

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, OCTOBER 1, 2024

On the 1st day of October 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; Susan Hood; and Mark Perkins. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Tammi Saddler Jones (Interim City Manager); Yolanda McGee (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); Lolita Grant (new Finance Director); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Lisa Cameron (Planning and Economic Development Director); Dr. Dwight Baker (Director of Human Resources & Risk Management); Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk); Willis Moody (Procurement Consultant); 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:

- 09/03/2024 – City Council Meeting
- 09/24/2024 – City Council Work Session Meeting

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to approve the 09/03/2024 City Council Meeting minutes and the 09/24/2024 City Council Work Session Meeting minutes. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

B. Report from State Senator Kim Jackson and State Representative Karla Drenner on the 2025 Legislative Session.

This item was discussed during the Mayor's report.

4. REPORTS

A. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Report.

- Yolanda McGee, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer gave an overview of the Office of Equity, Community, and Empowerment.

B. City Manager's Report

- Introduced the new Director of Human Resources/ Risk Management and Finance Director.
- Announced the retirement of Finance Director, Dan Defnall.
- Expressed gratitude to employees for working the inclement weather event.
- Registration currently open for the City of Clarkston Youth Soccer Program.
- 2024 Faith & Blue event scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2024.
- Heart of the Mother Earth sculpture unveiling scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2024.
- "Together for Tomorrow" Town Hall and Safety Summit scheduled for October 17, 2024.
- Trunk or Treat event scheduled for October 26, 2024.
- Veterans Brunch scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024.
- In observance of Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, City Hall and the Annex will be lit with pink and purple lights.
- Administrative Offices closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 for the observance of Indigenous People holiday.

C. City Attorney's Report

A. No report.

D. Council Remarks

B. The Councilmembers briefly gave an overview of meetings and events they attended, and projects they are currently working on.

E. Mayor's Report

C. Mayor Burks gave a brief overview of meetings and events she attended and other news of the city.

State Representative Imani Barnes gave an update on the 2025 Legislative Session and what she plans to do for her designated precincts.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens presented public comments: Johnny Roberts, Mona Ahmed, Esra Ahmed, Guled Abdilahi, Dean Moore, Lisa Morchower, Mary Abera, Gene Hilyard, and Debbie Gathmann.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. To consider adopting an ordinance to allow grandfathered retail licenses to sell beer, wine, malt beverage and distilled spirits to be transferred or granted to a new qualified licensee at the same location in connection with a change in ownership.

The Council briefly discussed this item and the City Attorney, Stephen Quinn recommended deleting the language "a limited window of opportunity".

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to adopt an ordinance to allow grandfathered retail licenses to sell beer, wine, malt beverages and distilled spirits to be transferred or granted to a new qualified licensee at the same location in connection with a change in ownership with one

modification, under the fourth Whereas in the ordinance, remove the language “a limited window of opportunity”. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

- B. To consider for approval an alcohol license application for Mansi 7311, LLC d/b/a Lulu’s Package located at 3900 E. Ponce De Leon Ave., Clarkston, GA 30021.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve an alcohol license application for Mansi 7311, LLC d/b/a Lulu’s Package located at 3900 E. Ponce De Leon Ave., Clarkston, GA 30021. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

- C. To consider adopting 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 the SPLOST II Fund.

The Council briefly discussed this matter. Councilmember Bell requested a plan and cost analysis on how much it will cost to keep the structure as is and if demolishing one half of the building will not tear up the other.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to not adopt the 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 the SPLOST II Fund. The motion did not carry due to the lack of a second to the motion.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to table this item to the October Work Session and November City Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

- D. To consider adopting an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Code regarding alcoholic beverages, to allow “late night sales” for consumption on the premises subject to certain conditions.

Councilmember Carroll made a motion to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Code regarding alcoholic beverages, to allow “late night sales” for consumption on the premises subject to certain conditions. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-1). Councilmember Hood voted “no”.

State Senator Kim Jackson gave an update on the 2025 Legislative Session and what she plans to do for her designated precincts.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. To refer the review of committees, councils, and task forces to the Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones to provide a recommendation in 60 days regarding relevant resolutions to the Council of which entities are still necessary for the city’s goals.

- B. To consider adopting an ordinance approving deannexation of Parcel 18 095 09 008, also known as 1078 Nielson Dr., Clarkston, GA 30021.
- C. To consider for approval an alcohol license application for DBA Tacos & BBQ, LLC d/b/a DBA Tacos & BBQ for restaurant retail on-premises consumption located at 4540 E Ponce de Leon Ave., Clarkston, GA 30021.
- D. To consider adopting a resolution to repeal the City's non-detainer policy and to require the Clarkston Police Department to cooperate with Federal authorities pursuant to O.C.G.A. §35-1-17.

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 adopting a resolution to issue a Series 2024 General Obligation Sales Tax (SPLOST II) Bond for \$7,000,000 with Webster Bank.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt a resolution to issue a Series 2024 General Obligation Sales Tax (SPLOST II) Bond for \$7,000,000 with Webster Bank. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

9. ADJOURNMENT

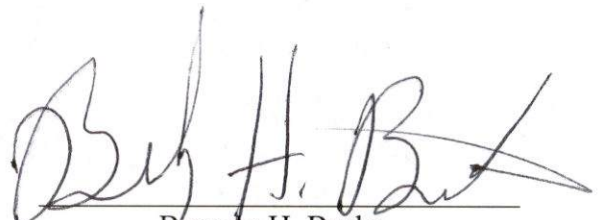
Councilmember Bell made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks
Mayor