

**MINUTES OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA
HELD IN PERSON AND BY TELECONFERENCE, ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEO
IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**

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 Beverly Burks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Beverly H. Burks

Vice Mayor Debra Johnson

Councilmembers Dean Moore, Sharifa Adde, YT Bell, Mark Perkins, and Lynn Bayonne

Absent:

None

Staff present:

Cynthia Hanson (City Clerk)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to remove Item 9C: To consider recommendation of bid award and proposed contract for a Civil Engineering Consulting firm to prepare construction plans for the conversion of the Milam Park Grass Football Field to a Multi-Purpose Recreational Field. Vice Mayor Johnson duly seconded. Mayor Burks called the question and the agenda with the removal of Item 9C was approved in a unanimous vote (6-0).

4. PRESENTATION/ ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Employee of the Month - May 2026

Human Resources Director, Dr. Dwight Baker presented the Employee of the Month for May 2026 to Sergeant Ahmad Sarwar.

B. Business of the Month — May 2026

Economic Development Coordinator, Jacob Bouie presented the Business of the Month for May 2026 to Two Fish Myanmar Cuisine, 980 Rowland St, Ste 4130, Clarkston, Georgia 30021.

C. Recognition and Award Presentation to Officers and Detective

Assistant Chief of Police, Xavier Todd recognized and presented the Merit Award to

Sargeant Koirala, Officer Johnson, Officer Spencer, and Detective Saleh, Detective Cushenan, and Detective Earle for actions taken to investigate and arrest suspects involved in an armed robbery and shooting on March 30, 2026.

Chief James Bullock presented the Chief's Award to Detective Aram Saleh for actions taken to execute a search and seizure of illegal drugs and firearms on April 13, 2026.

D. To approve the following meeting minutes:

- May 5, 2026 - City Council Meeting
- May 26, 2026 - City Council Work Session

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

5. REPORTS

A. City Manager's Report

No report presented.

B. City Attorney's Report

No report presented.

C. City Council Reports

Councilmembers reported on events and meetings attended during the month of May.

D. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burks reported on meetings and events attended during the month of May.

6. 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.

Comments offered by Randal McGorrick, Mr. Tedros, and Justin Gore.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** To consider Ordinance No. 539 to create a criminal nuisance property program that would identify criminal nuisance properties based on crime statistics and then require them to make improvements/changes to their property or the way it is managed to reduce crime.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 539. Councilmember Bayonne duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-3, opposed Moore, Bell, Perkins).

- B.** To consider Ordinance No. 540 to set up a program for special service districts to tax a designated area and then use that revenue to make improvements or provide extra services within the area that are intended to reduce crime.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 540. Councilmember Bayonne duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (4-3, opposed Moore, Bell, Perkins).

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Perkins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 8A through 8E. Councilmember Moore duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and declared the motion approved (6-0).

- A.** To approve Ordinance No. 541 to establish a process by which the City Council, by annual resolution, will set forth the requirements for councilmember-initiated ordinances to amend the City Code to appear on meeting agendas.
- B.** To ratify the City of Clarkston's Partnership with DeKalb County as an Urban County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Grant participant for fiscal years 2027-2029.
- C.** To approve Resolution No. 2026-015 of City Council to Amend the FY2026 General Fund Budget to Establish the Downtown Development Authority Account Category within the City's General Fund.
- D.** To approve Resolution No. 2026-016 to assign signatories for the City of Clarkston treasury accounts.
- E.** To approve Acquisition of Police Department Capital Assets/Equipment - SPLOST II Purchase - \$155,036.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** To discuss the 2026 preliminary ad valorem tax digest (no action necessary).

Mayor Burks gave an update regarding the 2026 preliminary tax digest and the upcoming public hearings to discuss a millage rate not to exceed 18.80 mills.

- B.** To consider Resolution No. 2026-013 to establish requirements for councilmember-initiated ordinances that would amend the City Code.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-013. Councilmember Perkins duly seconded the motion. Mayor Burks called for the vote and

declared the motion approved (6-0).

- C. To consider recommendation of bid award and proposed contract for a Civil Engineering Consulting firm to prepare construction plans for the conversion of the Milam Park Grass Football Field to a Multi-Purpose Recreational Field.

Removed from agenda during Agenda Approval.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:



Cynthia Hanson
City Clerk


Beverly H. Burks
Mayor