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Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Special Called Session
Mayor and Commission
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
6:00 p.m.
City Hall/WebEx

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in a special called session. Present: Mayor Girtz; Commissioners Davenport, Parker, Link, Wright, Denson, Edwards, Herod, Thornton, and Hamby. No one was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct public hearing #3 as required by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights passed by the Georgia General Assembly in 1999; and consider any other item in proper order.

Public hearing #3.

The following citizen input was received.

1. John Elliott – supported tax millage rollback
2. Reni Carl – supported mental health workers
3. Joy Christopher – supported mental health workers
4. Vanessa Heath – supported mental health workers and tax millage rollback
5. Laura Reynolds – supported tax millage rollback and police
6. Cedric Paul – opposed 50/10
7. Jonathan Miranda – supported more police officers; opposed 50/10
8. Nathaniel Jeffrey - opposed defunding of police
9. Joseph Brown – supported police officers; opposed defunding
10. Danny Delgado – supported more prayer
11. Anthony Duetsch – support police
12. Steve Middlebrooks – supported tax millage rollback; supported more police
13. April Williams – supported police and mental health workers
14. Deb Wylar – supported 50/10
15. Heather Fletcher – supported more training for police
16. Jeremiah Sims – opposed 50/10
17. Markel Smith – opposed 50/10
18. Chris Novalle – supported police
19. Charmaine Braughton – opposed 50/10
20. Alphonso Cooper – opposed 50/10
21. Allen Corley - opposed 50/10
22. Pam Shropshire – opposed 50/10
23. David Drum – opposed police defunding
24. Ron Sharp – opposed police defunding; supported more police
25. Mary Padgett – opposed defunding for police
26. Charlie Upchurch – opposed defunding for police, supported more offices
27. Louis Ortiz – opposed defunding of police
28. Mara Elzina – opposed defunding of police
29. Gordon Rhoden – is there fluff in budget?
30. Bill Crane – opposed defunding of police
31. Aura Morris – supported 50/10
32. Kelly Hall – supported 50/10
33. Graham Jarvo – supported 50/10
34. Jackie Foss – supported 50/10
35. Candace Jones – supported 50/10
36. Briana Sterling –supported 50/10
37. James Wilson – supported 50/10
38. Katie Fuqua – supported 50/10
39. Vanessa Rattis – supported 50/10
40. Joseph Carter – supported 50/10

41. Inami Blackwell – questioned budget items
42. Joan Rowden – supported police
43. Sarah Garmon – supported 50/10
44. Evan Duran – supported 50/10
45. Levi Ellington – supported 50/10
46. Ryan Dover - supported 50/10
47. William Olmstead – supported 50/10
48. Micelle Evans – supported 50/10
49. Kevin Svena – supported 50/10
50. Shaye Taggle – supported 50/10
51. Pong – supported 50/10
52. Charlene Marsh – supported 50/10
53. Langston Leake - supported 50/10
54. Mandy Martin – opposed defunding police
55. Antonio Martin – opposed defunding police
56. Isaac Johnson – supported 50/10
57. Shawn Eagan – police need more training
59. Brent Temple – need more social workers
60. Patrick Dougherty – supported 50/10
61. Cattea Tumper - supported 50/10
62. Jake Taylor – supported 50/10
63. Robert Parker – supported 50/10
64. Zoe Love – supported 50/10
65. Clarke Brown – supported 50/10
66. Leonard Bubb- supported 50/10
67. Keith Simmons – supported 50/10
68. Evan Guthrie – supported 50/10
69. Shelly lola – supported 50/10
70. Dajuan Owens – supported 50/10
71. Jennifer Mendel – supported 50/10
72. Jeff Levine– supported 50/10
73. Charlie Key – supported 50/10
74. Angelica Meeler – supported 50/10
75. Rachel Parker - supported 50/10
76. Alex Freeman - supported 50/10
77. Simone Orr - supported 50/10
78. Corey Craddick - supported 50/10
79. Gordon Devince - supported 50/10
80. Garrett Singleton - supported 50/10
81. Lamar Morris - supported 50/10
82. Graham Day - supported 50/10
83. Warren Angula- supported 50/10
84. Conner Lacey - supported 50/10
85. Cody Workman - supported 50/10
86. Sara Lyle - supported 50/10
87. Jack Wagner - supported 50/10
88. Ashton - supported 50/10
89. Freddy Sayer - supported 50/10
90. Sam Denny - supported 50/10
91. Victoria - supported 50/10
92. Zack Perry - supported 50/10
93. Ray Egan - supported 50/10
94. Naomi Clayton - supported 50/10
95. Briana Bevins- supported 50/10
96. Claire Bolton - supported 50/10
97. Chad White- supported 50/10
98. Kayla McDowell - supported 50/10
99. Timothy Collins- supported 50/10
100. Eric Rose- supported 50/10
101. Erin Stoner- supported 50/10
102. Heather Stangle- supported 50/10
103. Kathy Fuller- supported 50/10
104. Josh Pendergraft - supported 50/10
105. Zane - opposed 50/10
106. Jane Wallace - supported 50/10

- 107. Jacob Wasserman - supported 50/10
- 108. Anne Simpson - supported 50/10
- 109. Jason Bray - supported 50/10
- 110. Hazel Bray- supported 50/10
- 111. Michael Smith – supported 50/10
- 112. Jeremy Fredericks- supported 50/10
- 113. Ashley Na – supported 50/10
- 114. Alden DeCamilo - supported 50/10
- 115. Broderick Flanagan – supported 50/10

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to table consideration of the FY21 budget until Thursday, June 25. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Girtz announced the following committee assignments.

Prince Avenue Corridor Committee (need chair within group)

Citizens: Jennifer Rice
Peter Norris
Ellen Walker
Clint McCrory
Emily Tatum

Staff: Bruce Lonnee
Stephen Bailey
Hillary Essig
Ilka McConnell
Jeanne Connell
Keith Sanders – Ex Officio

Atlanta Highway Corridor Committee (need chair within group)

Citizens: Dennis Hopper
Janet Prince
Allen Jones
Pat Fowler

Staff: Bruce Lonnee
Stephen Bailey
Hillary Essig
Ilka McConnell
Jeanne Connell
Keith Sanders – Ex Officio

Lexington Road Corridor Committee (need chair within group)

Citizens: Diane Napier
David Spooner
Greg Davis

Staff: Bruce Lonnee
Stephen Bailey
Hillary Essig
Ilka McConnell
Jeanne Connell
Keith Sanders – Ex Officio

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Davenport, to enter into executive session for an attorney/client conference to discuss threatened or pending litigation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.