

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Special Called Session
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

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 Hamby came in at 6:02 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider request for Georgia Interlocal Risk Management agreement firefighter cancer coverage application and participation resolution; S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Grant – Solicitor General's office application for 2017; and creation of one fulltime victim advocate position in the District Attorney's office.

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 items on this agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to adopt the following resolution to add membership in an additional fund of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA); and authorize staff to apply for and purchase both Lump Sum Cancer Benefit and Long Term Disability (Income Replacement) coverage on behalf of Athens-Clarke County Firefighters as per agenda report dated December 14, 2017. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A RESOLUTION TO ADD MEMBERSHIP IN A FUND OF GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY (GIRMA)

WHEREAS, the Public Entity of The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, located in Clarke County, Georgia ("Public Entity") is a current member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter GIRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Public Entity is currently a member of a GIRMA Fund and desires to add membership in an additional GIRMA Fund; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Public Entity has reviewed the Fund Election Form attached as Appendix A and finds that it is in the best interest of its citizens for Public Entity to be a member of the Funds indicated on the Fund Election Form;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Public Entity:

1. The Mayor of Public Entity is authorized to execute the GIRMA Fund Election Form attached as Appendix A on behalf of Public Entity and all documents necessary for
2. The Mayor of The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County is designated as Public Entity's representative to GIRMA.
3. Public Entity may change its representative by making a written request to Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., the Program Administrator for GIRMA.
4. This resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the Solicitor General's submission of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) grant application for and, if awarded, acceptance of S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women (VAWA) grant funds in the amount of \$70,000 to be used to fund one Domestic Violence Prosecutor position and necessary supplies and training for the prosecution of domestic violence cases in calendar year (CY) 2018 as per agenda report dated December 13, 2017; approve the continuation of one full-time authorized position for the Solicitor General's Office specialized domestic violence prosecution in CY18; adopt the following ordinance (#17-12-88) which was presented by title only amending the Solicitor General's Office FY18 Budget and related operating expenses for the CJCC Grant in accordance with the ordinance, the match requirement to be met by a portion of the salary of a current assistant solicitor is \$11,667 for the first six months of the grant; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY2018 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ONE FULLTIME POSITION AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES TO SUPPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the Grants Special Revenue Fund to provide grant funding from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for one fulltime position and associated expenses to support domestic violence cases. Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

Grants Special Revenue Fund:

REVENUES:

Increase:
Stop Violence Against Women Grant (CJCC) (12 months) \$70,000

EXPENDITURES:

Increase:
Solicitor General Operating Expenses (12 months) \$70,000

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson, to approve the creation of one fulltime Victim Advocate position in the District Attorney's Office that will serve the Circuit as per agenda report dated December 6, 2017; adopt the following ordinance (17-12-89) which was presented by title only amending the FY18 budget; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to sign all necessary documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2018 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO AN ADDITIONAL FULLTIME VICTIM ADVOCATE POSITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia desires to amend the Special Programs Special Revenue Fund to provide additional funding to the District Attorney's Office for expenses related to an additional fulltime victim advocate position. Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

Special Programs Fund:

REVENUES:

Increase:
Intergovernmental Revenue (Oconee County) \$50,000

EXPENDITURES:

Increase
District Attorney's Office:
Personal Services \$50,000

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Clerk of Commission