

**MINUTES
CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
WORK SESSION
MARCH 10, 2005
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councilmembers Clarkson, Copeland, King, Gibert, and Biles.

Mayor Kennedy called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report and Staff Recommendations:

Request for approval of lease (and funds) for MARTA lot to be used as public parking in Mid-City District.

MARTA'S chief appraiser estimated that a fair market rental rate for Chamblee Station Parking Lot No. 4 (near Miller Drive and directly across Peachtree Road from 5300 Peachtree Road) would be \$1,200 per month. The parking lot occupies an area of approximately 0.5 acre and has 72 parking spaces. MARTA sent a standard lease agreement for the lease of the parking lot to be used by the City for three years or less. The parking lot would be used for public parking as street parking is the only thing available at this time in the area of the 5300 Peachtree Road development. The proposed parking lot and the cost of the monthly lease were discussed at length. Any action will be taken at the Regular Council Meeting. **Report on responses to RFP for Planning Services and Peachtree Road LCI design.** The committee will present their recommendation at the Regular Council Meeting. It was recommended that the present firm of Altamita Design be reappointed for the LCI design project.

Request of support from Chamblee High School Touchdown Club.

Representatives from the CHS Touchdown Club addressed the Council with reference to using the parking lot across the stadium. The Club will use the parking lot during football season and charge to park in the lot. The North DeKalb Lions Club, in previous years, did the same thing as a fund raiser.

Request of no-charge use of Keswick Park Community Building – AVC.

The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc. is requesting the use of the building on April 16th, for their annual spring picnic graduation. The AVC is a 501©3 non-profit charitable organization that teaches deaf children without the use of sign language, lip reading, special assistance, and/or interpreter.

Request for direction on Grant Applications.

• **JAG**

The Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program was eliminated and has now been combined with the previous Byrne Formula Grant Program to create a new Edward Byrne memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The City is eligible for up to \$11,908 of these new grants funds in fiscal year 2005. The grant funds will be used to add computers, printers, and the appropriate software to the two motorcycles. The new grant program does not require a specific local match.

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- **Supplemental LCI Studies**

Atlanta Regional Commission is now accepting applications for the 2005 LCI Supplement Studies. The application is due by April 1, 2005. A copy of the LCI Supplement Study Program is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

- **Community Choices**

Atlanta Regional Commission introduced Community Choices in 2000. The goal of the Community choices is to provide local governments in the region with the tools, training and technical assistance necessary to create livable communities and a high quality of life. Since 2000, twenty-four tools have been developed as part of the Community Choices Toolkit. The toolkit contains tools about diverse planning techniques including aging in place, mixed use development, infill development, corridor redevelopment, conservation subdivisions, and transit oriented development. ARC is requesting proposals from local governments seeking assistance with implementation of planning concepts that are part of the Community Choices Toolkit. Assistance requests can be anything ranging from developing ordinances, reviewing proposed ordinances, and assisting with educating the public about proposed policies and/or amendments. The only requirement for the proposal is that it must result in some form of implementation of innovative planning concepts.

Request from Chief Johnson to declare property surplus.

A list of vehicles to be declared surplus was submitted by Chief Johnson. A copy of the list is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Approve Proclamation for Public Health Week, April 4 – 10, 2005.

No action taken until the Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Gibert:

Councilmember Gibert reviewed each of the items listed (a copy of his review is included in the Minutes).

a. Green Design Policies.

b. Overlay District for Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

c. Big Box Ordinance.

d. Traffic calming in Sexton Woods.

e. Fire Station Building.

f. Possible uses for Granite curbing.

g. Residential infill development standards.

Consider appointing an attorney to be on retainer to advise the City Council, City Manager and Staff on zoning matters.

Councilmember Copeland addressed the reasons for an attorney on retainer to handle zoning matters. No action will be taken until Regular Council Meeting.

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Citizen Comments.

There being no comments, the Work Session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

EVELYN KENNEDY – MAYOR

BECKY CRAVEN – CITY CLERK