

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F1

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Approve A Resolution Of The City Of Clarkston, Georgia Declaring The Necessity To Exercise Its Powers Conferred By The Urban Redevelopment Law

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 2

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PURPOSE:

To approve a Resolution of the City of Clarkston, Georgia declaring the necessity to exercise its powers conferred by the Urban Redevelopment Law.

NEED/ IMPACT:

The Urban Redevelopment Law (Section 36-61-1, et seq. of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.")), as amended (the "Act"), authorizes a municipality to exercise "urban redevelopment project powers" with an "urban redevelopment area" all as defined in the Act. As a condition to the exercise of any of the powers conferred upon the City of Clarkston, Georgia by the Act, the City is required to adopt a resolution finding that (a) one or more pockets of blight exist in the City, which includes areas in which by reason of the presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; predominance of defective or inadequate street layout; faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness; unsanitary or unsafe conditions; deterioration of site or other improvements; tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land; the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes; having development impaired by airport or transportation noise or by other environmental hazards; or any combination of such factors substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the City, retards the provisions of housing accommodations, or constitutes an economic or social liability and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use, and (b) that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area or areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the City.

After careful study and investigation, including the TAP report completed by the Urban Land Institute and the recently completed LCI (Livable Centers Initiative), the City desires to declare the need for and to exercise the powers conferred upon the City by the Act.

The studies have indicated that one or more pockets of blight exist within the City, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Resolution declaring the necessity to exercise its powers conferred by the Urban Redevelopment Law.