

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
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 29th day of June 2023, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in a Work 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; Councilmembers Awet Eyasu; Jamie Carroll; Yterenickia Bell, and Susan Hood. Absent: Laura Hopkins. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); Dorothy Jackson (Chief Court Clerk); 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

Mayor Burks called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Hopkins was absent.

3. PUCILIC COMMENTS

Mayor Burks read the Resident Comment Policy.

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. To discuss the Inflation Reduction Act.

Andy Phelan, Communications Director from Congressman Hank Johnson's Office presented the Inflation Reduction Act and educated the public on how to utilize the program. Mr. Phelan also presented information on seminars and workshops that will be held by the Grants Coordinator, Kandice Williams; information was left with the City Manager.

Chris Busing presented comments on this item.

Debbie Gathmann presented comments on this item.

Vice Mayor Johnson presided over this item.

B. To discuss a proclamation recognizing the month of July as Muslim American Heritage Month.

Mayor Burks stated this item was to recognize the month of July as Muslim American Heritage Month. The proclamation will continue to recognize the City of Clarkston as an inclusive and diverse city. There are 25 other cities across Georgia expected to do a proclamation / resolution regarding Muslim American Heritage Month.

Chris Busing presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Burks presided over this item.

C. To discuss SPLOT II.

Shawanna Qawiy, City Manager stated this item was a general discussion to put ahead for the public, Mayor, and City Council to start discussing the City's possible SPOLT list.

There are community meetings taking place, there was one on June 21st at the Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium and the following meetings are scheduled for June 22nd at the South DeKalb Senior Center, June 28th at the Lou Walker Senior Center, and July 12th at the Central DeKalb Senior Center and July 13th at the Dunwoody Library.

The Council briefly discussed this item and Councilmember Hood requested a schedule of all meetings.

City Attorney, Stephen Quinn responded to questions regarding infrastructure. Finance Director, Dan Defnall responded to questions related to taxes.

Chris Busing presented comments and ideas for projects.

Brian Medford presented comments and ideas for new projects.

Debbie Gathmann presented comments and ideas for projects.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. To discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of The City Code Regarding Stormwater; To Require Commercial Conveyor Car Wash Facilities To Recycle Water; And For Other Purposes.

Ms. Qawiy stated this item was to discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 22 Of the City Code regarding Stormwater; to require commercial conveyor car wash facilities to recycle water; and for other purposes. The City of Clarkston is required to comply with several State and Federal laws, regulations and permits and the requirements of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's regional water plan related to managing the water quantity, velocity, and quality of post- construction stormwater runoff.

The City of Clarkston desires to enact regulations requiring the use of recycled water by commercial conveyor car wash facilities operating within its jurisdiction.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

- B. To discuss an ordinance by The City of Clarkston To Amend Chapter 22, Article I of The City Code Regarding Postconstruction Stormwater Management.

Ms. Qawiy stated this item was to discuss amending Chapter 22, Article I of the City Code regarding post construction stormwater management for new development and redevelopment. The City of Clarkston is required to comply with several State and Federal laws, regulations and permits and the requirements of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's regional water plan related to managing the water quantity, velocity, and quality of post- construction stormwater runoff.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Chris Busing presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

- C. To discuss and appoint the City Clerk as the Elections Superintendent.

The City Clerk, Tomika Mitchell stated under O.C.G.A 21-2-70.1 (a) The municipal superintendent shall conduct, in accordance with this chapter, all municipal elections held within his or her municipality; and (b) The municipal superintendent shall be a person or committee selected by the governing authority of the municipality in a public meeting, and such selection shall be recorded in the minutes of such meeting. Historically the City Clerk has filled the duties of the Municipal Elections Superintendent.

Staff recommended appointing the City Clerk as the Municipal Elections Superintendent for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

The Council briefly discussed this.

Chris Busing presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

- D. To discuss and issue the Call for Election and set the Qualifying Period for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Ms. Mitchell stated under O.C.G.A 21-2-132 (d) (4) defines that "Each candidate for municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period

shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday..." Historically Clarkston has set qualifying periods for General elections for five-day ranges.

Staff recommended issuing the Call for the November 7, 2023 General Election and to set the qualifying period for the General Election for five (5) days from Monday, August 21, 2023 until Friday, August 25, 2023, starting at 9:00am to 4:30pm (daily).

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Chris Busing presented comments on this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss a personnel matter.

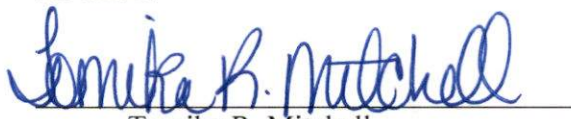
Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (5-0).

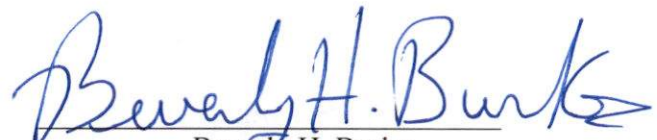
8. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor