

MINUTES OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD IN PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM, 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: Mayor Burks; Vice Mayor Debra Johnson; Councilmembers Sharifa Adde (via teleconference); Yterenickia Bell; Lynn Bayonne; Dean Moore; and Mark Perkins. Absent: None. The following City staff were present: ChaQuias Miller- Thornton (City Manager); Cynthia Hanson (Interim City Clerk); O Scott Hamilton (Interim Police Chief); Xavier Todd (Asst. Police Chief); Susie Keys (Records Clerk, Court); Jacob Bouie (Economic Development Coordinator); Dwight Baker (Director of Human Resources and Risk Management); Keisha Dixon (Special Project Manager and Executive Assistant to the City Manager); Christin Taylor (Communications and Technology Manager); and Stephen Quinn (City Attorney - via teleconference).

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 at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All members were present. Councilmember Adde attended via teleconference.

The agenda was approved by common consent.

3. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Employee of the Month

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, Dr. Dwight Baker presented the December 2025 Employee of the Month to Carlos Amaya-Mercado, Laborer, Public Works. Dr. Baker also presented the February 2026 Employee of the Month to Marla Hale, Recreation and Aquatics Program Coordinator, Parks and Recreation.

B. Business of the Month — February 2026

Economic Development Coordinator, Jacob Bouie presented the February 2026

Business of the Month to Great Image Hair Salon located at 3657 Market St, Clarkston GA 30021.

C. To approve the following meeting minutes:

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

4. REPORTS

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager, ChaQuias Miller-Thornton began the report by welcoming new employees Christin Taylor as the Communications and Technology Manager, and Orin Scott Hamilton as the Interim Police Chief. The report was a brief report and update covering all departments and city events, as well as tracked legislative bills that may affect the city.

B. City Council Reports

The Councilmembers provided brief updates on the meeting and events they attended, as well as projects they are working on.

C. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burks provided a brief overview of meetings and events she attended and other news of the city.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Council during the time allotted for public comment. Each attendee will be allowed 3 minutes for comments at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. The public comment period will be limited to 40 minutes, and it is not a time for dialogue. If your public comment contains a series of questions, please submit those to the City Clerk in writing. This will facilitate follow-up by the council or staff. The City Council desires to allow an opportunity for public comment; however, the business of the city must proceed in an orderly, timely manner.

No public comments

6. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bayonne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A through G. Councilmember Bell duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

- A. To approve the appointment of Ganaro Makor to the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on December 31, 2030.
- B. To approve a resolution establishing regulatory fees for sign permits.
- C. To approve a resolution establishing regulatory fees for land development permits.
- D. To approve a resolution supporting a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) application to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for a housing assessment in the amount of \$7,500.
- E. To approve a resolution to deny the claims for damages asserted by claimants Charles Junior (a/k/a Zayin Bey) and Debra Hedgeman.
- F. To approve a proclamation designating March as Women's History Month and recognize a Clarkston citizen.
- G. Approval of a contract Yeargan and Kurt, LLC (Julie A. Kurt) to perform all functions and duties of the prosecuting attorney of the Clarkston Municipal Court (i.e., serve as City Solicitor) and to perform such other legally permissible and proper duties and functions as said position shall require.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia Hanson
Interim City Clerk

Beverly H. Burks
Mayor