

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD IN-PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

On the 30th day of December 2024, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in special 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 Sharifa Adde, Yterenickia Bell; Jamie Carroll (virtual); Susan Hood; and Mark Perkins. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Tammi Saddler Jones (Interim City Manager-virtual); Lolita Grant (Finance Director-virtual); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Richard Edwards (Interim 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 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Adde was not present during roll call.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to add "Public Comments" to the agenda. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0). Councilmember Carroll was absent.

Councilmember Adde entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dean Moore and Brian Medford presented comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. To approve a resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Clarkston and the Clarkston Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$50,000 to be allocated out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

City Attorney, Stephen Quinn presented an overview of the latest treasury rule of a \$10 million standard deduction of local government spending American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

John Gagne presented comments on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) regarding the need for funds.

Interim Planning and Economic Development Director, Richard Edwards spoke to what the funding could be used for being that the DDA was newly established.

Finance Director, Lolita Grant provided clarification of the ARPA allocated funds and where the funds will come from.

Interim City Manager, Ms. Saddler Jones stated the funds from the Grant Writer contract, CHA Solutions, could be removed and reallocated due to the company not being able to provide services.

The Council discussed this matter.

Councilmember Carroll recommended allocating \$100,000 of ARPA Funds to the General Fund and allow the DDA time to figure out what they need before allocating funds to the organization.

The Council briefly discussed finding a consultant for the DDA.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to reallocate \$100,000, moving \$50,000 to the DDA and \$50,000 to the General Fund, salaries line item.

The Council discussed this motion and Vice Mayor Johnson rescinded her motion.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to move \$100,000 from the ARPA Grant Administrator line item and approve the IGA with the DDA, moving \$50,000 to the DDA and \$50,000 to reallocate back to the General Fund for 2025. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-2). Councilmembers Perkins and Carroll voted "no".

Councilmember Bell also recommended language revision in the agreement under Section 1A adding "upon finding a consultant" at the end of the language and under Section 1C removing "by December 31, 2025," and adding "quarterly".

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss a personnel matter:

The Council discussed a personnel matter.

6. ADJOURNMENT

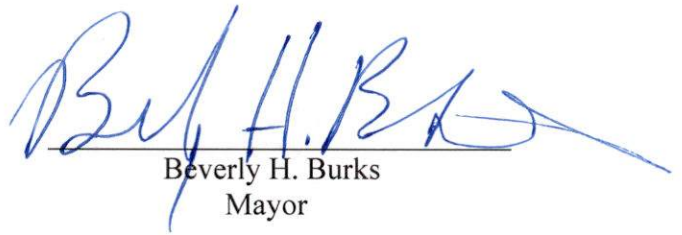
Councilmember Perkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (5-0).

The meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beverly H. Burks", written over a horizontal line.

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor