



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

*Awet Eyasu – Vice-Mayor*

*YT Bell*

*Laura Hopkins*

*Jamie Carroll*

*Debra Johnson*

*Ahmed Hassan*

*Robin I. Gomez– City Manager*

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## AGENDA

**Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:00PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION**

C1) Approve Minutes: Council Meeting 7/7/2020 and Special Call Meeting 7/21/2020

**D. REPORTS:**

- 1) Planning & Zoning Report
- 2) City Manager's Report
- 3) City Attorney's Report
- 4) Council Remarks
- 5) Mayor's Report

**E. 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.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

- G1) Public Hearing: Text amendment to the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance Require Site Plan for Rezoning Applications seeking the NR-3 designation.
- G2) Declare Surplus police vehicles
- G3) Approve MOA between Majestic Indian Creek, LLC and the City for a Stormwater Improvement Project (DeBelle St and the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf)
- G4) Form a standing advisory committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity
- G5) Housing relief to unemployed residents both rent and mortgage relief by partnering with non-profit organizations and intergovernmental cooperation.
- G6) Emergency Assistance Program - Increase the funds for the Rental Relief Program, Clarify to Allow for up to One Half of Three Months of Back Rent to be Paid to Qualified Applicants
- G7) Friendship Forest policies: Native species only policy and ban on artificial fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and ban on active sporting activities to insure that Friendship Forest remains a passive park

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MINUTES**  
**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Officials Present by Teleconference

Mayor: Awet Eyasu  
Council: YT Bell, Jamie Carroll,  
Ahmed Hassan, Laura Hopkins, Debra Johnson  
City Manager: Robin I. Gomez  
City Clerk: Tracy Ashby  
City Attorney: Stephen Quinn

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Mayor Eyasu called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**B. ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: YT Bell, Jamie Carroll, Ahmed Hassan, Laura Hopkins, Debra Johnson, Awet Eyasu,

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/ PRESENTATION**

C1) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting 6/30/2020 10:00 am and 6:30pm and Council Meeting 6/2/2020 Minutes

Laura Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Call Meeting 6/30/2020 10:00 am and 6:30pm and Council Meeting 6/2/2020 Minutes. Debra Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. (6, 0).

**D. REPORTS:**

1) Planning & Zoning Report

Shawanna Qawiy reported on activities in her Department and the status of ongoing projects. The Planning & Zoning Committee will hold their meeting on 7/21/2020 to hold a Public Hearing on amending the zoning ordinance to include NR3 to require submit plans for a rezoning request. Ms. Qawiy answered questions regarding the tree survey for the East Avenue development.

2) City Manager's Report

Mr. Gomez provided a note that the East Avenue construction project is only permitted from Monday to Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm. He reported on City operations and financial report thru June 30, 2020 including Covid expenditures. He provided the current status of City Operations food distributions and testing sites under Covid19. The status of streetscapes project was provided. Discussion to review opening the dog park.

3) City Attorney's Report

Mr. Quinn reported that the Georgia Supreme Court extended their order to keep courthouses closed and they will re-evaluate the order on July 13, 2020.

4) Council Remarks

YT Bell spoke on the issue of racism and its impact as a public health crisis and she encouraged the Council to support the resolution. She reported on the virtual story time she hosted for children who are missing the library experience and she offered for the other council members to participate.

Jamie Carroll thanked the City Manager and City Staff for their hard work during covid. He reported on his attending the first meeting of the early Learning Task force.

Laura Hopkins thanked the City for working swiftly to close Market Street for the downed tree. She thanked Debra Johnson for her efforts in coordinating food distributions for 400 families in Clarkston.

Debra Johnson wished Vice Mayor Eyasu Happy Birthday and she re-iterated that 600 boxes of food will be distributed again in the next week and she discussed that there are several organizations that provide resources for community members.

#### 5) Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Awet Eyasu thanked the City Council members for all the work they are doing to help out during covid as well as City Staff. He reported on his participation with the Food drives. He discussed his interview with Voice of America and his attendance of the Black Live Matter march and the functions he attended in June. He read remarks he had intended to give at the Black Lives Matter march.

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Warren Hadlock discussed zoom meeting, his support of city wells and issues at Friendship Forest.

Maryam Ahmad, candidate for DeKalb District 6 Commissioner, spoke on her candidacy.

Tracy Bishop discussed prior ethics complaint.

Brian Medford spoke in support of the City well water item.

Ms. Massabre spoke in support of Reproductive Justice Resolution.

Heidi Miller spoke in support of the Reproductive justice resolution.

Dr. Elizabeth Mosley spoke in support of the Reproductive justice resolution

The Vice-Mayor closed public comments.

### **F. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

#### G1) Approve 2020 Millage Rate

##### a) 2020 Millage Presentation

Mr. Gomez provided the 2020 Millage Rate Presentation. City Staff are recommending adopting the same rate as 2019, of 15.890 millage.

The City Manager provided a detailed presentation for the 2020 Millage rate.

##### b) Public Hearing to take comment on the proposed 2020 millage rate

#### Vice Mayor Eyasu opened the Public Hearing

Warren Hadlock thanked the City Manager and the Finance Director for their report.

##### c) Adopt 2020 Millage Rate by ordinance

Debra Johnson made a motion to adopt 15.890 for the 2020 Millage Rate. Yt Bell seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. (6, 0).

#### G2) Approve Refer to Legal Committee to create Citizens Review Committee

Debra Johnson stated the Legal Committee would review along with the public and consider what format the Citizen Review Committee would take.

Awet Eyasu made a motion to Refer to the Legal Committee to create Citizens Review Committee. Debra Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (6, 0).

G3) Approve Resolution to Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis

YT Bell discussed the importance of the resolution and touched on the topics covered under the work session and the \$2,000 for an outside agency to conduct a survey and address/correct racial bias. Council discussion on support of the resolution with exceptions to appropriating funds for a study as that information would have to be confidential.

YT Bell made a motion to approve the Resolution to Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis and amend to remove sections 5 and 6. Debra Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion on the meaning of 'place' in the resolution. A vote was called and the motion carried (6, 0).

G4) Approve Resolution by the City of Clarkston Condemning Racism and Affirming the Compassion and Empathy Displayed by the Clarkston Police Department.

Debra Johnson stated this resolution stemmed largely from the letter Chief Hudson read at a previous meeting and this resolution is to assure the Community and the Police Department are in unity during these difficult time. Debra Johnson read the resolution.

Debra Johnson made a motion to Approve Resolution by the City of Clarkston Condemning Racism and Affirming the Compassion and Empathy Displayed by the Clarkston Police Department. Awet Eyasu seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (6, 0).

G5) Approve Resolution to Establish the Reproductive Justice Commission

YT Bell explained the purpose and need to establish a Reproductive Justice Commission and the services/information the committee would provide. Council discussion on language referenced in the resolution, specifically 'abortion' and the need to establish a commission just for reproductive issues, when organizations are currently working and providing service in the community.

Question to City Attorney on city obligations on resolutions and Mr. Quinn confirmed that a resolution stated a specific purpose, then yes they are expected to fulfill, but a legal obligation is limited. YT Bell clarified the deliverables this committee would provide if passed.

Council discussion on deferring the item for Council to receive further information on the organizations the City would be supporting/working with.

YT Bell made a motion to approve the Resolution to Establish the Reproductive Justice Commission. Jamie Carroll seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion failed (2- Yes: Bell, Carroll, 3 No: Hassan, Hopkins, Johnson, 1-Abstain: Eyasu).

G6) Approve Tax Anticipation Note

The City Manager detailed the Tax Anticipation Note and that his would authorize the City to receive the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN), which will allow borrowing of \$600,000 through Truist Bank (formerly BB&T) at an interest rate 2.19%.

Awet Eyasu made a motion to approve the TAN for \$600,000. Debra Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (6, 0).

G7) Direct City Manager to Research Possible City Use of Well Water

The City Manager advised if the Council wanted him to pursue the research of possible wells locations in the City could be completed within two months. Mr. Gomez discussed the known location at Market/College Ave is owned by DeKalb Scholl Board and the complete process to implement a well, including the EPA regulatory requirements, can take years for completion. Council clarification that this is not for all residents to go to well water, but only to study the feasibility of opening a single well for resident access. Discussion on having a SAC Committee research the feasibility.

Awet Eyasu made a motion to direct the City Manager to research the Possibility of the City using Well Water. Laura Hopkins seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (4-Yes: Hassan, Hopkins, Johnson, Eyasu, 2-Abstain: Bell, Carroll).

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

Laura Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Awet Eyasu seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (6, 0).

Meeting adjourned

## MINUTES

### CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6:00PM

#### Officials Present by Teleconference

Vice- Mayor:	Awet Eyasu
Council:	YT Bell, Jamie Carroll, Laura Hopkins, Debra Johnson, Ahmed Hassan
City Manager:	Robin I. Gomez
City Clerk:	Tracy Ashby
City Attorney:	Stephen Quinn

#### A. CALL TO ORDER –SPECIAL CALL MEETING by Teleconference

Vice Mayor Awet Eyasu called the meeting to order at 6:02p.

#### B. ROLL CALL

Awet Eyasu, YT Bell, Jamie Carroll, Ahmed Hassan, Debra Johnson, Laura Hopkins,

#### C. OLD BUSINESS

None

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

##### D1) Consider adopting a Resolution Requiring face masks in public places in Clarkston

The City Attorney provided an update that the Governor asserting an authority to prevent local governments to mandate masks and has filed a suit against the City of Atlanta. The GMA has filed a brief in the case with compelling arguments that the Governor does not have that authority.

#### Public Comments

The Vice-Mayor opened public comments

Dean Moore spoke in support of the mask mandate and commented a lockdown might be in order due to increasing cases.

Brian Medford spoke in support of the mask mandate.

Chris Busing questioned the mask mandate and thought research on precedent should be considered going back to the Spanish Flu (1918).

The Vice-Mayor closed the public comments.

Jamie Carroll discussion on the need for a mask mandate due to increasing covid case positive numbers and that science has shown that masks reduces transmission of covid. The proposed resolution closely mirrors DeKalb County's adopted mask mandate.

The mandate would provide that anyone not wearing a mask would be given a warning and would be asked to put one on, and a mask would be provided by the Police if they did not have one. The only way someone would receive a ticket is if they refused to comply with the Officer's request.

Council discussion of the diversity of Clarkston and that residents and outside visitors may not understand the mask mandate and then receiving a \$100 fine. Questions on the religious exception and children and general difficulty to enforce.

Chief Hudson stated her preference for the Police Department to come from an educational standpoint and not a punitive one. They would approach violators and request compliance and offer masks if required.

The City Attorney clarified that the City's Charter is State Law that permits the City to make orders for the benefit of the public health.

Council discussion on lowering or removing the fine amount, lowering the age of children compliance to 5 years and removing the religious exemption. Due to the life or death nature of covid, the fine would be kept in the resolution but would be reduced and would only be levied if violators blatantly refuse to comply or to leave the public location.

Jamie Carroll made a motion to approve the Resolution requiring face masks in public places in Clarkston and amend to remove the religious reference, reducing the child age to 5 and change the fine from \$100 to \$25.00. YT Bell seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (4-Yes: Bell, Carroll, Hopkins, Johnson, 2- No- Eyasu, Hassan).

Debra Johnson made a motion to adjourn the special call meeting. Laura Hopkins seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried (6, 0). Meeting adjourned 6: 50p.

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: G1

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Ordinance

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2020

Subject: Text amendment to the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance.

DEPARTMENT:  
Planning/Economic & Development

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Councilperson Laura Hopkins  
Planning/Economic & Development Director -Shawanna  
Qawiy  
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

**PURPOSE:**

To solicit input on proposed text amendments to amend the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A of the City Code of Ordinances, Article III-Administration-To Require a Site Plan for Rezoning Applications seeking the NR-3 designation.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

The goal of the text amendment is to require a site plan to be submitted with any rezoning request application seeking the NR-3 High Density Neighborhood Residential District designation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Staff recommends to include this text amendment request to be reviewed/updated during the City's Zoning Rewrite process.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD: July 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended to include this text amendment request to be reviewed/updated during the City's Zoning Rewrite process.





# PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**July 21, 2020 7:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE**

**Call in Number:**  
(404) 902-5066

**Call in Code:**  
326629

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## AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.
- B. ROLL CALL:** Vice Chairman Charles McFarland, Felicia Weinert, Amy Medford, P&D Director Shawanna Qawiy
- C. APPROVAL OF MAY 2020 MEETING MINUTES:** Vice Chairman Charles McFarland called for a motion to approve the May 2020 minutes. Felicia Weinert made a motion to approve, Amy Medford seconded and the motion passed 3/0.
- D. NEW BUSINESS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposed text amendments to amend the Clarkston Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A of the City Code of Ordinances, Article III-Administration-To Require a Site Plan for Rezoning Applications seeking the NR-3 designation.

Vice Chairman McFarland opened the public hearing to those who wished to speak on the text amendment request.

In opposition of the proposed text amendment, Brian Medford stated that entertaining any text amendments at this time would not uphold the City's original decision to consult with a professional team to review and rewrite the City's zoning and other key elements of the code. He stated how the community had spoken about piece mealizing the text and how the consensus by City Council and the community was to hire a professional consultant team.

Lisa Williams spoke in favor of the text amendment due to a sense of urgency. She referenced the City approved East Avenue project and mentioned the projects requests for rezoning and variances that had been acquired and granted. She stated that with a required site plan, it would have cleared up worries by her and the residents. Though she is 100% in favor of a full review and feedback form a professional (team) the text amendment being approved, could be adjusted later if needed.

With no other participants requesting to speak. Vice Chairman Charles McFarland closed the public hearing.

Councilperson Laura Hopkins the initiator of the proposed text amendment discussed her reasons for recommending the text amendment of requiring a site plan for rezoning applications to the NR-3 zoning district. She stated last year the City Council approved a text change to alleviate the strain on developers by removing from the text requiring a detailed and to scale site plan. She stated that by adding the NR-3 (zoning district) multifamily housing residential that include townhomes and apartments should be adjusted to require a site plan. In summary, Ms. Hopkins stated that anytime there is a request for a high(est) population density and residential housing, it should be included with commercial properties and require a site plan for zoning changes and variances.

The Planning and Development Director Shawanna Qawiy gave background on the previous text amendment. She referenced the Community Open House Meetings triggers for rezoning's; with more than 5,000 SF, PUD and Public Interest. She also mentioned that the NR-3 minimum lot size is 5,000 SF. Also stating that in the previously approved resolution for eliminating a site plan was to bring notice to the fact that applicants do not always have a specific plan for development when they are applying for a rezoning.

Board members Amy Medford, Felecia Weinert and Charles McFarland discussed the text amendment collectively and how the previous text amendment does not deter site plans from being submitted by developers at any zoning request. Mr. McFarland stated that he did not feel a need to hire a professional to aid with text amendments. Ms. Medford stated that she hopes that this does not impede development within the City. She also referenced the East Avenue project in which the developer submitted numerous site plans at the request of the community and Council. Also how this text amendments should not cause an undue hardship to individuals that are not developers that would request a rezoning. Ms. Weinert stated that she agreed with the staff recommendation and would like to proceed with the RFP process in hiring a professional team for the zoning rewrite.

With no further discussions Ms. Medford made the motion to include this text amendment request to be reviewed/updated during the City's Zoning Rewrite process. Ms. Weinert seconded the motion, motion passed 3/0.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**F. ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chairman McFarland called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Medford made the motion to adjourn, Felecia Weinert seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Regina Williams, Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLARKSTON ZONING ORDINANCE, APPENDIX A OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE III – ADMINISTRATION – TO REQUIRE A SITE PLAN FOR REZONING APPLICATION SEEKING THE NR-3 DESIGNATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that requiring a “site plan” for rezoning applications seeking the NR-3 designation is in the best interests of the community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of Clarkston, Georgia, that the City’s Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

**SECTION ONE**

Zoning Ordinance § 302, subsection (b)(1) is hereby amended to add NR-3 to the list of zoning districts for which an applicant seeking rezoning must provide a site plan along with the application, so that subsection 302(b)(1) shall read as follows:

“(1) Applications to rezone property to NC-1, NC-2, NR-3, NR-CD, RC or TC.”

**SECTION TWO**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its adoption by the City Council. Any provision of any ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

**SO ORDAINED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Awet Eyasu, Vice Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Sec. 703. - NR-3, high-density neighborhood residential district.

- (a) *Purpose and intent:* The NR-3 zoning district is intended for single-family and multi-family residences at a greater density on smaller lots in order to provide for a variety of housing types, including townhomes, cluster homes and condominiums. This district may also serve as a transitional zone between light commercial/office uses and districts reserved for lower density single-family uses.
- (b) *Permitted uses:*
- (1) Single-family detached residential dwellings.
  - (2) Multi-family residential dwellings.
    - a. Duplexes.
    - b. Triplexes.
  - (3) Townhomes, provided:
    - a. For all developments containing eight (8) units or more, a mandatory homeowners association shall be created that will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all front yards and common areas including all fencing, landscaping, amenities and buffers, and shall include architectural control oversights for the development.
    - b. The development shall be constructed and governed in conformity with the requirements of the Georgia Condominium Act (O.C.G.A. § 44-3-70 et seq.). A declaration of condominium shall be submitted and recorded in compliance of this act.
    - c. All townhouses shall have two-car garages, and the parking pads/driveway in front of the garage shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in length in order to accommodate two (2) additional cars. The garages shall be used for the parking and storage of vehicles and may not be enclosed to provide for additional residential space. A recital of this requirement shall be contained within the covenants to ensure enforcement.
    - d. A guest parking area shall be provided at a ratio of two-tenths (0.2) spaces per dwelling unit.
    - e. A recreation area shall be provided at a ratio of one (1) acre per fifty (50) units (or a proportional percentage thereof) with a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) square feet provided. Such area shall be developed with at least one (1) passive recreational feature, such as a walking trail, pavilion, gazebo or picnic area, and at least one (1) active recreational feature, such as a swimming pool, playground or tennis courts. Active recreational areas must be outside of any floodplain area and located in such a manner that at least seventy-five (75) percent of the townhouses are within three hundred (300) feet, as measured from the building footprints. All recreation areas must meet ADA requirements for accessibility.
  - (4) Accessory structures and uses incidental to any legal permitted use, including home occupations.
  - (5) Accessory dwellings in compliance with section 603(n).
- (c) *Conditional uses:*
- (1) Places of assembly, including religious institutions, provided:
    - a. Lighting shall be established in such a way that no direct light shall cast over any property line nor adversely affect neighboring properties.
    - b. Any building or structure established in connection with such use must be set back no less than fifty (50) feet from any property line.
- (d) *Accessory structures/uses:*

- (1) All such structures shall be located upon the same lot and to the side or rear of the principal use at least ten (10) feet from side or rear lot lines or within the side-or-rear-yard setback, whichever is greater. In cases of corner lots, the accessory structure may not be closer to any right-of-way than the principal building.
- (2) When an accessory structure is attached to the principal building in any manner, it shall be deemed part of the principal structure and subject to all bulk and area requirements of same.
- (3) No accessory structure shall be constructed upon a lot before the principal building.
- (4) Accessory structures greater than fifteen (15) feet in height, but less than thirty-five (35) feet in height, must be set back at least ten (10) feet from the side property line, and must be set back from the rear property line a distance of thirty (30) feet, or a distance equal to the height of the structure, whichever is less.
- (5) The area of the accessory building's footprint may not exceed five (50) percent that of the principal structure.
- (6) Swimming pools must be enclosed by a fence not less than six (6) feet in height with a self-closing, self-latching gate and must comply with all applicable safety and health ordinances.
- (7) Heating and air conditioning units may encroach five (5) feet into the required rear or side setback.

(e) *Use limitations:*

- (1) All outdoor storage must be stored in a side or rear yard and screened from all streets and adjacent properties by a wood fence at least six (6) feet in height. The city planner may approve the substitution of plantings for the required fence.
- (2) Unenclosed carports and front porches may not be used for storing any materials other than firewood or recyclable materials within a city approved container.
- (3) Minimum parking provided shall be two (2) spaces per dwelling unit.

(f) *Bulk and area regulations:*

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) (Max.)	0.4
Min. Residential Unit Size (finished, heated floor area)	800 sq. ft.
Building Coverage (Max, a % of lot area)	50%
Min. Open Space	N/A
Max. Building Height	35'
Min. Lot Size	5,000 sq. ft.
Min. Lot Width	50'
Minimum Front Yard Setback	15'

Minimum Side Yard Setback	5'
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	20'

(g) *Buffer requirements:*

- (1) When attached single-family housing, duplex or triplex housing directly abuts the NR-1 or NR-2 districts, a twenty-foot landscaped buffer shall be required.

(Ord. No. 375, § 8(Attach.), 10-1-13; [Ord. No. 417](#), § 5, 12-5-17)

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: G2

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution to Declare Property Surplus for City of Clarkston

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 1

INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Gomez  
PHONE NUMBER: 404-292-9465

PURPOSE: To consider declaration of old and obsolete equipment as Surplus Property that can sold and disposed of in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-37-6(a).

NEED/ IMPACT: The City of Clarkston Police Department requests that the following vehicles be declared as obsolete and surplus equipment in order to be auctioned for sale.

2012 Dodge Charger – VIN: 2C3CDXAG6CH280436

2008 Ford Crown Vic – VIN: 2FAFP71V58X162752

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Council vote to declare the above mentioned vehicles as surplus property.

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PROPERTY SURPLUS FOR THE CITY OF  
CLARKSTON**

**WHEREAS**, the below described police department vehicles are no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes for the City of Clarkston:

2012 Dodge Charger – VIN: 2C3CDXAG6CH280436  
2008 Ford Crown Vic – VIN: 2FAFP71V58X162752

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the above mentioned vehicles be declared surplus property and the City Manager is hereby directed to sell said surplus equipment via public sale in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-37-6(a).

SO RESOLVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

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AWET EYASU, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney



CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: G3

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Approve MOA

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6 2020

**SUBJECT:** Approve MOA between Majestic Indian Creek, LLC and the City for a Stormwater Improvement Project (DeBelle St and the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf)

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 3

INFORMATION CONTACT: ROBIN I GOMEZ  
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

**PURPOSE:** To approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Majestic Indian Creek LLC (representing Indian Creek Apartments located at 928 N Indian Creek Rd) and the City of Clarkston for Majestic to share in the cost of the stormwater infrastructure improvement project located on DeBelle St and the adjacent property housing the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

Since 2015 the city has received various concerns from the Atlanta Area School of the Deaf regarding flooding on the school property. The city began documenting the flooding in 2016 and in 2018 began to assess potential remedial improvements to correct this flooding condition.

The City's analysis of the origins of the flooding determined that approximately 60% of the stormwater runoff originated off of City right-of-way. The impervious area that generated 60% of the runoff originated from 4 commercial properties, 6 residential properties, and one apartment complex – Indina Creek Apartment Homes located at the corner of North Indian Creek and DeBelle Street. Thirty (30) percent was generated from city right-of-way and 10% from the Department of Education parcel.

Of the 60% runoff generated from private property (residential and commercial), approximately 50% of that amount originated on the apartment complex parcels.

Upon site inspections of the apartment complex, it was determined that no stormwater facilities existed and consequently, no runoff is detained on-site. It should be mentioned that this complex was built approximately 40 years ago and at that time detention ponds were not always required. Also, the county permitted development projects in the City during that time period.

The City began to prepare survey's and design plans to construct a detention pond and related stormwater infrastructure to convey stormwater from DeBelle St to the proposed pond on the DOE property. Improvements will also include repairing and resurfacing DeBelle Street. The repairs to DeBelle are necessary due to the damage caused by flooding over the years.

In numerous meetings with Majestic (and other apartments throughout the city – namely Carriage Oaks), City staff inquired on the possibility of Majestic financially participating on a detention pond project located

on the State Department of Education property. It should be noted that Majestic is under no obligation to participate financially. The City provided the justification and rationale for their involvement with this project. After numerous meetings, Majestic verbally agreed in February 2020 to participate with a \$40,000 contribution for the construction improvements. The enclosed MOA formalizes the discussions and agreed upon contribution.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$300,000.

With Council approval, the city will advertise to bid the project this summer with completion by the end of 2020.

City Council will also be asked to sign a number of temporary construction easements for work on the school property. These will be presented to council prior to construction commencing.

RECOMMENDATION: City Council to approve referenced MOA.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)  
FOR STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS  
BETWEEN  
MAJESTIC INDIAN CREEK, LLC  
AND  
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Majestic Indian Creek, Inc. ("Majestic") and the City of Clarkston, Georgia ("City").**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education Atlanta Area School for Deaf ("AASD") has experienced flooding and damage to its property and building structures located at 890 N. Indian Creek Dr., Clarkston, GA 30021 for many years as a result of stormwater runoff from upstream properties; and

WHEREAS, the City became aware of this flooding through correspondence and on-site meetings with the Atlanta Area School for Deaf ("AASD") staff approximately five (5) years ago; and

WHEREAS, the City, through various site investigations and analysis of the origins of the flooding, initiated conversations and meetings with the DOE in 2018 and 2019 to resolve the flooding experienced by the AASD property and structures; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared design and construction plans to correct the AASD property flooding for specific design storm frequencies; and

WHEREAS, the City initiated conversations in 2019 with Majestic; owners of Indian Creek Apartments, regarding their upstream property contributing approximately twenty-seven (27%) of the stormwater runoff that enters AASD property, for purposes of soliciting a partnership to share in the cost of construction for the referenced stormwater infrastructure improvements.

WHEREAS; the City has estimated the construction cost to correct the stormwater and flooding impacts to Debelle Street and AASD to be in excess of \$300,000.

**NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual obligations, Majestic and the City agree as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City will fund 100% of the engineering design and construction plans, permitting and construction oversight to convert an existing detention pond to a wet extended retention facility including new stormwater pipes and related stormwater infrastructure ("Facilities") to address the flooding on the property known as AASD within the City of Clarkston; as shown on Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** The AASD and the City will cost share in the construction improvements to the Facilities.

**Section 3.** The City will fund all engineering design, construction plans and construction oversight for infrastructure improvements to Debelle Street.

**Section 4.** Majestic agrees to provide the City a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$40,000 to be used in the construction of the Facilities to minimize flooding and damages to infrastructure on the AASD property.

**Section 5.** The City will invoice Majestic a NTE amount of \$40,000 once the City Council is under contract with the selected construction firm. Majestic agrees to issue a check to the following within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the City:

City of Clarkston  
City Annex  
1055 Rowland Street  
Clarkston, GA 30021  
ATTN: Finance Director

**Section 6.** Majestic will not be responsible for any additional costs associated with this project.

**Section 7.** Majestic will not assume ownership nor have the responsibility for any ongoing or future maintenance of any stormwater facilities or infrastructure on AASD property or City right-of-way associated with this project.

**Section 8.** All required notices shall be given by certified first class U.S. Mail, return receipt requested. The parties agree to give each other non-binding duplicate facsimile notice. All notices sent to the addresses listed below shall be binding unless said address is changed in writing no less than fourteen (14) days before such notice is sent. Future changes in address shall be effective upon written notice being given by the City to Majestic or by Majestic to the City Manager via certified first class U.S. mail, return receipt requested. Notices shall be addressed to the parties at the following addresses:

If to Majestic: Majestic Indian Creek, LLC  
3669 N. Peachtree Rd. #200  
Atlanta, GA 30341

With a copy to:

If to the City: City Manager Gomez  
City of Clarkston  
1055 Rowland Street  
City Annex  
Clarkston, Georgia 30021

With a copy to: City Attorney  
City of Clarkston  
Stephen Quinn  
125 Clairemont Ave., Ste. 420  
Decatur, GA 30030

**Section 9.** This Agreement constitutes the sole contract between the City and Majestic with regard to the subject matter addressed herein. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this Agreement may not be modified, except by Amendment. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of either Majestic or the City, either before or after the execution of the Contract, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations herein contained. No representations, oral or written, shall be binding on the parties unless expressly incorporated herein. No Amendment shall be enforceable unless approved by official action of the City and Majestic as provided by law or in this Agreement.

**Section 10.** If a court of competent jurisdiction renders any provision of this Agreement (or portion of

a provision) to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, that provision or portion of the provision will be severed and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect as if the invalid provision or portion of the provision were not part of this Agreement. No action taken pursuant to this Agreement should be deemed to constitute a waiver of compliance with any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state of Georgia without regard to conflicts of law principles thereof. Should any party institute suit concerning this Agreement, venue shall be in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, Georgia. Should any provision of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, it is agreed that the court interpreting or construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against one party by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be construed more strictly against the party who itself or through its agent prepared the same, it being agreed that the agents of all parties have participated in the preparation hereof. If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, should be ruled void, invalid, unenforceable or contrary to public policy by any court of competent jurisdiction, then any remaining portion of such provision and all other provisions of this Agreement shall survive and be applied, and any invalid or unenforceable portion shall be construed or reformed to preserve as such of the original words, terms, purpose and intent as shall be permitted by law.

**Section 11.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon the respective parties' successors.

**Section 12.** This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Majestic Indian Creek, LLC and the City of Clarkston have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized officers.**

**CITY OF CLARKSTON,  
GEORGIA**

**MAJESTIC INDIAN CREEK; LLC,  
A Georgia Limited Liability Company**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Mayor Awet Eyasu

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark A. Nelkin

City of Clarkston, Georgia

Majestic Indian Creek, LLC

**ATTEST:**

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: G4

CLARKSTON CITY MEETING

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution establishing a standing advisory committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity and Appoint Members

DEPARTMENT: City Council

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages 5

CONTACT INFORMATION: Laura Hopkins, Debra Johnson  
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

PURPOSE:

To approve a Resolution establishing a standing advisory committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity and appoint the members

NEED/ IMPACT:

The Clarkston City Council adopted Standing Advisory Committees in March 2020 to provide a mechanism to study and formulate policy recommendations that will benefit the community and to engage members of the public in the process of formulating and studying policy recommendations.

Currently the City has the following five (5) Committees:

- Public Safety and Legal Committee
- Housing and Infrastructure Committee
- Community Development Committee
- Transportation and Environment Committee
- Marketing and Civic Innovation Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS: No Staff recommendation.

**RESOLUTION**  
**ESTABLISHING STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston City Council is desirous of creating a mechanism to study and formulate policy recommendations that will benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston City Council is desirous of engaging members of the public in the process of formulating and studying policy recommendations that will benefit the community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Clarkston City Council, that Standing Advisory Committees (“SAC”) are hereby created and will operate in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

**I. SACs Created**

The following committees are hereby created to address issues falling under the subject matter listed in association with each SAC:

- A. **Public Safety and Legal Committee.** Matters pertaining to public safety generally and penal ordinances of agencies or organizations established by ordinance that touch upon law enforcement issues and/or the interaction between communities and public safety or law enforcement personnel.
- B. **Transportation and Environment Committee.** Matters pertaining to transportation generally, MARTA, CSX, traffic engineering and control, parking facilities, storm water, environmental contaminations and pollutions, bicycles and bike paths, pedestrian travel, green spaces, parks and recreation, clean energy, sanitation, recycling, and transportation.
- C. **Housing and Infrastructure Committee.** Matters pertaining to urban development issues such as eminent domain, urban re-development plans, planning functions, comprehensive development plans and land use plans set forth by the City, the development, redevelopment, and improvement of single-family and multi-family housing stock within the City, sewage and waste disposal, public streets and bridges, housing code enforcement and cable television franchises.
- D. **Community Development Committee.** Matters pertaining to the planning functions of the City, comprehensive development plans and land use plans, health, education and welfare of citizens, community service activities, consumer affairs and cultural affairs.
- E. **Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity Committee.** Matters pertaining to the City’s continued desire and commitment to being a welcoming, all-inclusive, equitable community where all can participate in their City government regardless of who they are, where they are from, what their beliefs are. This committee will dedicate its efforts to ensure constant, equal, and transparent access for all.
- F. **Marketing and Civic Innovation Committee.** Matters pertaining to the City’s

marketing, civic engagement and innovation efforts with a goal of attracting new business and residents to the City, welcoming new residents to the City, developing new approaches to engage with residents in the community, identify and grow the overall role of civic entrepreneurship in the City, and generally promote the City in a positive light.

## **II. Membership and Appointment**

Each SAC shall have two (2) or three (3) members from amongst the elected members of the City Council (including the Mayor) and one (1) to three (3) members from the general public. Each member of an SAC shall have one vote when a question is called in a meeting of such SAC. SAC members shall be appointed as follows:

- A. **Elected Officials.** At the annual February meeting of the City Council, the City Council shall appoint a chairman to each SAC. The chairman of each SAC shall be an elected member of the City Council (not including the Mayor). The City Council, at its February meeting, shall also appoint one (1) or two (2) additional elected officials (which may include the Mayor) to each SAC. Elected officials appointed to the SAC by the City Council shall serve a twelve (12) month term on the SAC as appointed.
- B. **Members of the Public.** The concurring vote of two (2) elected officials appointed to an SAC shall be required to appoint or remove a member of the general public as a member of such SAC. General public members of an SAC may be appointed or removed at any time and for any reason by the elected official members of such SAC.

## **III. Referral of Matters to SACs**

- A. **Referral by City Council.** A majority vote of a quorum of the City Council may refer any matter to one or more SACs for consideration. When the City Council refers a matter to a SAC by vote, the City Council then will not take action on such subject matter until the SAC returns a written recommendation or ninety (90) days elapse, whichever shall occur first.
- B. **Referral by City Manager.** Whenever the City Manager deems it useful and appropriate, he may request a recommendation from one or more SACs by delivering in writing to the chairman of such SAC a description of the matter or issue for which he desires advice. Such referral to an SAC by the City Manager shall in no way prevent the City Council from acting on the same subject matter.

## **IV. SAC Meetings**

All SAC meetings shall be specially called by the chairman of the SAC. The chairman of an SAC may call a meeting of such SAC by providing seven (7) business days written notice to all members of the SAC, the Mayor and members of the City Council, the City Manager and the City Clerk. Whenever a meeting of an SAC is called, the City Clerk shall cause the date, time, place, and topic of such meeting to be published on the City's website as soon as practicable. SAC



meetings are not subject to the Open Meetings law, but shall nonetheless be open to the public and the public may participate as permitted by the chairman of the SAC. It shall be the prerogative of the chairman to set the agenda for an SAC meeting and the duty of the chairman to keep records of the action taken by the committee.

**V. Actions by SACs**

An SAC may only act by vote of a majority of a quorum of its membership taken at a meeting that is called and noticed pursuant to Section IV of this resolution. SACs may take the following actions and only the following actions:

- A. Adopt a written recommendation to the City Council or the City Manager as appropriate. Such recommendation must be reduced to writing and present at the meeting at the time of the vote to adopt such recommendation.
- B. Appoint members of the general public to the SAC or remove members of the general public from the SAC pursuant to Section II (B) of this Resolution.
- C. Request that the full City Council issue a subpoena for the attendance of identified individual(s) at a scheduled meeting of the SAC.

**SO RESOLVED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

**ATTEST:**

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AWET EYASU, Vice-Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION**  
**CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston City Council is desirous of creating a mechanism to study and formulate policy recommendations that will benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston City Council is desirous of engaging members of the public in the process of formulating and studying policy recommendations that will benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston City Council has approved a Resolution creating Standing Advisory Committees.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Clarkston City Council, that the following City Council members are hereby appointed as follows:

**Public Safety and Legal Committee**

Co-Chair: Awet Eyasu, Debra Johnson  
Jamie Carroll

**Housing and Infrastructure Committee**

Chair: Jamie Carroll, Laura Hopkins  
Debra Johnson

**Community Development Committee**

Chair: YT Bell  
Debra Johnson  
Awet Eyasu

**Transportation and Environment Committee**

Chair: Awet Eyasu  
Laura Hopkins

**Marketing and Civic Innovation Committee**

Chair: Ahmed Hassan  
YT Bell

**Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity Committee**

Chair:

**SO RESOLVED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2020.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

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AWET EYASU, Vice-Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Tracy Ashby, City Clerk

CITY OF CLARKSTON  
CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: G5

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES  
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2020

ACTION TYPE:  
Adopt

SUBJECT: Housing relief to Unemployed residents both rent and mortgage relief by partnering with non-profit organizations and international cooperation.

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Awet Eyasu, VM  
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

PURPOSE:

Discuss the City providing housing relief to unemployed residents both rent and mortgage relief by partnering with non-profit organizations and international cooperation.

NEED/IMPACT:

At the June meeting, the Council approved a \$100,000 program for assisting with rent payments. The Council also expressed interest in authorizing a similar program for mortgage assistance.

Attached is a draft resolution that includes similar requirements and limits on individual benefits as the rent resolution. One major difference is that a deed to secure debt would be recorded on the property in the amount that the City pays for the beneficiary. This is to prevent the beneficiary from realizing a windfall by selling the property after accepting money from the City to stay there. It would also provide money back to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund if such a sale does occur. The deed to secure debt would automatically after three years.

There is a blank in this resolution as to how much funds would be allocated.

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

**TO ALLOCATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONEY TO PROVIDING TEMPORARY MORTGAGE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC CRISIS.**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID19 pandemic has resulted in job loss for over 30 million Americans, resulting in financial hardships including inability to make monthly mortgage payments; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 could potentially cause foreclosures and evictions of many families, which would cause more suffering, including exposure to COVID19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clarkston previously created an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to assist with various housing needs, including “assisting individuals with purchasing qualified residences” and mortgage payments are the mechanism by which a “home owner” effectively purchases title to a home from the lender; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston Affordable Housing Trust Fund had a balance of \$200,000 as of June 1, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Clarkston that the City hereby allocates \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) of the funds held by the Clarkston Affordable Housing Trust to assist Clarkston residents that would otherwise not be able to pay their mortgage because of the COVID-19 economic crisis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby directed to create a process to identify and select beneficiaries for the mortgage payment assistance program established by this Resolution. In so doing, the City Manager shall consider the following factors:

1. The number of dependents for which the applicant is responsible.
2. Established record ownership of a single-family residence in Clarkston that is subject to a mortgage that includes an ongoing monthly payment obligation (to comply with this criteria, the applicant shall provide the City with payment “coupons” issued by the lender).
3. Loss of income since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 economic crisis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the maximum benefits provided to a single beneficiary under this program are as follows:

1. Up to 50% of the monthly mortgage payment amount established by mortgage payment coupons;
2. For no more than three months per year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to obtain from any beneficiary under this Resolution a deed to secure debt in the amount of the funds provided by the City to the beneficiary and record such deed to secure debt on the title of the property for which mortgage payment assistance is provided. The costs (including attorney’s fees) associated with such deeds to secure debt shall be paid from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Every deed to secure debt filed pursuant to this section shall state that it automatically expires in three years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby encouraged to work with non-profit groups that may be working toward a similar purpose within Clarkston in a way that will maximize the benefit to the community that may be obtained for the funds allocated by this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

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Vice Mayor AWET EYASU

ATTEST:

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Tracy Ashby  
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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*Stephen G. Quinn*  
City Attorney

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: G6

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Adopt

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Increase the Amount of Money for the Rental Relief Program, Clarify to Allow for up to One Half of Three Months of Back Rent to be Paid to Qualified Applicants

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamie Carroll  
PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

PURPOSE:

Continue to provide temporary rental payment assistance by increasing the program's funding and clarifying that qualified individuals can receive 50% of three months of back rent.

NEED/IMPACT:

At the June meeting, the Council approved a \$100,000 temporary rental payment assistance program funded from the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

To date the City has made 176 payments to 159 individuals, totaling \$90,664.25; 3 of the 176 payments were for 2 months, 7 of the 176 were for 3 months, 17 were for a 2<sup>nd</sup> month (after making the first month's payment), with the remaining 149 payments made for 1 month's rent. The City has received over 400 inquiries with nearly 175 from individuals residing outside of the City's limits (boundary/border). Most of those have been referred to the United Way's 2-1-1 line, Envision Atlanta, and/or Star-C.

We are anticipating very little if any reduction in folks applying for the temporary rental payment assistance over the next month or two.

RESOLUTION No. 2020-018

**TO ALLOCATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONEY TO PROVIDING TEMPORARY RENT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC CRISIS.**

**WHEREAS**, COVID19 pandemic has resulted in job loss for over 30 million Americans, resulting in financial hardships including inability to make rent payments; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 could potentially cause evictions of many families, which would cause more suffering, including exposure to COVID19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clarkston previously created an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to assist with various housing needs, including "assisting individuals with leasing qualified residences;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Clarkston Affordable Housing Trust Fund currently has a balance of \$200,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Clarkston that the City hereby allocates One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of the funds held by the Clarkston Affordable Housing Trust to assist Clarkston residents that would otherwise not be able to pay their rent because of the COVID-19 economic crisis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby directed to create a process to identify and select beneficiaries for the rent assistance program established by this Resolution. In so doing, the City Manager shall consider the following factors:

1. The number of dependents for which the applicant is responsible
2. Established residency in Clarkston and existing ongoing lease
3. Loss of income since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 economic crisis.

