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Atlanta City Council - Regular Meeting

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Notes:

In support of National Proclamation Month, Council was opened with honoring the City's Department of Procurement with a proclamation for their work in making sure access to bids is open and fair to the citizens of Atlanta, State Farm Arena received a proclamation for being a leader in sustainable practices and LEED certified, Charles Black was recognized for his continuous work as a civil rights leader, and Jerry Clark received recognition for his contribution to the music scene in Atlanta for the past few decades.

During the public comments, City of Atlanta Employees from the Department of Watershed, Parks and Rec, and Public Works made a plea to Council to increase their wages. The speakers stated they could not afford to live in the City they serviced. Another speaker also referenced Atlanta's livability and asked for rent control to be placed on the next ballot.

In addition to the proclamation, and the comments from the city employees, several members of the community discussed their concerns with copy city and one speaker asked for the Council to revoke the lease. She cited language in the lease that gave Council the power to end the lease. And, a resident of District 11 expressed her concerns and wanted to know when attention to and development of her community was going to take place.

Summary

- City of Atlanta Employees cannot afford to live in the City they service.
- Citizens are requesting rent control on the next ballot.
- Citizens are very concerned about Cop City.

Follow-Up Questions

- Why did District 11 return the 10K received for development?

Conversation Highlight

- James Davenport stated, "...cop city is not in our best interest"
- Carlton Hamm announced that he's been a City of Atlanta, Department of Watershed employee for 28 years and his salary does not reflect the work he does for the residents of the City to ensure they have clean water.
- Margie McLeod named individual council members who have paid rent for their constituents and begged them to put rent control on the ballots.

Proclaimtions -

23-P-9018 (1) - IN HONOR OF MR. CHARLES BLACK

Proclamation presented by Councilmember Michael Julian Bond

23-P-9019 (2) - IN HONOR OF EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL WEEK

Proclamation presented by Councilmember Matt Westmoreland

23-P-9020 (3) - IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH

23-P-9021 (4) - IN HONOR OF THE ATLANTA HAWKS AND STATE FARM ARENA

Proclamation presented by Councilmember Byron D. Amos

23-P-9022 (5) - IN HONOR OF JERRY CLARK

Proclamation presented by Councilmember Byron D. Amos

Communications

The following six were referred to without objections. Vote was unanimous.

1. **23-C-5047** A COMMUNICA TION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS JASON WINSTON, DISTRICT 1, AMIR R. FAROKHI, DISTRICT 2, BYRON AMOS, DISTRICT 3, JASON DOZIER, DISTRICT 4 AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, POST 1 AT-LARGE APPOINTING MS. CARY BEARN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE STAKEHOLDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.
2. **23-C-5048** A COMMUNICA TION FROM COUNCILMEMBER DUSTIN HILLIS APPOINTING MR. KEITH SHARP TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE BRICK COMPANY MEMORIAL, GREENSPACE, AND PARK BOARD.
3. **23-C-5049** A COMMUNICA TION FROM COUNCILMEMBER DUSTIN HILLIS APPOINTING MS. OLA REYNOLDS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE BRICK COMPANY MEMORIAL, GREENSPACE, AND PARK BOARD.

4. **23-C-5050** A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS APPOINTING MR. DAVID GETACHEW-SMITH SR. TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE BRICK COMPANY MEMORIAL, GREENSPACE, AND PARK BOARD.
5. **23-C-5051** A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS REAPPOINTING MS. JANIS WARE TO SERVE ON THE FULTON COUNTY/CITY OF ATLANTA LAND BANK AUTHORITY. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS TO BEGIN RETROACTIVELY ON MARCH 18, 2023 AND EXPIRE MARCH 17, 2027.
6. **23-C-5052** A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS REAPPOINTING MS. MICHELLE NELSON TO SERVE ON THE FULTON COUNTY/CITY OF ATLANTA LAND BANK AUTHORITY. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS TO BEGIN RETROACTIVELY ON MAY 1, 2021 AND EXPIRE APRIL 30, 2025.

Transportation

23-O-1133 - motion to adopt. 10 - 0 in favor of the motion

23-O-1134 - motion to adopt 10 - 0 in favor of the motion

Finance

23-R-3285 Motion to bring forth a substitute. 10 - 0 in favor of the motion. Motion to approve as a substitute - 11 - 0 in favor to approve substitute.

23-O-1137 - motion to bring forth a substitute. 10 - 0 in favor of the motion Motion to adopt substitute 11 - 0 in favor of the motion to adopt. Motion to move post haste to Mayors office unanimous 11 - 0.

Motion to approve the agenda - unanimous 11 - 0 in favor of approving the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda unanimous consent in favor of the motion 11 - 0.

Motion to approve the minutes unanimous consent in favor of the motion 11 - 0.

Communications - 1 - 9 voted as a block - unanimous motion to adopt 11 - 0

1. 23-C-5008 : A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS LILIANA BAKHTIARI, DISTRICT 5; ALEX WAN, DISTRICT 6; HOWARD SHOOK, DISTRICT 7; MARY NORWOOD, DISTRICT 8 AND MATT WESTMORELAND, POST 2 AT-LARGE REAPPOINTING MS. SUSANNE BLAM TO THE TREE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS TO BEGIN RETROACTIVELY ON AUGUST 5, 2021 AND EXPIRE AUGUST 4, 2023

2. 23-C-5016 : A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS BYRON D. AMOS, DISTRICT 3, JASON DOZIER, DISTRICT 4 AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, POST 1 AT-LARGE APPOINTING MR. WALTER SLATON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING REVIEW BOARD. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS

3. 23-C-5028 : A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS APPOINTING MS. CHENEE JOSEPH TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL MARKET COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

4. 23-C-5029 : A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS APPOINTING MS. LADAWNA BARNES, MBA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL MARKET COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

5. 23-C-5039 : A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT DOUG SHIPMAN APPOINTING MS. YONINA GRAY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE MORTGAGE LENDING COMMUNITY. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

6. 23-C-5041 : A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS JASON WINSTON, DISTRICT 1, AMIR FAROKHI, DISTRICT 2, BYRON D. AMOS, DISTRICT 3, JASON DOZIER, DISTRICT 4 AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, POST 1 AT-LARGE APPOINTING MS. ALICE YEN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE STAKEHOLDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

7. 23-C-5042 : A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS JASON WINSTON, DISTRICT 1, AMIR FAROKHI, DISTRICT 2, BYRON D. AMOS, DISTRICT 3, JASON DOZIER, DISTRICT 4 AND MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, POST 1 AT-LARGE APPOINTING MR. PHILLIP PERRY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE STAKEHOLDER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

8. 23-C-5045 : A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS APPOINTING MS. CANDACE RODRIGUEZ TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

9. 23-C-5046 : A COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR ANDRE DICKENS REAPPOINTING MS. LOLITA BROWNING JACKSON TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS TO BEGIN RETROACTIVELY ON JANUARY 19, 2022 AND EXPIRE JANUARY 18, 2024.

22-O-1823 - Motion to adopt. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion to adopt 11- 0.

Motion to exit committee as a whole. Unanimous motion in favor. Motion to approve all actions. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion 11 - 0.

Public Safety

23-O-1127 - Refer back to PSLA. Unanimous vote in favor 10 - 0.
23-R-3274 - Motion to file. Unamions vote in favor to file 10 - 0.

City Utility

23-C-5044 motion to file. Unanimous vote in favor to file 10- 0.

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