

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Eric Clarkson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Council members 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; Ms. Angela Hudson, Finance Director; Mr. Marc Johnson, Police Chief; and Ms. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

Presentation & Announcements - Mayor Clarkson presented the following 2009 Employee Service Awards:

5 Years Service: Mikal Baker - Public Works
Allyson M Shropshire – Municipal Court
Shelley Miller -Police Department, Part-time

10 Years Service: Rosemary Farrell - Police Department, Part-time
Nick Nixon-Police Department
William C. Watts-Police Department
Helen Lela Hayes-Police Dept
Ernesto Stefano Ford- Police Department
Jennifer L. Rackley-Parks and Recreation
Marci J. Hooper-Smith-Development-Permits and Inspections

20 Years Service: Cecil King- Police Department
Samuel E. Wims-Public Works

Chief Johnson also presented the following awards to employees of the Police Department:

Patrol Officer Cecil King - 2 Lifesaving Awards
Police Sergeant Andy Ends - Lifesaving Award
Police Sergeant Jim Wiley - Lifesaving Award
Police Sergeant Brendon Parks - Purple Heart Award
Ms. Leessie Walker - Chief's Award

City Clerk

1) Approval of Minutes - February 11, 2010 - Public Hearing/Work Session
February 16, 2010 - Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Zanger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing/Work Session held on February 11, 2010. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2010. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager

- 1) **Approval of Donation-Partnership Policy** – Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the “Donation-Partnership Policy” as presented by staff. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **Approval of Social Media Policy** – Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the “Social Media Policy” as presented by staff. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Approval of Blog Policy Guidelines and Blog Comment Policy** – Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the “Blog Policy Guidelines and Blog Comment Policy” as presented by staff. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Approval of Employee Communication Policy** – Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the “Employee Communication Policy” as presented by staff. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) **Question on GMA Defined Benefit Plan and Approval of Policy Direction** – Mr. Taylor made a motion to follow staff’s recommendation that all employees hired after January 1, 2010 would be excluded from the City’s Defined Benefit Retirement Plan with GMA and that a new Defined Contribution Plan be set up for those employees and any non-vested employees who wish to opt out of the city’s existing Defined Benefit Plan. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. Mr. Wedge and Ms. Robson felt more clarification was needed.

Mr. Hogan made a substitute motion to postpone action on this issue for another month. Mr. Wedge seconded the substitute motion. Mr. Hogan rescinded his substitute motion without prejudice.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to that all employees hired after January 1, 2010 be removed from the City’s Defined Benefit Plan and be placed in a Defined Contribution Plan. The motion died from a lack of a second.

Mr. Taylor clarified his original motion was to follow staff’s recommendation, which was to allow any non-vested employees currently eligible to participate in the City’s Defined Benefit Plan the opportunity to choose between the current Defined Benefit Plan or the new Defined Contribution Plan and that all full-time employees hired after January 1, 2010 would participate in the new Defined Contribution Retirement plan in lieu of the Defined Benefit Plan. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Development Director

- 1) **Approval of Sign for Peachtree Malone Lofts-PUD** - Mr. Zanger made a motion to approve a sign for Peachtree Malone Lofts, as recommended by staff. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **Consideration of Variance- 3397 Keswick Drive** - Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve a variance to Section 1004 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the side yard setback to be reduced from 10 feet to 5 feet for an addition to the home located at 3397 Keswick Drive. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief:

- 1) **Approval of Computer and Technology Resource Policy** - Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the "Computer and Technology Resource Policy" as presented by staff. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation

- 1) **Request by Grace Ministries to waive the rental policy and allow use of the Community Building free of charge** - Mr. Hogan made a motion to deny the request to waive the rental policy and allow Grace Ministries to use the Community Building free of charge. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition.

City Attorney:

- 1) **Second Reading Farmers Market Update** – Mr. Fowler read the proposed ordinance. Mr. Taylor made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Mayor Eric Clarkson

- 1) **Update to Council on the Service Delivery Strategy** – Mayor Clarkson gave a brief report at the workshop held last week.
- 2) **Resolution Opposing Federal Aviation Administration's Proposal** - Ms. Robson made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution opposing the Federal Aviation Administration's Proposal to change the Class B Airspace for Hartsfield International Airport. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Hogan announced that Mayor Clarkson would be the guest speaker at the next Chamblee Business Association meeting.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

No action was taken in executive session.

Mr. Wedge made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene the meeting into regular session. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Eric Clarkson, Mayor