

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA**  
**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION**  
**February 11, 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.

Staff members present were: Mr. Jim Gleason, City Manager; Mr. Tillman Hannon, Public Works Director; Mr. Joel Holmes, Recreation Director; Mr. Marc Johnson, Police Chief; and Ms. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

Mayor Clarkson recognized Benjamin Hardy, a Cub Scout from Pack 21, who was in attendance at the meeting.

**PRESENTATION FROM GMA CONCERNING CITY'S RETIREMENT**

Mr. Steve Durdan, Marketing Director for the Georgia Municipal Association, introduced Mr. Malichi Waterman and Ricky Joiner from The Segal Company. Mr. Waterman and Mr. Joiner presented information showing their projections for performance of the City's Defined Benefit Retirement Plan offered to city employees through GMA. Mr. Hogan and Mayor Clarkson asked for additional information to compare the past performance of the plan to the projected future performance. This item will be placed on the agenda for action at the regular meeting on February 16, 2010.

**WORK SESSION:**

The City Council reviewed the agenda items for action to be taken at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on February 16, 2010.

**City Clerk**

- 1) Approval of Minutes** - January 14, 2010 - Public Hearing/Work Session  
January 19, 2010 - Regular Council Meeting

The minutes will be submitted for adoption on February 16, 2010.

**City Manager**

- 1) Draft Policy Donations-Partnerships** - Previously, City Council instructed staff to prepare a draft policy to establish a uniform set of procedures for establishing partnerships and the acceptance of donations to the City. Staff presented a draft policy and requested written comments from the City Council no later than Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, so the policy can be updated and presented for discussion at the March work session.

- 2) **Draft Policy Social Media** – Previously, City Council instructed staff to prepare a draft policy to establish procedures for the use of social media. Social media is content created by people using highly accessible internet based publishing technology, which allows groups to engage in peer-to-peer conversations and exchange information. Examples: Twitter, Facebook, Myspace and Web page. Staff presented a draft policy and requested written comments from the City Council no later than Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, so the policy can be updated and presented for discussion at the March work session.
- 3) **Draft Policy Blogs** – Previously, City Council instructed staff to provide a draft policy to establish procedures for the use of blogs. Blogs are communication tools the city can offer that invites conversation with the community. Some blogs offer basic information while others are designed to promote a dialogue. Staff presented a draft policy and requested written comments from the City Council no later than Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, so the policy can be updated and presented for discussion at the March work session.
- 4) **Draft Policy Employee Communication** - While preparing the above referenced policies, staff realized a need to establish a policy to guide employees in their oral and written communications. Staff presented a draft policy and requested written comments from the City Council no later than Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, so the policy can be updated and presented for discussion at the March work session.

#### **Development Director**

##### **1) Variance – 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

A public hearing concerning the proposed variances was conducted on January 14, 2010 and was scheduled for action at the meeting held on January 19, 2010. However, the applicant requested the action be tabled to allow more time to address the concerns raised by the City Council. The applicant said they tried to incorporate the City Council’s recommendations into their plans and discovered they still needed to request the three variances as submitted previously. The applicants submitted copies of e-mails and a petition of support for the three variances signed by approximately 120 people. This item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on February 16, 2010.

#### **Police Chief:**

**1) Internet Software/Hardware Policy** - The City currently does not have a policy to govern employee use of the computers, technology or the Internet. Staff presented a draft policy and requested written comments from the City Council no later than Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, so the policy can be updated and presented for discussion at the March work session.

#### **City Attorney:**

**1) First Reading Farmers Market Update** – Previously, the City Council asked staff to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning permits for seasonal activities and outdoor sales. This ordinance was prepared by the City Attorney and will be read at the regular meeting on February 16, 2010. A public hearing will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance will be read again prior to City Council taking action at the regular meeting scheduled for March 16, 2010.

**Mayor and/or City Council Member Discussion:**

**Dan Zanger**

Zoning Ordinance and Regulations-Clairmont Road Corridor- Mr. Zanger said he would like the City Council to have a general discussion about the development of property along the Clairmont Road Corridor. He believed the zoning of the property and the development regulations in place didn't always agree which made it difficult for property to be developed. Mr. Wedge and Mr. Hogan said they would prefer to discuss specific items rather than have a general discussion. After further discussion it was decided that this item will move forward to the regular agenda for action on February 16, 2010 to request staff to present information for a general discussion at the next workshop.

**Leslie Robson**

1) Resolution for Support of a Community Garden - Ms. Robson will present a resolution for support of a community garden at the meeting on on February 16, 2010.

**Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Peachtree DeKalb Airport Update**

Mayor Clarkson recognized Councilmembers Maria Alexander, Pam Fleming, and Brian Bates from the City of Doraville, and Mayor Pro Tem Dennis "Denny Shortal and Councilmember Danny Ross from the City of Dunwoody. Mr. (Carl) Lee Rimmel, Airport Director for Peachtree Dekalb Airport (PDK) said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be holding informal airspace meetings at several locations regarding a plan to modify the Atlanta Class B Airspace area. Informational meetings will be held at the Chamblee Civic Center on March 1, 2010, with presentations given at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

He introduced PDK Assistant Director, Mike Van Wie, who explained what Class B Airspace is and how the proposed modification could impact local residents.

He said Class B airspace is the airspace used around major airports. It resembles an inverted wedding cake shape and it is designed to contain arriving and departing commercial air traffic operating under IFR (Instrument Flight Rules.)

Peachtree Dekalb Airport is one of several busy airports that lie beneath the Class B Airspace for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). In May 2006, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) opened its fifth runway. The FAA is proposing a change to the Class B airspace to accommodate the additional traffic. Images of the existing Atlanta Class B airspace

and the proposed Class B airspace were shown on a PowerPoint Presentation. The proposal would reduce the Class B floor over PDK from its current 8,000 feet and 6,000 feet to 5,000 feet.

Mr. Van Wie gave several examples of how lowering the Class B airspace would impact PDK. He said existing air traffic would be compressed into a smaller area which could result in delays for planes leaving PDK with IFR, resulting in aircraft using more fuel and producing more emissions. Noise complaints may increase since commercial air traffic would be flying lower and satellite air traffic would be forced to fly even lower. Previously unoccupied airspace around PDK would have a great number of airplanes using a condensed amount of space, which may create additional safety hazards.

After some council discussion, Mayor Clarkson called the meeting adjourned by consent at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Remmel and Mr. VanWee stayed after the meeting to answer questions the audience might have about the proposed airspace changes.

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Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Clarkson, Mayor