

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2003**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS ERIC CLARKSON, JIM COPELAND,
CLARA de OJEDA, ARTHUR GIBERT AND JEANNE BILES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRST
QUARTER.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and Presentations were made to the employees of the first quarter by Mayor Kennedy.

Danny Hendrix – Public Works

JoAnn Gibson - Parks & Recreation

Heather Bays - Communication Operator – Police Department

**Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2003, Public Hearing and Work Session and April
15, 2003, Regular Council Meeting.**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2003, Public Hearing and Work
Session and April 15, 2003, Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember
Ojeda, seconded by Councilmember Biles and carried unanimously.

Approval of April Financial Statements and LGIP Report.

Motion to approve April 2003 Financial Statements and LGIP Report was made by
Councilmember Clarkson, seconded by Councilmember Ojeda and carried
unanimously.

Review Boards – No Recommendations.

Variance Request – Peachtree Malone Lofts, Inc.

Councilmember Copeland made a motion to table until the June Council Meeting,
seconded by Councilmember Clarkson and carried unanimously.

City Manager’s Report and Staff Recommendations.

Senior Connections Property Acquisition.

Councilmember Clarkson made a motion to approve the purchase of .8+ acres of
land owned by Senior Connections for \$350,000. As noted in a letter dated
November 25, 2002 from Kathy Brannon to Steve Brazen, “The City will purchase
or hold title to the land as a partner with Senior Connections to locate a developer to
develop senior housing on the site”. The following conditions apply:

- 1. The City will aggressively work with Senior connections to find a
compatible develop senior housing. The City will recoup at a minimum its
investment of \$350,000 from this development.**
- 2. If in six months from this date (05/20/2003 a developer cannot be found, the
city will put the property on the market and accept no less than the original
paid price of \$350,000. The motion died from a lack of a second.**

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Councilmember Ojeda made a motion to approve the purchase of .8 acres of land owned by Senior Connections for \$350,000 and locate a developer for senior housing on the site within one year of closing date of purchasing the property, seconded by Councilmember Copeland and carried with Councilmembers Copeland, Ojeda and Biles voting in favor and Councilmembers Clarkson and Gibert opposed.

Request from Charter Companies for Resolution Authorizing Decatur Housing Authority to Issue Tax-Exempt Bonds for Financing at 5300 Peachtree Road.

Councilmember Ojeda made a motion to approve Resolution as read (copy included in Minutes), seconded by Councilmember Gibert and carried unanimously.

Appeal of City Manager Determination Regarding Application of Section 206 of the Zoning Ordinance to Jefferson on Peachtree Apartments.

Joe Fowler, City Attorney, read a letter from Attorney Carl E. Westmoreland, presenting Jefferson on Peachtree. Councilmember Copeland made a motion to uphold the appeal (copy included in Minutes), seconded by Councilmember Ojeda and carried unanimously.

Request for Direction on Sister Cities Program.

Motion to not participate in the Sister Cities Program for 2003 was made by Councilmember Copeland, seconded by Councilmember Gibert and carried unanimously.

Request for Budget Amendments: Salary Increase in Parks Department and Premium Increase for Property Liability Insurance all Departments.

Councilmember Copeland made a motion to approve the budget amendments as submitted (copies included in Minutes), seconded by Councilmember Clarkson and carried unanimously.

Set Date for Public Hearing to Transmit Land Use Plan Amendment to ARC and DCA.

Councilmember Clarkson made a motion to set date for the Public Hearing at the June 12, 2003 Work Session @ 6:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Copeland and carried unanimously.

Appeal of City Manager Interpretation of Section 305.05 of the Zoning Ordinance with regard to 3669 School Street – Tabled from April Regular Council Meeting.

Motion to uphold Kathy Brannon, City Manager's, decision made by Councilmember Copeland, seconded by Councilmember Gibert and carried unanimously.

Approval of Contract with DeKalb County Registration and Elections to Conduct November 4, 2003 Municipal Election.

Motion to approve contract as submitted (copy included in Minutes) made by Councilmember Gibert, seconded by Councilmember Clarkson and carried unanimously.

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Set Dates for Public Hearings for 2003 Ad Valorem Taxes (Dates Requested: June 2, 2003 @ 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 10, 2003 @ 5:30 p.m.).

Motion to approve Public Hearings for 2003 Ad Valorem Taxes as submitted made by Councilmember Clarkson, seconded by Councilmember Gibert and carried unanimously.

Citizen Comment.

There being no comments, Councilmember Copeland made a motion to adjourn to Executive at 8:40 p.m., seconded Councilmember Gibert and carried unanimously. Councilmember Ojeda made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Copeland and carried unanimously. There being no action taken, Councilmember Copeland made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:21 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Ojeda and carried unanimously.

EVELYN KENNEDY, MAYOR

BECKY CRAVEN, CITY CLERK