

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 THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, at 6:30 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 member of the Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Debra Johnson; Councilmembers Jamie Carroll; Awet Eyasu; Yterenickia Bell (*attended by Zoom*), and Susan Hood. Absent: Laura Hopkins. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); and Tomika R. Mitchell (City Clerk).

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 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Hopkins was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Proposed 2023 Millage Rate.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy gave a presentation on the proposed 2022 Millage Rate of 15.89.

The Council briefly discussed the proposed rate. Councilmember Hood recommended a millage rate at 13.6. Councilmember Carroll recommended a millage rate at 13.6 or 13.5, giving the City 10% of digest. Councilmember Johnson stated she was in support of a millage rate of 13.89.

B. Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rate.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:45 p.m.

Millan Gupta inquired about the 41%.

Berhanu Nune inquired about the benefits to business and property owners.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:49 p.m.

Mayor Burks informed the citizens that the City is looking at bringing back DDA.

C. Approve an ordinance to adopt the 2022 Millage Rate.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to adopt and set the 2023 Millage Rate of 13.89. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

5. ADJOURNMENT

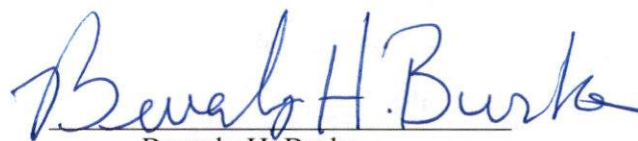
Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tomika R. Mitchell  
City Clerk



Beverly H. Burks  
Mayor