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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

On the 5th day of September 2023, at 7:05 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in regular session in-person and by teleconference, Zoom Audio/Video in said City. Vice Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order. The following members of the Council Members were present: Councilmembers Awet Eyasu; Jamie Carroll; Laura Hopkins; Susan Hood; and Yterenickia Bell. Absent: Mayor Bverly Burks. The following City staff were present: Dan Defnall (Acting 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 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
   All Councilmembers were present.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION
   A. To approve minutes the following meetings:
      - 07/25/2023 – City Council Meeting
      - 08/03/2023 - City Council Meeting
      - 08/07/2023 – Special Called City Council Meeting
      - 08/10/2023 – Special Called City Council Meeting
      - 08/24/2023 – Special Called City Council Meeting
      - 08/29/2023 - City Council Work Session

   Councilmember Hopkins made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes: 07/25/2023 City Council Meeting, 08/03/2023 City Council Meeting, 08/07/2023 Special Called City Council Meeting, 08/10/2023 Special Called City Council Meeting, 08/24/2023 Special Called City Council Meeting, and the 08/29/2023 City Council Work Session with the changes suggested by Councilmember Hood. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Johnson 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.
      - Planning/Economic and Development Manager, Lisa Camera gave a brief report of current programs, projects, and review of current zoning and plans.

   B. City Manager's Report
      - Acting Finance Director, Dan Defnall gave an overview of the upcoming city events and the current status of the budget.

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
   - No report

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens presented public comments: Debbie Gathmann and Robert Winfrey.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. To approve a resolution amending the agreement with Sumter Local Government Consulting for professional services for an Interim City Manager.

City Attorney, Stephen Quinn stated the Council previously approved an agreement with Sumter Local Government Consulting and the compensation structure was an hourly agreement. The were follow up discussions with Sumter Local Government Consulting and the Mayor, it was determined to be more desirable for both sides to use monthly amount to pay Sumter Local Government Consulting rather than an hourly amount. There were a few extra details included in the contract.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve a resolution amending the agreement with Sumter Local Government Consulting for professional services for an Interim City Manager. Councilmember Carrol duly seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Johnson called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. To approve a resolution disavowing the reported contract with Human Resources Dimensions, Inc.
B. To approve a resolution disavowing the reported contract with PivotPath, LLC.
C. To approve a resolution disavowing the reported contract with ProLogic ITS, LLC.
D. To approve a resolution approving an agreement with Integrated Science & Engineering, Inc. to conduct the Clarkston Stormwater Utility Digest Review.
E. To approve a resolution approving an agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the Realignment of Northern Ave. to Mell Ave. at Church St.
F. To approve an application by AM United, LLC DBA M Mart for an Alcohol License at 926 Montreal Rd., Clarkston, GA 30021 *(formerly Thriftown)* due to change of ownership.
G. To approve increasing ARPA allocations for the Weatherization Program in the amount of $120,000.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS
   A. To approve a resolution appointing Tammi Saddler Jones as Interim City Manager.

   Tammi Saddler Jones gave a brief introduction of herself and background and experience pertaining to this position.

   Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Tammi Saddler Jones as Interim City Manager. Councilmember Carroll duly seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Johnson called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0-1). Councilmember Bell abstained.

   B. To approve a resolution to continue the suspension of HOST, continue the levy of EHOST, continue the 1% SPLOST, approve the City's SPLOST Project List, call a Referendum Election and approve the City's portion of the Ballot Form.

   City Attorney, Stephen Quinn gave a brief overview of this item and stated the estimated cost and categories are what need to be approved by the City Council.

   The Council discussed this item.

   Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to approve a resolution to continue the suspension of HOST, continue the levy of EHOST, continue the 1% SPLOST, approve the City's SPLOST Project List, call a Referendum Election and approve the City's portion of the Ballot Form for the following four categories: Road, street and bridge purposes, including sidewalks and bicycle paths at $10,3477,587 (60%); A cultural facility, recreational facility or historic facility at $3,449,196 (20%); A courthouse; administrative building; civic center at $2,241,977 (13%); and Public safety facilities, airport facilities and/or related capital equipment at $1,207,218 (7%). Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Johnson called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

   C. To approve a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County and other municipalities relating to the continuation of a 1% Sales and Use Tax.

   City Attorney, Stephen Quinn presented a brief overview of this item.

   Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County and other municipalities relating to the continuation of a 1% Sales and Use Tax. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Johnson called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell

Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Debra Johnson

Debra D. Johnson
Vice Mayor