

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 19, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

Council Members present were: Mr. Tom Hogan, Ms. Leslie Robson, Mr. Scott Taylor, Mr. Mark Wedge, and Mr. Dan Zanger.

Staff Members present were: Dr. Niles Ford, City Manager; Mr. Tillman Hannon, Director of Public Works; Mr. Joel Holmes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Mr. Marc Johnson, Police Chief; Mr. Travis Sims, Finance Director; and Ms. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

Announcements and Presentations

There were no announcements or presentations.

Staff Actions

City Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2011 – City Council Work Session

Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes of work session held on June 16, 2011, as presented. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2011 – Regular City Council Meeting

Ms. Robson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2011, as amended. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Development Director

1. Variance for 1918 Connemara Drive

Mr. Zanger made a motion to approve the variance for 1918 Connemara Drive with the following condition recommended by the City Planner: "A set of building plans meeting the current code requirements must be submitted and a permit must be issued prior to commencement of construction." Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney

1. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Amendment for Insurance License Fees

Mr. Fowler asked the City Clerk to provide Council with an update on her conversations with the Insurance Commissioner's office concerning the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Williams explained that the Insurance Commissioner's office said they would use population figures given to them from the Office of Planning & Budget (OPB) to decide whether or not to approve the ordinance. *(The City must have a population between 10,000 and 24,999 to impose a license fee of \$75.)* A representative from the OPB said they obtain their population figures from the official census records (9,892) and that the City could only update its population due to the recent annexation through program called the "Geographically Updated Population Certification Program" (GUPCP), but the program had been suspended for five years as of January 1, 2008. A representative from the Census Bureau explained that the City could not update its population due to the annexation unless the annexation was effective prior to April 1, 2010. Ms. Williams said she contacted the representative from the Georgia Municipal Association who originally recommended that the City update its ordinance to collect the additional revenue and it was suggested that the City Attorney contact the GMA's attorney about this matter because the Insurance License Fees and Insurance Premium Tax could both be impacted.

Mr. Fowler said he would contact GMA's Attorney concerning this matter. Mr. Fowler read the proposed ordinance. Mr. Wedge made a motion to adopt the ordinance as read. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Items

1. Council Member Hogan – Taste of Chamblee – Mr. Hogan made a motion to direct staff to prepare a report showing the number of hours City employees worked at last year's Taste of Chamblee. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Hogan restated his motion to direct staff to prepare a proposal for the City's proposed investment in the Taste of Chamblee for 2011. Ms. Robson seconded the restated motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition.

2. Council Member Scott Taylor – Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Taylor made a motion to have the Pledge of Allegiance added to the agenda of each City Council meeting. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robson made a motion to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda. The motion died from a lack of a second.

Citizen Comments

The Mayor recognized two boy scouts from Troup 77 who were in attendance at the meeting to earn a merit badge.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Mayor Eric R. Clarkson