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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

On the 26th day of September 2023, at 7:01 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in a Work Session in-person and by teleconference, Zoom Audio/Video in said City. Vice Mayor Debra Johnson called the meeting to order. Mayor Beverly Burks and the following members of the City Council were present: Councilmembers Jamie Carroll; Awet Eyasu, Susan Hood, Yterenickia Bell, and Laura Hopkins. Absent:. The following City staff were present: Tammi Saddler Jones (Interim City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance Director); Christine Hudson (Police Chief); 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
   Vice Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL
   No Councilmembers were absent.

3. PUCLIC COMMENTS
   Vice Mayor Johnson read the Resident Comment Policy.

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
   There was no discussion under this item.

5. OLD BUSINESS
   A. To discuss a resolution authorizing a Settlement Agreement with PivotPath, LLC.

   Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones stated this item was to authorize a Settlement Agreement and full and final release of all claims with PivotPath, LLC. The City will make payment to PIVOT in the amount of eleven thousand and seven dollars and fifty cents ($11,007.50) within ten (10) days after the date that both parties formally approve and execute the agreement.

   Councilmember Eyasu entered the meeting.

   The Council briefly discussed this item.

   City Attorney, Stephen Quinn gave a brief overview of the previous Council approval to disavow PivotPath's contract and discuss settling the final invoice with the company.

   Zoom ended due to an inappropriate interruption. However, the in-person meeting continued.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda on the next City Council agenda.

B. To discuss a resolution authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Human Resources Dimensions, Inc.

Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones stated this item was to authorize a Settlement Agreement and full and final release of all claims with Human Resources Dimensions, Inc. The City will issue payment in the amount of twelve thousand eight hundred dollars ($12,800) via check to HRD within ten (10) days of both parties formally approving and executing the agreement.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda on the next City Council agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. To discuss adopting a resolution to declare property surplus for the Clarkston Police Department.

Interim City Manager, Tammi Saddler Jones stated this item was to approve declaration of old and obsolete equipment as surplus property that can be sold and disposed of in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-37-6(a). The Police Department requested the 2017 Dodge Charger be declared as obsolete and surplus equipment to be auctioned for sale. This vehicle was acquired in February 2017, has been in service for almost 8 years, has mileage of 78,012 and major mechanical issues that are not worth repair costs.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item will be placed on Consent Agenda on the next City Council agenda.

B. To discuss issuing a Request for Proposal for a search firm to hire a new City Manager.

Councilmember Carroll recommended staff issuing a Request For Proposal for the hiring of a search firm to conduct a professional search for a new City Manager.

Mr. Quinn gave a brief overview of the current contract with Sumter Local Government Consulting and what the contract consists of.

Mayor Burks entered the meeting during the discussion and presided over the meeting.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

This item was for discussion only and staff will move forward with drafting a Request for Proposal. This item will not be placed on the next City Council agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Eyasu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hood duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (6-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor