

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia
Mayor and Commission
Tuesday, October 1, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in regular monthly session. Present: Mayor Girtz; Commissioners Davenport, Parker, Link, Wright, Denson, NeSmith, Edwards, Herod, Thornton, and Hamby. No one was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to approve Minutes of meetings of Tuesday, September 3; Tuesday, September 10; and Tuesday, September 17, 2019. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Written communications

There were no written communications.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to suspend Rules of Commission for the new business item. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old business – Discussion

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

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

- a) Approve award of a construction contract for Carriage Lane culvert replacement and sidewalk gap projects along Barnett Shoals Road to Georgia Development Partners for a unit cost not to exceed \$1,454,797 as per agenda report dated August 27, 2019;
- b) Authorize the Extra Work Contingency Allowance in the amount of \$130,000; and
- c) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve the project concept as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated September 10, 2019 for the development of a park at 125 East Washington Street. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to approve a proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Week – October 6 – 12, 2019. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to approve proposed project concept for SPLOST 2011 Project #21 Public Art Program Athens - Music Walk of Fame as per agenda report revised September 24, 2019. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to consent to action on the following 10 items. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. ADOPT: The following ordinance (#19-10-65) which was presented by title only approving the installation of an all-way stop with crosswalks on all four approaches at the intersection of North Peter Street and Carver Drive as shown on Attachment #1 of agenda report dated August 28, 2019.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH PETER STREET AND CARVER 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, stop control with crosswalks is hereby established for all four approaches to the intersection of North Peter Street and Carver Drive, as shown on Attachment #1 hereto, incorporated herein by reference.

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

2. APPROVE: North Chase Street sidewalk gap change order to the original contract for Baxter Street and Southview Drive sidewalk project with Sol Construction, LLC for a unit cost not to exceed \$114,382.97 as per agenda report dated August 22, 2019; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.
3. APPROVE: Grant of a permanent encroachment easement to the owner of 975 North Chase Street, Pulaski Jack, LLC, for a porch and gas meter which extend into the right of way of Chattooga Avenue, as shown in Attachment #1a and b of agenda report dated August 23, 2019; and authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute the encroachment agreement (Attachment #2).
4. APPROVE: Declaration as surplus property the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov)-owned vehicles and equipment described in Facts and Issues #4 of agenda report dated August 27, 2019; and authorize the sale of the vehicles and equipment described in Facts and Issues #4 through an Internet auction.
5. APPROVE: Government Operations Committee recommendation to Pass Out With No Action: Review of the wrecker on-call contracts as per report dated August 27, 2019.
6. APPROVE: Purchase and installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at the future location of the mid-block crosswalk on Barnett Shoals Road near Carriage Lane as shown in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated August 27, 2019.
7. APPROVE: Contract services through Arcadis U.S., Inc. to undertake National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater Phase II Permit requirements for impaired waters beginning October 2019 through February 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$217,421.06 as per agenda report dated August 28, 2019. This includes implementing the

Stormwater Quality Assurance Plan and providing Athens-Clarke County with annual sampling reports.

8. APPROVE: a) An appropriation of \$1,119,230 from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for the Hillside Street, Oakridge Avenue, and Booker Street water line upgrades as per agenda report dated August 28, 2019;
b) Award an on-call construction work authorization to the low bidder, RDJE Inc., for \$1,119,230; and
c) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related requisition documents.

9. APPROVE: a) Authorize the use of eligible SPLOST 2011, Project #17 funding as match for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant as per agenda report revised September 23, 2019; and
b) Authorize staff to submit a pre-application proposal and, if accepted, to execute appropriate documents associated with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act Program grant for up to \$550,000.

10. APPROVE: Appointments to the Community Tree Council.

Jessica McClellan	partial term expiring 12-31-20
Lea Clark	partial term expiring 12-31-21

Public hearing on creation of a new Urban Service District

A public hearing was held on request from Commissioner Edwards for creation of a new Urban Service District to expand solid waste collection services to the single-family portion of Riverbend Parkway.

Citizen input

The following citizens spoke in support.

1. Steven Kozlosky
2. Carol Myers
3. Laurel Yen

Old and new business – Discussion

Citizen input

1. Bly Crane – supported audit of animal control
2. Sherry Tanner - supported audit of animal control
3. Brandy Kirkwood- supported audit of animal control
4. Lisa Milot- supported audit of animal control and proposed changes
5. Paula Loniak – supported proposed changes for animal control
6. Erin Stacer – don't displace current residents of Bethel Homes
7. Joseph Carter – questioned process for North Athens project
8. Carol Myers – supported 100% clean energy for North Athens project
9. Michael Songster – supported 100% clean energy for North Athens project
10. Zachary Perry – questioned North Athens project
11. Amanda Whitsel – supported proposed changes and audit for animal control

12. Dena Hayden – supported audit of animal control
13. Michael Smith – supported changes in animal control, Dublin Street, animal control audit, North Athens project; opposed Classic Center MOU

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Denson, to adopt the following ordinance (#19-10-66) which was presented by title only as per Attachment #1 of agenda report revised September 20, 2019 establishing the Animal Services Department in accordance with the Athens-Clarke County Charter. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO **ESTABLISHING THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Title 1, entitled “General Government,” of the Code of Athens-Clarke County is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 1-26, entitled “Athens-Clarke County Department of Animal Services,” thereto as follows:

“CHAPTER 1-26. ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES.

Sec. 1-26-1. Establishment. Pursuant to Athens-Clarke County Charter Section 4-201 et seq., there is hereby created the Department of Animal Services as part of the administrative and service departments of the Unified Government under the supervision and direction of the Manager. The employees of said office shall be employees of Athens-Clarke County appointed by the Manager under the personnel system with the Director of animal services as a professional class position.

Sec. 1-26-2. Purpose. The purpose of the Department of Animal Services is to protect the public safety and health from at-large and dangerous animals, protect animals from inhumane treatment and provide education, provide housing for the animals in the County’s possession, and to convey animals to caring homes or alter them and return them to their territory or colony.”

SECTION 2. Section 4-1-1 of the Official Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled, “Definitions,” is hereby amended by adding the two following definitions:

“CHAPTER 4-1. – ANIMAL SERVICES

Sec. 4-1-1. – Definitions.

Athens-Clarke County Animal Control Division means the Athens-Clarke County Department of Animal Services.

Animal Control Superintendent or superintendent means the Director of the Athens-Clarke County Department of Animal Services.”

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on November 1, 2019.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, to convert five part-time animal control shelter positions to three full-time positions (two animal caretakers and one volunteer coordinator); authorize three additional full-time positions as stated above (two animal caretakers and one volunteer coordinator) in the newly created Animal Services Department; and adopt the following ordinance (#19-10-67) which was presented by title only transferring FY20 operating funds from the Central Services Department to the newly created Animal Services Department, and transferring an additional \$72,000 from the General Fund Operating Contingency to the Animal Services Department to fund these full-time positions, along with a full-time department director. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY2020 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ESTABLISH THE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A FULL-TIME DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR POSITION, CONVERT FIVE PART-TIME POSITIONS TO THREE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME AUTHORIZED

POSITIONS, AND TRANSFER FUNDING AND AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FROM CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION TO THE NEW ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; 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 General Fund to provide funding to establish the Animal Services Department; authorize creation of a full-time Department Director position; convert five part-time positions to three additional full-time authorized positions (two Animal Caretakers and one Volunteer Coordinator); and transfer funding and authorized positions from Central Services Department, Animal Control Division to the new Animal Services Department. Said Operating and Capital budget is hereby amended as follows:

General Fund:

Expenditures:

Decrease:

Other General Administration:	
General Fund Contingency	(\$72,000)
Central Services Department/Animal Control Division:	
Personal Services	(\$500,000)
Operating/Indirect Expense	<u>(\$110,000)</u>
	Total (\$682,000)

Increase:

Animal Services Department:	
Personal Services	\$572,000
Operating/Indirect Expense	<u>\$110,000</u>
	Total \$682,000

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to adopt the following ordinances (#19-10-68 and #19-10-69) which were presented by title only as recommended by the Legislative Review Committee as per report dated September 6, 2019; and refer to the full Commission in the form of a work session a motorized vehicles pilot program and RFP. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO SHAREABLE DOCKLESS MOBILITY DEVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Findings.* The Mayor and Commission initiated emergency legislation on December 4, 2018, to temporarily prohibit all shareable dockless mobility devices, including electric scooters and bicycles, in order to address concerns related to public peace, health, and safety due to the sudden and unexpected influx of shareable dockless mobility devices until a more permanent solution could be put in place to safeguard the traveling public and ensure compliance with all local and state laws. Staff of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, have worked diligently since the moratorium was put in place to research the impacts of shareable dockless mobility devices, to explore regulations that would ensure that they could be operated safely within our community, and to propose a structure for the proposed pilot program. However, due to the complexity of the issues surrounding shareable dockless mobility devices and the need to carefully consider the potential impacts of these devices upon our community, the Unified Government requires additional time to finish developing the proposed pilot program and implement the RFP process. Given the serious concerns raised by the deployment of shareable dockless mobility devices regarding public safety and accessibility, it is essential that the moratorium be extended in order to continue to protect the community and to ensure compliance with all state and local laws. Additionally, since the passage of the moratorium, the State of Georgia has passed legislation, codified at O.C.G.A. §§ 40-6-300 through 40-6-303, to recognize different classes of electric assisted bicycles and to authorize their operation in much the same way that standard bicycles may be operated, subject to certain exceptions for Class III electric assisted bicycles. Furthermore, preliminary evidence suggests that electric assisted bicycles tend to be safer than other forms of micromobility, they integrate more effectively into already existing bicycle infrastructure, and users are less likely to violate local ordinances and state laws regarding sidewalk use and reckless driving as electric assisted bicycles operate similarly to a regular bicycle. Evidence also suggests that riding Class I

electric assisted bicycles, which only provide assistance while the user is pedaling, has significant health benefits for the user, perhaps even more so than riding a regular bicycle, and that there are greater environmental benefits as well, both because users are more likely to use electric assisted bicycles and tend to take longer and more frequent trips than they would on a regular bicycle. For all of these reasons, and in order to reaffirm our commitment to healthy, safe, and environmentally-friendly alternative transportation options, the Commission intends through this ordinance to modify the moratorium on all shareable dockless mobility devices to exclude Class I electric assisted bicycles as defined in O.C.G.A. § 40-6-300, as well as traditional bicycles, and to extend the moratorium by six months to provide additional time for the development of the Unified Government's pilot program.

SECTION 2: Section 3-3-68 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled "Shareable dockless mobility devices," is hereby amended by deleting from sub-section (a) the phrase "twelve (12) months" and replacing said phrase with "eighteen (18) months from the date that the original moratorium ordinance was passed. This moratorium shall automatically expire on June 4, 2020, unless extended or terminated sooner by Athens-Clarke County's Board of Commissioners," so that said paragraph now reads as follows:

"Sec. 3-3-68. – Shareable dockless mobility devices.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit Shareable Dockless Mobility Devices from being placed in the public right-of-way or on public property, operated in the public right-of-way or on public property, or offered for use anywhere in Athens-Clarke County, for a maximum period of eighteen (18) months from the date that the original moratorium ordinance was passed. This moratorium shall automatically expire on June 4, 2020, unless extended or terminated sooner by Athens-Clarke County's Board of Commissioners. This will allow for adequate pedestrian traffic flow and will protect the traveling public until additional regulations can be put in place through a franchise or licensing system to safeguard the community and establish a pilot program to test the operation of these devices within Athens-Clarke County in a controlled and safety-conscious manner that ensures compliance with all local and state laws."

SECTION 3. Section 3-3-68 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled "Shareable dockless mobility devices," is hereby amended by deleting from paragraph (1) of sub-section (b) the phrase "including but not limited to, a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard" and replacing said phrase with "which shall include but not be limited to e-scooters and Class II or Class III electric assisted bicycles and shall exclude bicycles and Class I electric assisted bicycles as defined in Section 3-10-4," so that said paragraph now reads as follows:

"Sec. 3-3-68. – Shareable dockless mobility devices.

(1) *Shareable Dockless Mobility Device* means any dockless wheeled device, whether it be human-powered, electric, or otherwise motorized, that permits an individual to move or be moved freely, which shall include but not be limited to e-scooters and Class II or Class III electric assisted bicycles and shall exclude bicycles and Class I electric assisted bicycles as defined in Section 3-10-4; is accessed via an on-demand portal, whether a smartphone application, membership card, or similar method; is operated by a private entity that owns, manages, and maintains devices for shared use by members of the public; and is available to members of the public in unstaffed, self-service locations."

SECTION 4: If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO BICYCLES & BICYCLE PARKING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1: Section 3-3-8 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled "Parking on sidewalks or near driveways," is hereby amended by adding the sentence "Nothing in this section shall prevent the lawful parking of bicycles or electric assisted bicycles as provided for in Chapter 3-10," so that said paragraph now reads as follows:

"Sec. 3-3-8 – Parking on sidewalks or near driveways.

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, or motorcycle or any other motorized vehicle, to be parked on the sidewalk or other public right-of-way in any space that is not a designated marked parking space nor shall any such vehicle be parked in front of any driveway so as to block access to the public portion thereof or

within ten feet of such driveway. Nothing in this section shall prevent the lawful parking of bicycles or electric assisted bicycles as provided for in Chapter 3-10.”

SECTION 2: Section 3-10-1 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “Traffic ordinances apply to persons riding bicycles,” is hereby amended by adding the phrase “or electric assisted bicycle,” so that said paragraph now reads as follows:

“Sec. 3-10-1. – Traffic ordinances apply to persons riding bicycles

Every person riding a bicycle or electric assisted bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter except as to special regulations in this Code and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature can have no application.”

SECTION 3: Section 3-10-2 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “Parking,” is hereby amended by adding the phrase “or electric assisted bicycle” in two locations, so that said paragraph now reads as follows:

“Sec. 3-10-2. – Parking.

No person shall park a bicycle or electric assisted bicycle upon a street or highway other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or electric assisted bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrians.”

SECTION 4: Chapter 3-10, Bicycles, of Title 3, Public Safety, of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 3-10-4 entitled “Definitions,” as follows:

“Sec. 3-10-4. – Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivatives shall have the meanings set forth in this section.

- (1) “Bicycle” means every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having only two wheels which are in tandem and either of which is more than 13 inches in diameter.
- (2) “Electric assisted bicycle” means a device with two or three wheels which has a saddle and fully operative pedals for human propulsion and also has an electric motor having a power output of not more than 750 watts. Different classes of electric assisted bicycles shall have the same definitions as set forth below:
 - (a) “Class I electric assisted bicycle” means an electric assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the device reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - (b) “Class II electric assisted bicycle” means an electric assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the vehicle but is not capable of reaching a speed of 20 miles per hour.
 - (c) “Class III electric assisted bicycle” means an electric assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the device reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.”

SECTION 5: If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to adopt the revised Title VI Plan, which includes the Limited English Proficiency Plan, as proposed in Attachment #1 of agenda report dated August 30, 2019 in order to bring Athens-Clarke County into compliance with the most recent updates to the Title VI Civil Rights program requirements as administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Link, to

a) Approve Athens Land Trust Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract amendment using unspent FY19 funds in the amount of \$148,000 to support the development of perpetual affordable housing as requested in Attachment #1 of agenda report revised September 24, 2019;

b) Approve the proposed project concept for the 250 Dublin Street affordable housing development with an approved allocation from SPLOST 2011 Project #24 Infrastructure Improvements - Affordable Housing Program amount of \$226,032 as requested in Attachment #2;

1. c) Confirm the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission's recommendation that the SPLOST 2011 Project #24 Infrastructure Improvements - Affordable Housing Program is not appropriate for public art elements to be included as part of project concepts for infrastructure as per Attachment #3; and,
2. d) Authorize the Mayor and appropriate staff to execute all related documents.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Link, seconded by Commissioner Parker, to HOLD a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the development of the Hickory Street Parking Deck among the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, the Classic Center Authority, and The Mark at Athens II, LLC, an affiliate of Landmark Properties Inc. until The Mark presents a letter of intent to become part of the Downtown Athens Development Authority boundaries which would then be presented for consideration to the local legislative delegation.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Wright, to approve memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the development of the Hickory Street Parking Deck among the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, The Classic Center Authority, and The Mark at Athens II, LLC, an affiliate of Landmark Properties Inc.

The substitute motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Davenport, Parker, Wright, Denson, NeSmith, Edwards, Herod, Thornton, and Hamby voting YES; and Commissioner Link voting NO. (9 YES; 1 NO)

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Link, to approve the Audit Committee recommendation that the Mayor and Commission adopt the following audit as the Office of Operational Analysis' 2019 Annual Audit Work Plan as per agenda report dated September 12, 2019 and request the Audit Committee discuss the possibility of an audit of the Board of Elections.

Central Services - Animal Control

Commissioner Wright offered an amendment to read:

Central Services – Animal Control and Animal Services Department

The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended passed by unanimous vote.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to approve a memorandum of understanding for the North Athens Downtown Development project between the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and the Athens Housing Authority as per memorandum of September 26, 2019 with reference to SPLOST 2020 Project No. 02, The Athens-Clarke County Affordable Housing Project, to be voted on November 5. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen input on items other than those listed on this agenda

The following citizen input was received.

1. Erin Stacer – supported audit of Board of Elections
2. Dennis Holmes – he is honest
3. Amanda Whitsel – concerned about stormwater runoff
4. Sam Raffel – concerned about EMS

FROM MAYOR GIRTZ:

1. Announced proclamations will be issued to the following recognizing participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

<u>Adopting Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>
Asez/World Mission Society Church of God	Lexington Highway from Whit Davis Road to Scarlet Oak Drive
Athens-Clarke County Democratic Party	South Rocksprings Street from West Broad Street to Springdale Street
Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.	College Avenue and Cleveland Avenue between Dougherty Street and Barber Street

FROM MANAGER WILLIAMS:

1. Received for information was a report of contract awards in excess of \$10,000 for month of August 2019
2. Received for information was a report on budget transfers:
 - \$6,175 to Operational Analysis
 - \$15,000 to District Attorney

FROM COMMISSIONER DAVENPORT:

1. Announced town hall meeting Monday, October 21 at Winterville Baptist Church.
2. Thanked Judge Steve Jones for ruling on abortion ban.
3. Thanked Broderick Flanagan for East Athens community garden.
4. Thanked Leisure Services for an awesome balloon festival.
5. Stated applications are being accepted through October 11 for an opening on the Board of Elections.

FROM COMMISSIONER PARKER:

1. Announced October 1 is beginning of LBGT History Month; read names of 18 transgender women who were killed this year.
2. Stated need for an anti-discrimination ordinance.

FROM COMMISSIONER LINK:

1. Stated the recent PRIDE and Latinx events were successful and thanked ADDA for support.
2. Requested Downtown Master Plan Committee meet to discuss ongoing redevelopment projects.
3. Requested ordinance for loud and unruly parties be referred to committee.
4. Requested staff review possible stormwater runoff at arena projects on 441 and former Westclox.

FROM COMMISSIONER WRIGHT:

1. Congratulated the Globe on their 30th anniversary.
2. Stated Legislative Review Committee may need to discuss diversity training for bars employees.

FROM COMMISSIONER DENSON:

1. Supported diversity training.
2. Requested review of BAC requirements with reference to felony convictions.
3. Requested fare-free transit for all election days, but particularly November 5.
4. Thanked Manager Williams, Lisa Milot, and Jim Stewart for participation in a recent town hall meeting.
5. Stated next District 5 town hall meeting will Tuesday, October 29.
6. Stated a public input meeting on a Jefferson River Road sidewalk is scheduled Wednesday, October 16, 6-8:00 p.m. at Jefferson Road fire hall.
7. Stated GDOT is accepting public comment on high-speed rail between Charlotte and Atlanta.

FROM COMMISSIONER NESMITH:

1. Provided an update on recent EMS response.
2. Stated he and Commissioner Davenport are working with attorney's office reference to an ordinance on loud and unruly parties.

FROM COMMISSIONER HEROD:

1. Expressed excitement about revitalization of Bethel Homes area.
2. Stated he did a recent ride-along with Police Sgts. Parker and Rivera and was most impressed with professionalism.

FROM COMMISSIONER THORNTON:

1. Stated she has learned a lot about on-going septic tank maintenance; would like some type recognition for responsible property owners.
2. Stated she and Commissioner Parker recently attended a Stop the Violence rally.
3. Stated a misdemeanor record restriction event will be held on Saturday, November 2 at First AME Church.
4. Stated Bethel Homes tenants received rent increase notices.

FROM COMMISSIONER HAMBY:

1. Requested a status report on repaving of streets in area of Timothy Road and Berkley Hills.
2. Requested status report on repaving of St. George Drive.

A motion was made by Commissioner NeSmith, seconded by Commissioner Herod, to enter into executive session for discussion of real estate acquisition and/or disposal. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.