

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F6

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2016

SUBJECT: A Resolution of the City of Clarkston, Georgia Adopting an Urban Redevelopment Plan

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES NO
Pages: 4

INFORMATION CONTACT: City Manager
404-296-6489

PURPOSE:

To Approve a Resolution of the City of Clarkston, Georgia Adopting an Urban Redevelopment Plan

NEED/ IMPACT:

The Friendship Forrest Wildlife Sanctuary is a 17.8 acre former county park located ½ mile from the Clarkston central business district. Access to the area is gained from East Ponce de Leon which is the main thoroughfare in Clarkston. This potential regional asset has largely been underutilized due to its undeveloped condition and lack of visibility from the street. Beginning in July of 2015, the City of Clarkston began a series of public meetings designed to gain input regarding the redevelopment of this valuable greenspace. This community engagement effort culminated in the development of a “Master Plan” which was completed and submitted to the Clarkston City Council in January, 2016.

In order to obtain funding to implement the “Master Plan” the City of Clarkston will exercise its powers under the Urban Redevelopment Law. Pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law (Section 36-61-1, *et seq.* of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (“O.C.G.A.”), as amended (the “Act”), the City of Clarkston, Georgia (the “City”), pursuant to a resolution adopted December 6, 2016, has designated Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary as an “urban redevelopment area,” which is an area that has been found to be appropriate for an urban redevelopment project and which fits the definition described in O.C.G.A. Section 36-61-2(15) (the “Redevelopment Area”).

The City has prepared an urban redevelopment plan to outline the general scope of the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, or combination thereof, contemplated for the Redevelopment Area. This Resolution serves to adopt the urban redevelopment plan entitled “Urban Redevelopment Plan of the City of Clarkston – Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary. Adoption must be preceded by a public hearing, public notice of which was published in The Champion, a newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation of the City, on November 24, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council vote to approve the attached Resolution adopting the Urban Redevelopment Plan of the City of Clarkston – Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary.