MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING/ WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

On the 29th day of November 2022, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of Clarkston, Georgia met in a Special Called City Council Meeting/ Work Session 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 Awet Eyasu; Councilmembers Jamie Carroll; Laura Hopkins; Debra Johnson; Yterenickia Bell, and Susan Hood. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: Shawanna Qawiy (City Manager); Dan Defnall (Finance 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 – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

2. ROLL CALL
   All members of the City Council were present.

3. OLD BUSINESS
   There was no Old Business.

4. NEW BUSINESS
   A. To present the Proposed FY 2023 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget Presentation.

   City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy presented the Proposed FY 2023 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget.

   The Council presented comments. Vice Mayor Eyasu stated he would like the amount for Community Action for the Early Learning Task Force to be increased to $10,000 for FY 2023. Councilmember Hood inquired about funding Clarkston 101.

   B. Public Hearing- Public Comment on the Proposed FY 2023 Operating & Enterprise Fund Budget.

   The Public Hearing opened at 6:54 p.m.

   Brian Medford presented comments about the Sears Pool contract. Eyelachew Desta presented comments about the Early Learning Task Force. Roberta Malavenda presented comments about the Early Learning Task Force. Cynthia Dorsey Edwards presented comments about the Early Learning Task Force.

   The Public Hearing closed at 6:57 p.m.

Ms. Qawiy recommended the Council send her and the Finance Director all changes they would like to make to the budget by this Friday.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

   Vice Mayor Eyasu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Johnson duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the meeting adjourned (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION AGENDA – 7:00 p.m.

1. WORK SESSION- RESIDENT COMMENT POLICY
   Mayor Burks read the Resident Comment Policy.

2. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

   A. To discuss the resolution to adopt the 2022 Dekalb County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

      City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated the 2022 Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan Update aims to produce the following strategic outcomes by reducing loss of life and decrease property losses due to the occurrence of natural disasters within the planning area; and providing the framework and coordination to encourage government, and both public and private sector organizations at all levels, to undertake mitigation to minimize potential disasters and to employ mitigation strategies in the recovery following disasters.

      The Council briefly discussed this item.

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

   B. To discuss the proposed City Council Regular and Work Session Meeting dates and City Holiday Calendar.

      The City Council reviewed and discussed the holiday calendar with no changes. The Council also discussed the City Council Work Session and Regular meeting dates, changing the Tuesday, November 7th City Council Meeting date to Thursday, November 9th due to the Election Date of November 7th.

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

   A. To discuss amending Article V Multifamily Rental Dwellings Section11-97. Fee and certificate required paragraph (c) to include increasing the annual inspection reports from 20% to 50% annually.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy presented a brief update on the communication with the owners of the apartments stating most of the apartments are in compliance and were able to discuss educational needs of inspections with the owners.

Councilmember Hood also mentioned having a registered list of inspectors to make sure there is effectiveness with inspections.

The Housing and Infrastructure Committee previously met to discuss this item and recommended Clarkston to require 50% of the apartments be inspected each year, and that Clarkston create a list of approved inspectors that apartments can use for the inspections. There would be a 2-year exemption for brand new apartments where they could inspect just 20% per year. This change would start in 2023.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

Attorney Quinn will provide an ordinance with revisions.

Brian Medford presented comments pertaining to this item.

Roberta Malavenda presented comments pertaining to this item.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. To discuss the 2023 LMIG Proposed Projects.

City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated the FY 2023 LMIG award letter contains information on how to apply for the LMIG funds, and the total award amount.

To complete the application process, the staff is providing the proposed list of projects for consideration under this fiscal year of funding. The formula amount for the Fiscal Year 2023 program is $93,532.50 with a local match of $28,059.75 (30%). The total project budget will be $ 121,592.25.

With an approved listed of projects the mayor will sign a cover letter with a notarized LMIG application. The entire LMIG package will be submitted on-line before the application deadline of February 2023.

The Council briefly discussed this item and inquired about the selection process of the LMIG Projects. The Council recommended additional time to discuss the proposed projects.

The Council recommended placing this item on the January 3, 2023 City Council Work Session agenda for further discussion of the proposed projects.

B. To discuss the reappointments of Herbert Clark and Charles McFarland to the Planning and Zoning
Board.

Mayor Burks gave a brief overview of this item stating these two individual's terms have expired and they would like to be reappointed. City Manager, Shawanna Qawiy stated their terms will expire on December 31, 2022.

The Council briefly discussed this item.

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

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

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council discussed legal matters in Executive Session.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Tomika R. Mitchell
City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
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Mayor