

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.  
MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 14, 2006  
6:00 P. M.**

**PRESENT:** Council Members Wedge, Copeland, Gibert, and Mayor Clarkson.  
Council Members King and Taylor were absent.

**Public Hearings**

Mayor Clarkson read the rules of order for a Public Hearing.

**Proposed amendments to code re: Property Maintenance.**

Chief Johnson presented a power point presentation reviewing the proposed amendments to code with reference to Property Maintenance. The definitions to several of the topics were discussed (debris, vegetation, inoperable vehicles, major vehicle overhaul, tarps/covers over vehicle, and storage of machinery and equipment). Other sections discussed were Section 613 – Parking and Storage of Commercial Vehicles, Section 614 – Parking in residential zoning district, Section 615 – Parking, storage or use of major recreational equipment, Section 610 – Satellite Dishes, and Section 301 – Definition of family and rooming houses. The hearing was open for public comments. Several citizens addressed the section with reference to parking recreational vehicles (including boats) in residential areas. Mayor and Council addressed the concerns of the citizens with reference to the proposed changes. This portion of the Public Hearing concluded at 6:45 p.m.

**Request for Variances to Stream Buffer ordinance:**

**1822 Eight Street**

The applicant is requesting a reduction of the stream buffer from 50 to 25 feet to build two new homes. The applicant is proposing to place one house completely in the 75 buffer and the majority of the second house will be in the 75 buffer protection area. The City Manager read the Development Director's recommendation (copy included in Minutes) (the Development Director was out of town). The staff recommendation is to *deny* the request to reduce the stream buffer from 75 feet (including the 25 foot impervious surface) to 25 feet. The property owner, Patrick O'Donnell was present to address any questions with reference to the variance. The hearing was open for public comments. Mike Tarabula, previous owner, gave a brief history of the property. The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed variance and addressed concerns about the variance request. This portion of the Public Hearing concluded at 7:10 p.m.

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**3649 Vanet Road**

The applicant is requesting a reduction of the stream buffer from 75 feet to 50 feet to replace an 80 square foot deck on an old house. More than 80 percent of the proposed deck will be in the last 25 feet of the stream buffer protection area. The City Manager read the staff recommendation (copy included in Minutes). The staff recommendation recommends *approval* of this request to reduce the stream buffer from 75 feet (including the 25 foot impervious surface) to 45 feet with the following recommendations:

- a. The deck size will be no more than 90 square feet.
- b. All areas underneath and surrounding the deck must be immediately stabilized and replanted with permanent vegetative cover approved by the Development Director.
- c. The 10 inch PVC pipe noted on the plat, prepared by Jordan Murray, the owner, dated 9/22/2006, shall either not be installed or removed and the storm water from the concrete flume shall be directed to storm water leeching system approved by the Development Director.

The owners, Jordan Murray and Amy Mistretta, were present to address any questions with reference to the variance. There were no public comments. Mayor and Council discussed the variance request.

Councilmember Gibert, made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearings at 7:35 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Wedge and carried unanimously.

**City Manager's Report and Staff Recommendations:**

**Renewal franchise agreement for Xspedius Communications and Resolution consenting to the transfer of control of Xspedius to Time Warner Telecom.**

Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) has been working with Xspedius on the renewal of their agreements in the Atlanta area. They have also been reviewing the company's request for approval from local franchising authorities to the proposed transaction which would transfer control of Xspedius to Time Warner Telecom. GMA has concluded negotiations and is requesting the City to approve the renewal franchise agreement for Xspedius Communications and Resolution consenting to the transfer of control of Xspedius to Time Warner Telecom. Any action will be at the Regular Council Meeting.

**Request for budget amendments Public Works and Police.**

Public Works is requesting an additional \$34,000 for vehicle maintenance (87-30). They have experienced hydraulic and electrical problems this year with both older and new vehicles.

Police Department is requesting an additional \$6,000 for vehicle maintenance (87-20). This request is to be able to properly equip the former Parks & Recreation van to transport prisoners.

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**Chief Johnson: proposed amendments to code re: property maintenance and traffic control devises at Chamblee Middle School; request to move ordinances to first reading.**

The proposed amendments to code with reference to property maintenance were discussed during the Public Hearings.

The traffic control signal is for the intersection at Buford Highway and CDC/IRS complex.

The traffic control signs are for the following:

By adding the following traffic control provisions to those listed under Sexton Woods Drive – No Right Turn at Sandlewood Lane – School Days 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

By adding the following traffic control provisions to those listed under Sandlewood Lane:

No stopping, standing, parking on South Side – School Days 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

These two proposed ordinances will be moved to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for first reading.

**Proposed resolution to extend Service Delivery Agreements with DeKalb County.**  
DeKalb County is requesting renewing the Service Delivery Agreement to remain in full force and effect for a period not to exceed August 31, 2007.

**Proposed ordinance to amend Soil Erosion Ordinance; request to move to first reading.**

The ordinance will be changed to replace City of Chamblee with DeKalb County and moved to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for first reading.

**Set date for Called Meeting for presentation of annexation study by UGA.**

A date will be discussed at the Regular Council Meeting.

**Incentives for Green Roofs.**

Councilmember Gibert addressed the green roof incentives and presented a power point presentation showing green roofs already in place in other areas.

Councilmember Gibert requested the City Attorney, City Planner/Engineering Consultant, and City Staff (City Manager, Development Director, Public Works Director, and Permits and Inspection Director) to research, coordinate and draft Green Roof Incentive Zoning and/or Development Regulation ordinance(s) for Council review at November Work Session.

**Set date and discuss agenda for Council/Staff Retreat**

Councilmember Gibert requested a date be set at the Regular Council Meeting.

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**Create and implement an electronic spreadsheet for weekly Code Enforcement showing status of all current and archived Code Enforcement violations and issues.**  
Councilmember Wedge discussed the implementation of an electronic spreadsheet for weekly Code Enforcement. After some discussion, it was requested to move to the retreat agenda.

**Graffiti: adding in the City's Code Enforcement a new amendment addressing graffiti.**  
Councilmember Wedge requested this item be moved to the November Council Meeting.

**Change the existing patriotic, motivational pictures within City Hall.**  
Councilmember Wedge requested this item be moved to the November Council Meeting because of the absences of Council Members King and Taylor.

**Amend the Zoning Ordinance creating an Overlay District for Keswick Village.**  
Councilmember Wedge requested the City Attorney be instructed to draft zoning ordinance changes for Public Hearing at November Work Session.

**Citizen Comment:**  
A citizen addressed the Mayor and Council with reference to creating an Overlay District.

There being no further business or comments the Work Session was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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*R. ERIC CLARKSON – MAYOR*

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*BECKY CRAVEN, CMC – CITY CLERK*