
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Tuesday, July 7, 2015
7:00 P.M.
City Hall

The Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in regular monthly session. Present: Mayor Denson; Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Link, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby. Absent: Commissioner Wright.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve Minutes of meeting of June 2, 2015. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Written communications

There were no written communications.

Manager Reddish introduced Scott Freeman who was recently appointed Chief of Police. After comments by Mr. Reddish and Mayor Denson, Probate Judge Susan Tate administered the Oath of Office to Chief Freeman.

Old business - Consent

Items under this section were discussed at prior public meetings and were presented for consideration as a single item. Only one vote was taken.

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Tim Denson – concerned about jail expansion project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to consent to action on the following five items. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. ADOPT: The following ordinance (#15-07-24) which was presented by title only.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON TAMARACK DRIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 3-3-50 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, parking is hereby prohibited on both sides of Tamarack Drive beginning at Whit Davis Road and extending for 195 feet east to the approximate vicinity of 115 Tamarack Drive, as further shown on Attachment #1, incorporated herein by reference.

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 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

2. ADOPT: The following ordinance (#15-07-25) as requested by the Clarke County School District which was presented by title only.

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS TAXES FOR THE CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, FOR THE YEAR 2015.

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

SECTION 1. The following tax, as authorized by the Georgia Constitution, Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph I, is hereby levied and assessed for the year 2015; and the following described property shall be subject to the tax hereinafter prescribed.

SECTION 2. There is hereby levied and assessed for the year 2015 on all of the taxable property in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, ad valorem taxes for school purposes for maintenance and operation at the rate of 20.00 mills, as certified by the Clarke County Board of Education, upon the value of said property as fixed by the Tax Digest of Athens-Clarke County.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

3. APPROVE: The proposed traffic speed advisory measures for South Lumpkin Street as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated June 4, 2015 using funds from the Neighborhood Traffic Management General Fund Capital Budget.
4. APPROVE: A contract change order to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Donald Martin for SPLOST Program Management Services as per agenda report dated June 9, 2015 to (1) extend the contract term to November 1, 2015, and (2) increase the contract value by \$30,000 and; authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.
5. APPROVE: Preliminary construction plans for the 2015 Stormwater System Improvement Sub-Projects as summarized in Facts and Issues #1 and #2 of agenda report dated June 4, 2015; authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute any necessary utility relocation agreements; and authorize staff to acquire the necessary easements, prepare final construction plans, and subsequently enter into the bid and award phase for these projects.

Old and new business – Discussion

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Tyler Dewey, 149 Tracy Street – supported Oconee Rivers Greenway projects.
2. Carl Jordan, Kings Road – transfer funds for Oconee Rivers Greenway projects.
3. Ashley Simpson, 230 Normal Avenue – opposed yellow curb on Georgia Avenue and Normal Avenue.
4. Greg Yoder, 230 Normal Avenue – opposed yellow curb on Georgia Avenue.
5. Jordan Hogby, 515 Baxter Street – opposed yellow curb on Georgia Avenue.
6. Kristen Morales, 338 Satula Avenue – opposed yellow curb on Georgia Avenue.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Girtz, to adopt the following ordinance (#15-07-26) which was presented by title only and as recommended by the Legislative Review Committee. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO TAXICABS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6-14-1 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Definitions*” is hereby amended by deleting from the definition of “*Driver*” therein the words “and has been granted a taxicab driver’s permit to drive a taxicab upon the streets of Athens-Clarke County”; by adding to the definition of “*Independent contract driver*” therein the words “and applicable law”; by deleting therefrom in its entirety the definition of “*Taxicab driver’s permit*”; by adding to the definition of “*Taximeter*” therein the words “utilized within”, “and available for inspection by a passenger” and “is utilized by the operator of a vehicle for hire for the purpose of calculating fares based upon distance, time, and mileage”, and by deleting from said definition the words “attached to” and “measures the distance driven and the waiting time upon which the fare is based”; so that said amended definitions are:

Sec. 6-14-1. – Definitions

Driver: A person who has met the requirements set forth in this chapter.

Independent contract driver: A person who owns and operates one taxicab as an agent of the holder under the company name of the holder pursuant to a written agreement with the holder whereby the person agrees to abide by all of the policies of the holder and all of the requirements of this chapter governing vehicles and drivers and applicable law. The agreement must contain a provision that the hours of operation for the vehicle owned by the independent contract driver will be controlled by the holder.

Taximeter: A meter, instrument or device utilized within a taxicab which is utilized by the operator of a vehicle for hire for the purpose of calculating fares based upon distance, time, and mileage.

SECTION 2. Section 6-14-3 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Owner’s compliance with chapter*” is hereby amended by deleting from paragraph (b) thereof the words “has met” and “has been issued a taxicab driver’s permit to drive a taxicab within Athens-Clarke County” and by adding thereto the words “meets” and “applicable Georgia law” so that said paragraph (b) is:

Sec. 6-14-3. – Owner’s compliance with chapter.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the holder of a vehicle for hire business permit, its agents or employees, to allow any person to drive, use, or operate any vehicle as

a vehicle for hire unless that person meets the requirements set forth in this chapter and applicable Georgia law.

SECTION 3. Section 6-14-7 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled "*Vehicle requirements.*" is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety subsection 12 thereof entitled, "*Biannual inspection required; re-inspection fees*"; by adding to subsection 13 thereof entitled "*Quarterly inspections of vehicles by holders*" the words "for compliance with this ordinance"; by deleting from subsection 14 thereof entitled "*Compliance inspections.*" the title "Compliance inspections" and substituting therefor the title "*Inspections*"; by deleting paragraph 14 a. in its entirety and substituting therefor the words "Any vehicle suspected of being operated in violation of this chapter may be the subject of an inspection conducted by any Athens-Clarke County police officer or by authorized Athens-Clarke County personnel at such officer's direction without the necessity of obtaining a warrant to permit such inspection. In the event that the inspection reveals violations of this chapter or applicable state law, the officer is authorized to issue appropriate citations and to report the violation to the chief of police or designee. In cases where an officer directs that the vehicle be inspected by Athens-Clarke County personnel, the fee for such inspection shall be \$25.00 per inspection. No vehicle shall be permitted to enter or return to service without such fee first being paid"; and by deleting paragraph 14 b. in its entirety, so that subsections 12 and 13 are:

Sec. 6-14-7. – Vehicle requirements.

(12) *Quarterly inspections of vehicles by holders.* It shall be a requirement of this Code section that every taxicab vehicle in the holder's fleet shall be inspected once each quarter by the holder, agent, or employee for compliance with this ordinance. Records of these inspections shall be kept at the company location and available for review by Athens-Clarke County police. Each vehicle in the fleet shall be inspected before January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 in order to make certain that every taxicab that is owned, controlled, and operated by the holder meets the minimum standards of serviceability and safety set forth herein.

(13) *Inspections.*

a. Any vehicle suspected of being operated in violation of this chapter may be the subject of an inspection conducted by any Athens-Clarke County police officer or by authorized Athens-Clarke County personnel at such officer's direction without the necessity of obtaining a warrant to permit such inspection. In the event that the inspection reveals violations of this chapter or applicable state law, the officer is authorized to issue appropriate citations and to report the violation to the chief of police or designee. In cases where an officer directs that the vehicle be inspected by Athens-Clarke County personnel, the fee for such inspection shall be \$25.00 per inspection. No vehicle shall be permitted to enter or return to service without such fee first being paid.

b. Violations of this chapter found during such inspections or otherwise observed by Athens-Clarke County personnel or reported by members of the public shall be reported to the chief of police or designee. The chief of police or designee shall notify the holder of the violation and may institute appropriate administrative proceedings in accordance with this chapter.

SECTION 4. Section 6-14-10 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled "*Suspension of unsafe vehicles from operation*" is hereby amended by deleting from subsection (a) thereof the words "is re-inspected" and "inspector" and by adding thereto the words "inspected" and "inspector as provided in 6-14-7 (13)"; and by deleting subsection (c) thereof in its entirety; so that section 6-14-10 is:

Sec. 6-14-10. - Suspension of unsafe vehicles from operation.

(a) The chief of police or designee may suspend from operation any taxicab found to have a mechanical deficiency that adversely affects the safety of the vehicle while it is in operation. Any vehicle so suspended shall not be operated again until it has been repaired and then inspected and approved by an Athens-Clarke County designated inspector as provided in 6-14-7 (13).

(b) Any vehicle that has an expired quarterly insurance validation decal shall not be operated as a vehicle for hire and shall remain out of service until the requirements set forth in section 6-14-37 have been met.

(c) It is unlawful to operate any vehicle that has been suspended from operation under this section after receiving notice to cease operation of the vehicle.

SECTION 5. Section 6-14-11 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled "*Taximeter optional; operation, inspection.*" is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the words "visible", "After sundown, the face of the taximeter shall be illuminated", "operated by a mechanism of standard design and construction. Any such taximeter shall be sealed at all points and connections which, if manipulated, would affect its correct reading and recording. Each taximeter shall have thereon a signal to denote when the vehicle is employed and when it is not employed, and it shall be the duty of the driver to activate the signal of such taximeter into a non-recording position at the termination of each trip", "violation or any inaccuracy" and "taximeter is repaired and the required", and by adding thereto the words "Effective July 1, 2016, all taxicabs operated under the authority of this chapter must be operated with taximeters included within each vehicle and utilized for every passenger trip", "and when", "made available", "of a design and type approved in advance by the chief of police or designee", "noncompliance with the provisions hereof" and "of the taximeter" so that section 6-14-11 is:

Sec. 6-14-11. - Taximeter optional; operation, inspection.

All taxicabs operated under the authority of this chapter may be equipped with taximeters fastened to the vehicle. Effective July 1, 2016, all taxicabs operated under the authority of this chapter must be operated with taximeters included within each vehicle and utilized for every passenger trip. If and when so equipped, the meters shall be made available to the passengers thereof at all times, day and night. The taximeter shall be of a design and type approved in advance by the chief of police or designee. Any taximeter shall be subject to inspection at any time by the chief of police or designee, and upon discovery of any noncompliance with the provisions hereof, the chief of police shall notify the operator of the taxicab to cease operation immediately, which action shall be taken. The taxicab shall be kept out of service until the working condition of the taximeter is restored.

SECTION 6. Chapter 6-14 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia entitled "*VEHICLES FOR HIRE*" is hereby amended by deleting Article 3 thereof entitled "*TAXICAB DRIVER'S PERMITS*" and all sections therein in its entirety, and reserving said Article 3 for future use.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Link, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve award of a professional services contract change order to Rosser International, Inc. for the Jail Expansion Project (SPLOST 2011 Project #01) as per agenda report dated June 2, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$283,000 and; authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to HOLD until August 4 Georgia Avenue parking restrictions – Normal Avenue to Prince Avenue. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, with reference to the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) – East Campus Connector (Sub-project #1) preliminary plans:

- a. Approve the proposed preliminary plans for the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) – East Campus Connector (Sub-Project #1) as generally illustrated in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated May 26, 2015;
- b. Approve a change order to the design services contract with Pond & Company for an amount preliminary plans and completion of all construction bid documents of the East Campus Connector (Sub-Project #1);

- c. Approve an allocation of \$1.6 million from SPLOST 11 “unallocated revenue” and “earned interest” (\$1,889,472 available as of 4-22-2015) to Project 9, Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors, for the purpose of constructing the UGA East Campus Connector;
- d. Authorize staff to advance the proposed preliminary plans for the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) – East Campus Connector (Sub-Project page 2 #1) to the project bid and award phase in accordance with GDOT’s Plan Development Process; and
- e. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to:

- a. Approve the proposed preliminary plans for the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) – East Campus Connector (Sub-Project #1) as generally illustrated in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated May 26, 2015;
- b. Approve a change order to the design services contract with Pond & Company for an amount not to exceed \$89,000 for additional design services associated with the proposed preliminary plans and completion of all construction bid documents of the East Campus Connector (Sub-Project #1);
- c. Authorize staff to advance the proposed preliminary plans for the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) – East Campus Connector (Sub-Project #1) as generally illustrated in Attachment #1 to the project bid and award phase in accordance with GDOT’s Plan Development Process; and
- d. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

The substitute motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Bailey, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby voting YES; and Commissioners Link and NeSmith voting NO. (7 YES; 2 NO)

A motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to HOLD until September 1 the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) – Sub-project concepts (Sub-projects #2 - #4).

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Link, to:

- a. By reference to the attached map of the Easley’s Mill revision of the Greenway Network Plan (approved July 7, 2009), APPROVE the trail segments and connectors, as described on said map, as SPLOST-11 concepts to be assessed for preliminary design and sequential-construction priority, to include participatory review and recommendation by the Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission;
- b. Authorize staff to advance the proposed project concepts of the Oconee Rivers Greenway Network Connectors (SPLOST 2011 Project #09) to the preliminary plan phase as funding is available and as recommended by the Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission;
- c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

The substitute motion failed by roll call vote with Commissioners Link, Bailey, and NeSmith voting YES; and Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby voting NO. (3 YES; 6 NO)

Commissioner Girtz amended his motion to HOLD this item until August 4.

The original motion as amended passed by unanimous vote.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

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 Sims, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson, to approve the following report from the Nominating Committee. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
June 23, 2015

Athens Downtown Development Authority	Chris Blackmon (reappointment) Downtown property owner Two-year term expiring 07-31-17
	Loretta Paluck Downtown business owner Two-year term expiring 07-31-17
Department of Family and Children Services	Andrea Lingard (reappointment) Five-year term expiring 06-30-20
Development Authority of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Gustavo Burnum (reappointment) Four-year term expiring 06-30-19
	Michael Morris (reappointment) Four-year term expiring 06-30-19
Georgia Innovation Corridor Joint Development Authority	Ryan Moore Four-year term expiring 05-18-19
Region 2 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board	Jolie Daigle Three-year term expiring 06-30-18
Athens-Clarke County Vision Committee	Donna Brumby (reappointment) Three-year term expiring 06-30-18
	Patrina Huff Three-year term expiring 06-30-18

Public hearing and deliberation on recommendations from the Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission

A public hearing was held on request of St. James United Methodist Church for special use in RS-5 (Single-Family Residential) District on 0.922 acres known as 174 Henderson Extension. Proposed use is a church. Type II

Planning Commission recommendation: Approve as amended Variances

Planning Commission recommendation: Approve w/conditions
Special use request

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Bob Wallace, 1051 Creek Ridge Road, Watkinsville, Chair St. James Trustees - supported.

A motion was made by Commissioner Link to approve the special use request without the condition for a sidewalk.

Commissioner Link withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Link, to approve the following variances:

- Elimination of the buffer requirement of Section 9-15-3 for a non-residential use adjoining residential-zone property
- Elimination of the requirement of Section 9-25-8-E-1 for public street frontage sidewalk
- Decrease in the number of parking spaces per Section 9-30-2-D from 23 to 13
- Elimination of the requirement of Section 9-30-9-E for parking lot paving with the following condition: The accessible parking space shall comply with Georgia Accessibility Code Standards.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Link, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to adopt the following ordinance (#15-07-27) which was presented by title only. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, WITH RESPECT TO SPECIAL USE APPROVAL IN THE RS-5 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT ON THE APPROXIMATE 0.922-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 174 HENDERSON EXTENSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The current RS-5 (Single-Family Residential) district in which is located the approximate 0.922-acre parcel of land at 174 Henderson Extension, Athens, Georgia is hereby amended to provide for Special Use approval to permit the construction of an addition to an existing church building. The subject parcel is more fully described as follows:

All that approximate 0.922-acre parcel of land as described in the drawing entitled "The Light Classroom Addition, 174 Henderson Ext., (Sheet) A100", dated April 29, 2015, prepared by Benjamin Rossetti, Registered Architect, and being on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department.

Said approximate 0.922-acre parcel of land at 174 Henderson Extension, Athens, Georgia is designated as tax parcel number 122D1 H006 on the Athens-Clarke County tax map, being on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, 120 W. Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia. The date of this amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Athens-Clarke County as shown by Attachment A hereto shall be noted on said Official Zoning map in the Clerk of Commission's Office and duly noted in the minutes of the Commission meeting.

SECTION 2. The binding site plan associated with this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference consists of two sheets, the first sheet of which being entitled "The Light Classroom Addition, 174 Henderson Ext., (Sheet) A100", dated April 29, 2015; the second sheet of which being entitled "The Light Classroom Addition, 174 Henderson Ext., (Sheet) A200", dated April 28, 2015, both sheets being prepared by Benjamin Rossetti, Registered Architect, and stamped "Binding 6/8/15", and being on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department.

The binding written report associated with this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference consists of ten pages, being entitled "Special Use Permit Application, Saint

James United Methodist Church, The Light Ministries of Athens” dated May 1, 2015 and stamped “Binding 6/8/15”, and being on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department.

SECTION 3. The conditions of zoning and variances associated with this ordinance are as follows:

1. A variance to eliminate the buffer requirement of section 9-15-3 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia for a non-residential use adjoining residentially zoned property is hereby approved.
2. A variance to eliminate the requirement of section 9-25-8 E.1.a. for sidewalks on public street frontages is hereby approved.
3. A variance to decrease the number of parking spaces required by section 9-30-2.D. of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia from twenty-three to thirteen spaces is hereby approved.
4. A variance to eliminate the requirement of section 9-30-9.E. of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia for parking lot paving is hereby partially approved with the condition that the accessible parking space for persons with disabilities comply with the standards of the Georgia Accessibility Code and the Georgia Parking Law for Persons with Disabilities.
5. The site plan shall be revised prior to permitting to properly denote the building setback lines and proposed lot coverage.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A public hearing was held on request of Robert Ochs/Aldi, Inc. for Green Acres Baptist Church and John R. Berryman for rezoning from C-N (Commercial-Neighborhood) and RS-25 (Single-Family Residential) to C-N(PD) (Commercial-Neighborhood Planned Development) on 5.147 acres known as 2285 and 2295 Barnett Shoals Road. Proposed use is a grocery. This request will require an amendment to the Future Development Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Community Center Mixed Use. Type I

Planning Commission recommendation: Approve
Future Development Map amendment

Planning Commission recommendation: Approve w/conditions
Rezoning request

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. James Warnes, 244 East Washington Street, representing petitioner – supported.
2. Dick Berryman, petitioner – supported.
3. Martha Mendecino, Green Acres – opposed.
4. Paul Delargy, 132 South Stratford Drive – supported.
5. Laurin Smith - opposed.
6. Laura David, 155 Clyde Road – opposed.
7. Melanie Aaron - opposed.
8. Kent Middleton, 195 Clyde Road, President Green Acres/Crestwood Homeowners Association – opposed.
9. Mary Carter, 475 Forest Road – opposed.
10. Elsie Bothwell, 118 Clyde Road – opposed.
11. Carl Jordan, 185 Kings Road – supported.

12. Greg Yoder, 230 Normal Avenue – supported.
13. Janet Wright, eastside – opposed.
14. Charles Parrish, Pastor Green Acres Baptist Church – supported.
15. James Warnes – supported.

A motion was made by Commissioner Herod, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson, to DENY both the amendment to the Future Development Map and the rezoning request for 2285 and 2295 Barnett Shoals Road.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to HOLD this request for 30 days.

