

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Mayor and Commission
Special Called Session
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
5:30 p.m.
120 West Dougherty Street

The Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in a special called session. Present: Mayor Denson; Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Link, Wright, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby. No one was absent. Commissioner Bailey came in at 5:32 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider amended approval for structural connection to the Classic Center for a proposed hotel; and any other item in proper order.

Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Clint McCrory, 390 Franklin Street – opposed.
2. Mike Waldrip, President Athens Hotel Association – opposed public funding.
3. Gwen O’Looney – supported.

New business - Consider under suspension of Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Hamby, to suspend Rules of Commission for consideration of the item on this agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to

- a. Approve an amendment to the Connector Easement Agreement for a permanent structural connection and building interface (connection) between the existing Classic Center facility and a proposed new hotel (hotel) to be located north of the Classic Center along the Thomas Street frontage to serve as an enclosed pedestrian hallway, elevator and stair area as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated November 2, 2015;
- b. Authorize the necessary agreements, conveyances, easements or donations as necessary to accomplish the defined connection in the best interest of the Unified Government; and
- c. Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to negotiate and execute all related documents.

The motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Wright, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Herod, Girtz, and Hamby voting YES; and Commissioner Link voting NO. (9 YES; 1 NO)

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Clerk of Commission