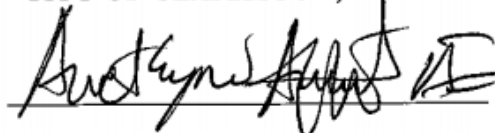
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the maximum benefits provided to a single beneficiary under this program are as follows:

1. Up to 50% of the monthly rent amount established by a written lease per month
2. For no more than three months per year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby encouraged to work with non-profit groups that may be working toward a similar purpose within Clarkston in a way that will maximize the benefit to the community that may be obtained for the funds allocated by this Resolution.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 2 day of June, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA



Vice Mayor AWET EYASU



CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: G7

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Discussion

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Discuss Friendship Forest policies: Native species only; Ban on artificial fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and Ban on active sporting activities to insure that Friendship Forest remains a passive park

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages:

INFORMATION CONTACT: Awet Eyasu

PHONE NUMBER: 404-296-6489

**PURPOSE:**

Discuss Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary policies to mainly ensure the venue remains a passive park.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

At their June 11 meeting, the Transportation and Environment Committee discussed various items regarding the maintenance, management, and over-all operations of the Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary. The Committee discussed specific rules, regulations, and requirements regarding any and all future plantings, some specifics on the future maintenance of the varied landscaped mainly to avoid the usage of artificial fertilizers/pesticides/herbicides, and the ban of various sporting activities within the park specifically the playing of volleyball, soccer, football, etc.

Various examples of policies and signage to explain/enforce the proposed rules, guidelines, and regulations expected of the Sanctuary's attendees include:

## FRIENDSHIP FOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY SIGNAGE DETAILS

- 1. Sign proofs will be provided to the city for approval before fabrication occurs. See approx. dimensions on the schematics**
- 2. Wetland signage to be fabricated similar to "Natural Forest Service signage - plexiglas cover and encased in a wood frame. Sizes & locations as follows:**

- \* 24x36 for the Wetland interp sign (1) - placed at apex of boardwalk- attach to the flooring*
- \* 18x30 for the wetland function signs (4)- placed at entrance onto boardwalk. Metal posts and signs with wood framing*
- \* 11x17 (9) for the plant signs - placed inside the wetlands yet within eyesight; 4-6 feet from boardwalk. Metal posts and signs with wood framing*



## WELCOME TO THE FRIENDSHIP FOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

### SANCTUARY RULES:

- No fires (including barbecuing), camping stoves, grills or other equipment used to cook or heat food.
- Picnicking permitted but clean up afterwards
- No smoking - smoking is not permitted anywhere at the sanctuary
- No unauthorized vehicles
- All pets must be leashed at all times. *Clean up and remove pet waste from the sanctuary or place in pet litter stations*
- No alcoholic beverages
- No fishing
- Place trash in receptacles
- Leave trail & boardwalk during high winds and lightning
- Use of drones prohibited
- Except where noted, no picking of flowers or fruit or vegetables.
- Stay out of the water
- Do NOT plant any vegetation, flowers or trees within the Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary without the permission from the City Manager's Office – no exceptions
- No ball playing - that includes baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball and other similar activities

### SANCTURY ETIQUETTE PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

BE COURTEOUS AND WELL BEHAVED – THIS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IS FOR ALL TO ENJOY – DON'T SPOIL IT FOR YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS

RESPECT WILDLIFE – DO NOT HARASS (stay clear of snakes & alligators)

DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

STAY ON TRAILS

**THIS IS A WILDLIFE SANCTUARY - NOT A RECREATIONAL PARK**

### PARK HOURS

**SUNRISE TO SUNSET UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE**

### PLEASE NOTE:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL; CITY MANGER'S OFFICE AT 404-296-6489

ALL MEETINGS OR SOCIAL EVENTS IN THE PAVILION MUST BE RESERVED – CALL THE CITY OF CLARKSTON FOR DETAILS

SECURITY CAMERAS ON PREMISE – CITY OF CLARKSTON WILL PROSECUTE VIOLATORS OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY RULES.

AT THE CITY'S DISCRETION, CASH REWARDS OF UP TO \$100 FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION LEADING TO THE

ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL (S) THAT VIOLATE THE FRIENDSHIP FOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY RULES

# **FIRE DANGER**



**NO FIRES (INCLUDING BARBECUING)**

**NO CAMPING STOVES**

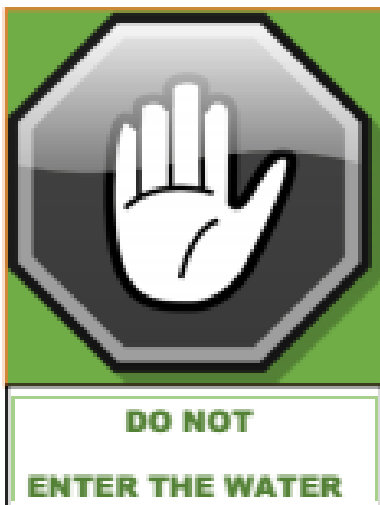
**NO GRILLS**

**NO EQUIPMENT TO HEAT OR COOK FOOD**

**NO SMOKING**

**NO FIREWORKS**

City of Clarkston Code \_\_\_\_\_



# FRIENDSHIP FOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

## BOARDWALK RULES



No food



Quiet please



Animals and Plants are protected



No smoking



Stay on trail



Do not feed  
wildlife



no pets



Do not litter



Do not harass  
wildlife



Children must  
be supervised



Leave trail during high  
winds and lightning



Please Walk