The substitute motion failed by roll call vote with Commissioners Bailey, NeSmith, and Girtz voting YES and Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Link, Bell, Herod, and Hamby voting NO. (3 YES; 6 NO)

The original motion to DENY passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Dickerson, Link, Bell, Herod, and Hamby voting YES and Commissioners Sims, Bailey, NeSmith, and Girtz voting NO. (5 YES; 4 NO)

Citizen input on items other than those listed on this agenda

The following citizen input was received.

1. Donald Raines, 187 Firewood, representing Athens Council for the Blind – stated traffic is not yielding to pedestrians as required particularly at Lexington Road and Whit Davis Road.
2. John Becker, 110 Meadow Creek Drive – gave an update on activities of the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.
3. Jordan Hobdy, 515 Baxter Street – supported parallel ordinance for marijuana possession.
4. Walter Swanson, 200 Springtree Road – suggested a street be renamed in honor of President Jimmy Carter.
5. Sean Cook, 110 Lake Street – requested review of alcohol ordinance with reference to special events permits.
6. Carl Jordan, 185 Kings Road – there are no unallocated SPLOST funds, will be excess funds from jail project.

FROM MAYOR DENSON:

1. Presented each Commissioner with a box of crayons emphasizing the importance of an arts program to the community.
2. Announced proclamations will be issued to the following recognizing their participation in the Adopt Athens Program.

The River Shoals Neighborhood

Trail Creek Village Shops, LLC

3. Recommended the reappointment of Commissioner Mike Hamby to the Development Authority of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia for a four-year term expiring June 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Herod, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve said recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Announced the appointment of Sonya Fears to serve as Resident Commissioner for the Housing Authority of the City of Athens, Georgia to fill a one-year unexpired term ending May 31, 2016.
5. Announced the reappointment of Lamar Houston to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for a one-year term.
6. Announced the following appointments to the Athens-Clarke Growth Fund Loan Review Committee.

Meyer Vashi	two-year term expiring June 30, 2017
Davis P. Knox	two-year term expiring June 30, 2017
William (Bill) Bland	three-year term expiring June 30, 2018
John H. Culpepper	three-year term expiring June 30, 2018
Winston Heard	three-year term expiring June 30, 2018

FROM MANAGER REDDISH:

1. Contract awards in excess of \$10,000 for May 2015 was presented for information.
2. A report of Manager proposed operating transfers for May 2015 was entered into the record.

FROM COMMISSIONER HAMBY:

1. Expressed appreciation to Pat Allen for his dedication and service as UGA liaison to Athens-Clarke County.
2. Stated although underage drinkers will be given a ticket rather than arrested, there are other activities which may lead to arrest.

FROM COMMISSIONERS BAILEY AND GIRTZ:

1. Requested work sessions be televised.

FROM COMMISSIONER BAILEY:

1. Requested Mayor Denson refer to the Government Operations Committee a review of Athens Transit advertising policy with reference to Clarke County Health Department ads for birth control.

FROM COMMISSIONER LINK:

1. Requested staff discuss the need for a crosswalk on Prince Avenue near Georgia Avenue with Georgia Department of Transportation.
2. Requested consideration of a west bound Athens Transit bus stop in the Normaltown area.
3. Supported review of policy on ads for Athens Transit vehicles.
4. Supported parallel ordinance for marijuana possession.
5. Announced a public input session on road projects is scheduled Wednesday, July 22, at 120 Dougherty Street.

FROM COMMISSIONER SIMS AND DICKERSON:

1. Gave kudos to the Police Department on the recent Youth Boys' Summer Camp which had approximately 60 participants.

FROM COMMISSIONER DICKERSON:

1. Expressed appreciation to Assistant Chief of Police Carter Greene for his service as interim chief.

FROM COMMISSIONERS NESMITH, LINK, AND GIRTZ:

1. Requested review of alcohol ordinance to mirror state law regarding non-profit events. This item is under review by staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to enter into executive session for discussion of a real estate matter and an attorney/client conference. The motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Clerk of Commission