

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F1

CLARKSTON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
URA Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Approve an Organizing Resolution of the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City Of Clarkston Appointing Members, Adopting Bylaws, an Official Seal and for Other Purposes

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES NO
Pages: 7

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PURPOSE:

To approve an Organizing Resolution of the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Clarkston Appointing Members, Adopting Bylaws, an Official Seal and for Other Purposes.

NEED/ IMPACT:

The Friendship Forrest Wildlife Sanctuary is an 18.5 acre former county park located ½ mile from the Clarkston central business district. Access to the area is gained from East Ponce de Leon which is the main thoroughfare in Clarkston. This potential regional asset has largely been underutilized due to its undeveloped condition and lack of visibility from the street. Beginning in July of 2015, the City of Clarkston began a series of public meetings designed to gain input regarding the redevelopment of this valuable green space. This community engagement effort culminated in the development of a "Master Plan" which was completed and submitted to the Clarkston City Council in January, 2016.

In order to obtain funding to implement the "Master Plan" the City of Clarkston will exercise its powers under the Urban Redevelopment Law. 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"), creates in each municipality in the State of Georgia a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "urban redevelopment agency" of the municipality, for the purpose of exercising the "urban redevelopment project powers" of the municipality, as defined in the Act; and, it has been determined by the Mayor and City Council (the "Governing Body") of the City of Clarkston, Georgia (the "City"), pursuant to a resolution of the City adopted on October 6, 2015 (the "Necessity Resolution") that one or more areas that fit the definition described in O.C.G.A. Section 36-61-2(15) exist in the City (the "Redevelopment Areas") and that the rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of the Redevelopment Areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of the City.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council on December 6, 2016 and the Urban Redevelopment Law, the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Clarkston was duly and validly activated. A Board of Commissioners was appointed to govern the affairs of the agency and to act as its governing body. The Clarkston Urban Redevelopment Agency must adopt Bylaws by which the Agency shall be governed, adopt an official seal, appoint initial officers and appoint an attorney as counsel to the Urban Redevelopment Agency.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the attached Organizing Resolution of the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Clarkston Appointing Members, Adopting Bylaws, and Official Seal and for Other Purposes.