

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & WORKSESSION
JANUARY 14, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Eric Clarkson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present were: Mr. Tom Hogan, Mrs. Leslie Robson, Mr. Scott Taylor, Mr. Mark Wedge, and Mr. Dan Zanger.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Variance Requests – **Zaxby’s - 4906 Peachtree Boulevard**
 - A. Request to reduce the minimum façade building height, which would not be in compliance with Chapter 94, Section 903 of the Zoning Ordinance
 - B. Request to allow the first floor-to-ceiling height to be less than eighteen (18) feet, which would not be in compliance with Chapter 94, Section 907.A.1 of the Zoning Ordinance
 - C. Request to allow a driveway between the building and sidewalk, which would not be in compliance with Section 1202 E

Mayor Clarkson read the rules for conducting a public hearing. The City Planner, Ms. Michelle Alexander with Pond and Company, presented staff’s report and recommended denial of all three variances. Mayor Clarkson opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Mark Campbell represented the applicant and spoke in favor of the variances. No one spoke in opposition to the variances. Mayor Clarkson closed the public comments portion of the public hearing and opened the floor for the City Council to ask questions of the applicant. Several questions and comments were made by Mr. Wedge, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Scott and Ms. Robson concerning the height of the building and how the orientation of the building might impact the drive-thru lane. Mr. Wedge made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Clarkson called the work session to order. The City Council reviewed the agenda items for action to be taken on January 14, 2010.

City Clerk

- 1) **Approval of Minutes** - December 3, 2009 - Special Called Meeting
December 10, 2009 - Public Hearing/Work Session
December 15, 2009 - Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Zanger and Mr. Wedge asked for corrections to the minutes. The corrections will be made and the minutes will be submitted for adoption on January 19, 2010.

Development Director

- 1) **Amendment to City Engineer and Planner Fees** – After a few questions for clarification, this item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on January 19, 2010.

- 2) **Discussion – Farmer’s Market** – Staff recommended two changes to the Farmer’s Market Ordinances. One change would allow staff to approve the calendar of events instead of requiring Council approval. The other change would reduce the buffer restrictions by only requiring a buffer around properties zoned NR-1 and NR-2. This item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on January 19, 2010.
- 3) **Parallel Parking, Peachtree Road** – Last month, the City Council directed the City Engineer to prepare a feasibility evaluation to determine how parallel parking spaces could be added on Peachtree Road, south of Pierce Drive and north of Malone. The City Engineer presented the evaluation at the workshop. After discussion, Mr. Hogan requested that this item be withdrawn. It will not be placed on the January 19th agenda.

Parks and Recreation

- 1) **Consider Adoption of Field Rental Policy.** – Staff recommended a policy and fee schedule to allow organizations to rent athletic fields. After discussion, this item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on January 19, 2010.

Police Chief:

- 1) **Consider Renewal of Web Hosting Contract with VC3** – The Police Chief recommended that the City renew its contract with VC3 for hosting the City’s web site, for an additional 2-year period. This item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on January 19, 2010.

MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Council Member Hogan:

1. **Discussion - Webpage, Social Media and Blogs** - After discussion, it there was a consensus to have staff prepare draft policies for webpage, social media and blogs for further discussion at the February work session.
2. **Discussion – Private Partnerships & Private Donations** – After discussion and comments, it was felt that the City should have a policy to govern private donations and partnerships. This item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on January 19, 2010.

CITIZEN COMMENTS. (Each person allowed three minutes.)

Mr. Hogan read a letter submitted by Mr. Brian Bates, a member of the Doraville City Council, concerning noise coming from the vicinity of the Buford Highway Flea Market located at Chamblee Dunwoody and Buford Road.

Mayor Clarkson called the meeting adjourned by consent at 7:57 p.m.

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Eric Clarkson, Mayor