

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Mayor and Commission
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

The Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County met this date in regular session.

Mayor Denson welcomed the audience.

Probate Judge Susan Tate administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor Nancy Denson for a four-year term.

Judge Tate administered the oath of office to newly elected District 1 Commissioner Sharyn Dickerson for a four-year term.

Judge Tate administered the oath of office to newly elected District 3 Commissioner Melissa Link for a four-year term.

Judge Tate administered the oath of office to newly elected District 7 Commissioner Diane Bell for a four-year term.

Judge Tate administered the oath of office to returning District 5 Commissioner Jared Bailey and District 9 Commissioner Kelly Girtz for four-year terms.

Roll call was held. Present: Mayor Denson; Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Link, Wright, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby. No one was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to approve Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Written communications

There were no written communications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to adopt the following ordinance (15-01-01) which was presented by title only and the following resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia shall hold its regular monthly business meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia, or at any other such locations as the Commission may, from time to time, decide. When the regularly scheduled business meetings of the Mayor and Commission fall on a Tuesday during which any general or run-off election for the election of the Mayor or a Commissioner of Athens-Clarke County is scheduled, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia shall hold its business meeting on the Wednesday immediately following such run-off or election day at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Athens, Georgia, or at any other such locations as the Mayor and Commission may, from time to time, decide. The Mayor has the discretion to make a public announcement regarding the postponement of regularly scheduled meetings based on dangerous weather conditions or other emergencies that make it necessary to postpone the regularly scheduled meeting. The rescheduling of the

postponed meeting by the Mayor shall be as soon as practicable thereafter, but no later than within the same month.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY:

WHEREAS, Paragraph (b) of § 1 of the Rules of Procedure governing the conduct of proceedings by and before the Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia establishes the date and time of regular meetings of the Commission sitting as a Committee of the Whole, and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to amend the Rules of Procedure to change the date of such regular meetings of the Committee of the Whole from the Thursday following the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m., to the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m., and to amend a related provision in the Rules of Procedure to conform to such change, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby amend Paragraph (b) of § 1 of the Rules of Procedure by deleting such Paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following amended Paragraph (b) of § 1 in lieu thereof, which hereafter shall read as follows:

“(b) In addition, the Commission shall meet, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of all matters to be disposed of by the Commission (except proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance; see §6). Meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. At meetings when the Commission is sitting as a Committee of the Whole, the Commission shall take no final action on any matter.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby amend Paragraph (a) of § 6 of the Rules of Procedure by deleting such Paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following amended Paragraph (a) in lieu thereof, which hereafter shall read as follows:

“(a) Proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance shall be introduced for discussion only at the regular meeting of the Commission sitting as a Committee of the Whole to be held on the third Tuesday of the month. However, final disposition of such matters shall be reserved for regular meetings of the Commission (on the first Tuesday of the month).”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that except as amended hereby, all other provisions of the Rules of Procedure shall remain of full force and effect.

Commissioner Hamby, representing the Nominating Committee, made a motion for the appointment of Commissioner Harry Sims as Mayor Pro tem for the year 2015. Commissioner Herod seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Girtz, to suspend Rules of Commission for consideration of one item of new business. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve amending the intergovernmental agreement with the Athens Housing Authority

dated September 30, 2013 to change the name of the realigned portion of Pauldoe Street to "Brookside Avenue," as per agenda report dated December 23, 2014; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen input on items other than those on the agenda

The following citizen input was received.

1. Sydney Bacchus, P.O. Box 174 – dump needs an anaerobic digester.
2. Tyler Dewey, 149 Tracey Street – Hickory Street Extension project needs protected bike lanes.
3. Leonard Bubb, 270 College Avenue, representing Bag to Bag – impose \$.05 fee on use of plastic bags.

FROM MAYOR DENSON:

The following assignments were announced.

MAYOR'S 2015 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Government Operations Committee

Andy Herod, Chair
Diane Bell
Jerry NeSmith
Melissa Link
Mike Hamby

Legislative Review Committee

Kelly Girtz, Chair
Jared Bailey
Harry Sims
Sharyn Dickerson
Allison Wright

Audit Committee

Allison Wright, Chair
Jared Bailey
Sharyn Dickerson
Diane Bell
Kelly Girtz

Atlanta Highway Ad-Hoc Committee

Mike Hamby, Chair
Kelly Girtz
Harry Sims
Jared Bailey
Jerry NeSmith

Implementation Committee for Economic Development

Nancy Denson
Harry Sims
Sharyn Dickerson
Andy Herod
Kelly Girtz
Allison Wright

Lexington Road Ad-Hoc Committee

Andy Herod, Chair
Harry Sims
Sharyn Dickerson
Citizens appointed by chair

Site Election Committee

Harry Sims, Chair
Paul Martin
Lillian Kinsey
Pete Dugas
David Hamilton
Paul Dellaria
Charlie Smith
Julia Adkins

Special Committee for Review of Environmental Buffer Requirements

Kelly Girtz, Chair
Pat Mahoney
Edwin D. (Dale) Wood
Grant Whitworth
Dominique Dejaeger
Steve Pacileo
Mike Morris
Wade Nutter
April Ingle

OTHER MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

<u>Action, Inc.</u>	Harry Sims (Mayor's designee)
<u>Athens Downtown Development Authority</u>	Nancy Denson (ex-officio) Mike Hamby
<u>Clarke County Board of Health</u>	Jared Bailey (Mayor's appointee) Melissa Link (Mayor's representative)
<u>Clarke County Board of Education ESPLOST Oversight Committee</u>	Allison Wright
<u>Community Tree Council Liaison</u>	Allison Wright
<u>HCD Revolving Loan Committee</u>	Melissa Link
<u>Joint Solid Waste Coordinating Committee</u>	Sharyn Dickerson Nancy Denson
<u>Keep ACC Beautiful Liaison</u>	Allison Wright
<u>Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Authority</u>	Sharyn Dickerson
<u>Pension Board</u>	Harry Sims (Chair)
<u>Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Committee</u>	Jared Bailey Sharyn Dickerson
<u>Upper Oconee Water Basin Authority</u>	Harry Sims (Mayor's designee)
<u>Athens Public Facilities Authority</u> Term expiring 12-31-17	Harry Sims (reappointment) Melissa Link

FROM MANAGER REDDISH:

The following administrative transfer for December 2014 was entered into the record.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transferred to/from/for</u>
\$2,000	Mayor's Office/FY15 General Fund Operating Contingency/furniture replacement

Mayor Denson, Commissioners Sims, Wright, NeSmith, Herod, and Hamby all welcomed aboard and congratulated the three new and two returning commissioners.

FROM COMMISSIONER LINK:

1. Stated plans review for the Hickory Street project will be Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at the Planning Department.
2. Stated the Brookside project will be an asset to the community,
3. Stated she looks forward to innovative ideas for the dump, green energy, and plastic bags.

FROM COMMISSIONER SIMS:

1. Expressed appreciation for his election as 2015 Mayor Pro tem.

FROM COMMISSIONERS DICKERSON AND BELL:

1. Thanked their families and friends for support during their recent campaigns.

FROM COMMISSIONER NESMITH

1. Expressed appreciation to Community Protection Division for a great job with a recent problem in Forest Heights.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Clerk of Commission