centers Initiative Greenway Trail Planning.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt the resolution to adopt the City of Clarkston Livable Centers Initiative Greenway Trail Planning and submit the study to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

D. To consider the use of SPLOST II Funds in the amount of $100,000 for the matching funds for the Atlanta United GA 100 Pitch Grant.

Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Duncan stated this grant is to assist in upgrading soccer fields, particularly for field lights which will help in expanding programs. Staff is requesting the $100,000 match grant from SPLOST II category Cultural Facility, Recreational Facility, and Historical Facility.

Councilmember Bell provided clarification stating this was just for a letter of commitment for $100,000 and made a motion to commit to a letter of commitment for the use of SPLOST II funds in the amount of $100,000 for the matching funds for the Atlanta United GA 100 Pitch Grant for the application to the Authur Blank Foundation. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

E. To consider a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Clarkston and Shannon Willow Art, LLC to bring an art installation called “Heart of Mother Earth” at Trailside Green Park located on Church Street.

Shannon Willow, local artist of Clarkston introduced herself, giving an overview of the proposed art project called “Heart of the Mother Earth”. Ms. Willow would like to install the art sculpture at Trailside Green Park since the proposed art structure will be housed at a city owned park for up to 5 years. Ms. Willow was awarded a national grant to do the art sculpture in Clarkston. Ms. Willow is also requesting a stipend in the amount of $1,500 for admin and labor cost. Debbie Gathman and Kathy Burrells presented comments on this item.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt a resolution approving an agreement between the City of Clarkston and Shannon Willow Art, LLC to bring an art installation called “Heart of Mother Earth” at Trailside Green Park located on Church Street. in the amount of $1,500 for admin and labor cost. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor