

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, DECEMBER 5, 2023

On the 5th day of December 2023, 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 Bverly Burks called the meeting to order. The following members of the Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Debra Johnson; Councilmembers Awet Eyasu; Susan Hood; and Yterenickia Bell; Laura Hopkins. Absent: Jamie Carroll. The following City staff were present: Tammi Saddler Jones (Interim City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Rodney Beck (Public Works Director); Lisa Cameron (Planning & 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

Councilmember Carroll was absent.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to add Executive Session to the agenda to discuss a personnel matter. Councilmember Bell 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:

- 11/09/2023 – City Council Meeting
- 11/28/2023 - Special Called City Council Meeting
- 11/28/2023 - City Council Work Session

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes: 11/09/2023 – City Council Meeting; 11/28/2023 - Special Called City Council Meeting; and 11/28/2023 - City Council Work Session. Councilmember Eyasu 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 and the City Manager's Report.

- Planning/Economic and Development Manager, Lisa Camera gave a brief report about the Greenway Feasibility Study, Smith St. Pocket Park, House Bill Updates, Business License approval process and the Downtown Development Authority proposed map.

B. City Manager's Report

- Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones gave an update on the 2023 budget report, committees, the tree lighting event, business, and alcohol license renewals, announced the Youth Advisory Council is looking for youths to join and introduced the new DEI Officer, Yolanda McGee.

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 comments to the Mayor and Council: Robert Malavenda and Dean Moore.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. To approve a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Letter Agreement with Davenport & Company, LLC for financial advisory services.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the agreement with Davenport & Company for financial advisory services in the amount of 20,000. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-1); Councilmember Eyasu voted "no".

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. To approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10.5 of the Code regarding the regulation of the production of motion pictures, television, and photograph productions.

Councilmember Eyasu 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 present the Proposed FY 2024 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget.

Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones presented the Proposed FY 2024 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget.

The Council discussed this item.

Councilmember Eyasu recommended adding \$5,000 to the Early Learning Task Force.

B. Public Hearing – Public Comments on the Proposed FY 2024 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget.

The following citizens presented comments to the Mayor and Council: Daja Ault and Kim Ault.

C. To approve an ordinance to adopt the FY 2024 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to defer approval of the budget to special meeting a Special Called meeting before the end of December. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

D. To approve a resolution authorizing a Master Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for License Plate Readers (LPR).

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a Master Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for License Plate Readers (LPR). Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

E. To approve a resolution authorizing an agreement with Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) to provide promotional assessment center services to select an Assistant Police Chief.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing an agreement with Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) to provide promotional assessment center services to select an Assistant Police Chief. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-0-1); Councilmember Bell abstained.

F. To approve a resolution authorizing a Service Agreement with Fūsus for cameras.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Hopkins made a motion to approve the Service Agreement with Fūsus for cameras. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

G. To approve an ordinance to adopt the new Chapter 23 of the Clarkston City Code to regulate litter.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt the new Chapter 23 of the Clarkston City Code to regulate litter. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (3-0-2); Councilmember Eyasu and Councilmember Hood abstained.

H. To approve one floating holiday to the holiday list calendar for 2023.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Hood made a motion to add one Floating Holiday to the Holiday Calendar list for 2023. Councilmember Eyasu duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-1); Councilmember Bell voted “no”.

I. To approve the proposed 2024 City Council Regular and Work Session Meeting dates and 2024 City Holiday Calendar.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 City Council Regular and Work Session Meeting dates. Councilmember Hopkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion failed (2-3); Vice Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Bell and Hood voted “no”.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 City Council Regular and Work Session Meeting dates. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

Councilmember Hood made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 City Holiday Calendar and to remove Christmas Eve, the day after Christmas and New Years Eve and add one Floating Holiday. Councilmember Eyasu 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”.

J. To refer the Brockett Triangle Community Garden project to the Transportation and Environment Committee.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to refer the Brockett Triangle Community Garden project to the Transportation and Environment Committee. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

K. To approve a resolution activating the Clarkston Downtown Development Authority.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to table this item to a Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-0-1); Vice Mayor Johnson abstained.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss a real estate matter.

B. To discuss a personnel matter.

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and a personnel matter. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Eyasu 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 10:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks
Mayor