

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia  
Mayor and Commission  
Tuesday, January 2, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

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

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Girtz, to reconsider action of December 5, 2017 with regard to septage fees (Page #344). The motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Link, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Girtz, and Hamby voting YES; and Commissioner Wright voting NO. (8 YES; 1 NO)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve Minutes of meetings of Tuesday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 19, 2017. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### Recognition

The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) received the Special Waste Award from the Georgia Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) which was presented at the fall conference on Jekyll Island on December 7, 2017. The award application will now be sent to the National SWANA awards program committee. National SWANA awards will be announced in August 2018. Solid Waste Director Suki Janssen accepted the award.

#### Written communications

There were no written communications.

#### 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

There was no citizen input.

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

1. ADOPT: The following resolution establishing which Sunday in 2018 when alcohol sales are permitted per the provisions of Senate Bill 103.

### **RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7 (r) authorizes the governing authority of a county or municipality to adopt a resolution or ordinance to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises from 12:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on one Sunday during each calendar year, and

WHEREAS, § 6-3-5 (i) (9) of the Code of Ordinances of Athens-Clarke County implements the above-described statute, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County desire to so designate one Sunday in 2018 for such purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commission do hereby declare that Sunday, February 4, 2018, is designated as the Sunday during calendar year 2018 when licensees holding Class D, E or F alcoholic beverages licenses may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises from 12:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on such date.

2. APPROVE: Setting of qualifying fees for the May 2018 general primary as per agenda report dated November 29, 2017.
3. APPROVE: Operational Analysis audit process as per agenda report dated December 15, 2017.
4. APPROVE: An agreement as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated November 28, 2017 with the Salvation Army, subject to final approval by the Attorney's Office and the Salvation Army Headquarters; authorize the commencement of a low-income water and sewer bill assistance program (Project SHARE); and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

#### Old/new business – Discussion

#### Citizen input

The following citizen input was received.

1. Tim Stamey, 193 East Clayton Street – keep three lanes on Clayton Street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to award a Cost-Not-To-Exceed Contract in an amount of \$93,440 to the landfill's on-call engineering firm of Atlantic Coast Consulting for Engineering Services during construction of Phase V of the Athens-Clarke County Landfill as per agenda report dated November 21, 2017; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the preliminary construction plans for the Whitehall Road at South Milledge Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated November 21, 2017; authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute any necessary utility relocation agreements and all other project related documents; and authorize staff to acquire the necessary right-of-way and easements, prepare final construction plans, and subsequently enter into the bid and award phase for this project. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve the purchase of capital project related vehicles and equipment for the Transportation & Public Works Department for initial use on the Business Corridor Infrastructure Project as per agenda report revised December 28, 2017. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dickerson, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Crown Castle, as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated November 21, 2017 authorizing the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County to permit Crown Castle to own, construct, maintain, operate, and control telecommunication and small cell equipment within the right of way. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Girtz, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to approve Operational Analysis annual audit work plan as per agenda report revised January 1, 2018. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Link with reference to the Clayton Street Infrastructure and Transportation Improvements Project concept – SPLOST 2005 Project #10 and TSPLOST 2018 Project #9, Sub-Project #1:

- 1) Approve requested action b (public art).
- 2) Amend & approve requested action a to proceed with project concept as shown in Attachment #1 only for the Lumpkin to Jackson portion of the Clayton St. corridor.
- 3) Amend & approve requested action c to advance only the Lumpkin-to-Jackson portion of the Clayton St. corridor to the construction phase.
- 4) Schedule an interactive public input forum within the next agenda cycle, with direct notification to be made to all Clayton St. business & property owners, to present & gauge feedback on alternative parking configurations for the Jackson-to-Thomas block of Clayton St. that would allow for greatly enhanced sidewalk/plaza public space in this area. Alternatives shall include: On the north side of Clayton Street, install parallel parking from the Hilton parking deck driveway to the Hilton parking lot driveway, and eliminate on-street parking from the Hilton parking lot driveway to Thomas Street.

The motion died for lack of a second.

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

- a) Approve the proposed project concept elements for the SPLOST 2005 Project #10 and TSPLOST 2018 Project #9, Sub-Project #1 - Clayton Street Infrastructure and Transportation Improvements as described and shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated December 14, 2017;
- b) Approve the SPLOST 2005 Project #10 and TSPLOST 2018 Project #9, Sub-Project #1 as appropriate for inclusion of public art with the above noted associated budget of \$50,364; and,
- c) Authorize staff to advance the portions of the project to be built with Athens-Clarke County staff to the construction phase and authorize staff to advance the complete project to the preliminary plans design phase and to begin taking public input on the preliminary design.

The motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Wright, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell, Girtz, and Hamby voting YES; and Commissioner Link voting NO. (8 YES; 1 NO)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to:

- a) Approve a Proposed Project Funding Implementation Schedule for the TSPLOST 2018 Program as per Attachment #1 of agenda report dated December 13, 2017;
- b) Authorize staff to proceed with the procurement process of borrowing money in an amount not to exceed the dollar value shown on Attachment #1 to support the proposed funding schedule in accordance with the Facts and Issue #4 of said agenda report; and,
- c) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

There was no new business.

#### Reconsideration

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Girtz, to reconsider action of Tuesday, December 5, 2017 by adopting a resolution setting fees for septage disposal by adding a provision for domestic septage from outside ACC and JBOOM, collected and delivered by an ACC-based business.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that fees adopted December 5, 2017 for septage disposal remain as adopted, and request the Mayor send to committee another review of the fees for septage disposal.

Commissioner NeSmith withdrew his motion.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Hamby, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to request that the Mayor send to committee another review of the fees for septage disposal, and that the actions of December 5, 2017 adopting an ordinance and resolution with reference to septage disposal be reaffirmed. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Girtz, to elect Commissioner Allison Wright Mayor Pro tem for 2018. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen input on items other than those listed on this agenda.

There was no citizen input.

FROM MAYOR DENSON:

1. Referred to Legislative Review Committee a review of septage ordinance with reference to acceptance of septage from outside the JBOOM area and at what cost.
2. Announced the following appointments to the TSPLOST 2018 Oversight Committee.

District 1	Dr. Kaori Sakamoto
District 2	Willie C. Bolton
District 3	Ashley Na
District 4	Dr. Alice Kinman – Chair
District 5	Lauren Blais
District 6	Madeline VanDyck
District 7	Tommy Jackson
District 8	Sue Plaksin
District 9	Anna “Tres” Small
District 10	Aaron Redman

3. Stated there are no changes in appointments to standing committees.
4. Congratulated UGA Bulldogs for their Rose Bowl victory.

FROM MANAGER WILLIAMS:

1. Received for information was a report of contract awards in excess of \$10,000 for November 2017.

FROM COMMISSIONER GIRTZ:

1. Requested manager provide information to the public with reference to regulations for use of fireworks.

FROM COMMISSIONER DICKERSON:

1. Announced Green Life Expo will be held January 27.
2. Stated the recycling drop off site at Athens Tech will close at the end of January.

FROM COMMISSIONER BELL:

1. Congratulated UGA Bulldogs on Rose Bowl win.

FROM COMMISSIONER NESMITH:

1. Requested staff review Huntington Road for placement of no trucks allowed signage at the northern most exit. Thanked staff for work already done on this request.

FROM COMMISSIONER BAILEY:

1. Thanked staff for a trial period of conducting work sessions at City Hall beginning February 13.

FROM COMMISSIONER WRIGHT:

1. Stated both UGA football and basketball teams have enjoyed a tremendous season.

FROM COMMISSIONER LINK:

1. Request public input be held on TSPLOST projects prior to work sessions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson, to enter into executive session for discussion of real estate acquisition and/or disposal and an attorney/client conference to discuss threatened or pending litigation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Clerk of Commission