

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 15, 2009**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarkson, Council members Wedge, Robson, Hogan, Zanger and Taylor

Public Hearing – Zoning Matter: The hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Clarkson who read the rules of order and identified the four zoning variances applications as being for two adjacent parcels at 5435 and 5437 Peachtree Road (property owner Gary Gilmer requesting variances to construct and ice cream shop):

1. To allow sidewalk without required 5' landscape strip: At the direction of Mayor Clarkson, City Planner, Michelle Alexander with Pond and Company, to read and entered into the record, the planners opinion on the variance application. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in favor of the variance request to come to the microphone. Gary Gilmer spoke in favor. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in opposition to the variance request to come to the microphone. No one spoke in opposition to the variance request. The Mayor then gave the City Council the opportunity to ask questions of staff or the applicant.

2. To allow gravel parking: At the direction of Mayor Clarkson, City Planner, Michelle Alexander with Pond and Company, to read and entered into the record, the planners opinion on the variance application. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in favor of the variance request to come to the microphone. Gary Gilmer spoke in favor. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in opposition to the variance request to come to the microphone. No one spoke in opposition to the variance request. The Mayor then gave the City Council opportunity to ask questions of staff and/or the applicant.

3. To allow metal building: At the direction of Mayor Clarkson, City Planner, Michelle Alexander with Pond and Company, to read and entered into the record, the planners opinion on the variance application. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in favor of the variance request to come to the microphone. Gary Gilmer spoke in favor. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in opposition to the variance request to come to the microphone. No one spoke in opposition to the variance request. The Mayor then gave the City Council the opportunity to ask questions of staff and/or the applicant.

4. To exceed signage square footage allowance & allow roof signage: At the direction of Mayor Clarkson, City Planner, Michelle Alexander with Pond and Company, to read and entered into the record, the planners opinion on the variance application. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in favor of the variance request to come to the microphone. Gary Gilmer spoke in favor. The Mayor then asked for those wishing to speak in opposition to the variance request to come to the microphone. No one spoke in opposition to the variance request. The Mayor then gave the City Council the opportunity to ask questions of staff and/or the applicant.

There being no further comments or questions, motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. was made by Councilmember Robson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2008 Work Session; December 16, 2008 Regular Council Meeting, and December 30, 2008 Budget Work Session. There was no discussion on this item at work session.

Approval of December 2008 Financial Statements and LGIP Report: Staff is requesting that this item be tabled at the Regular Meeting until February to give time to close fiscal year 2008.

City Planner / Development Director:

A. Presentation of ARC draft report on LEED ordinance for review and comment: Summary report was presented by Dan Schultz, Development Director. No action requested; item will not move to regular agenda.

B. Presentation of Streetscape Guidelines: Report was presented by Dan Schultz, Development Director. No action requested; item will not move to regular agenda.

City Manager's Report and Staff Recommendations:

A. Request for adoption of proposed operating budget for 2009: required resolutions will be prepared for the Regular Meeting.

B. Request to set Qualifying Fees for 2009 Election: There was no discussion on this item at work session.

C. Request for approval of Telecom Franchise Agreement with Adelpia Business Solutions: There was no discussion on this item at work session.

D. Update on Keswick Trail Project: Joel Holmes, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a change order to the City Council which has net zero cost increase with completion date remaining 3/31/09.

Annual Appointments:

- A. City Attorney & City Solicitor
- B. Public Defender
- C. City Judges
- D. City Inspectors
- E. Auditor
- F. Election Superintendent
- G. Pension Committee Secretary
- H. City Planner & Tree Consultant
- I. Mayor Pro-tem
- J. Personnel Committee
- K. Recreation Advisory Committee

The Council asked the staff to verify from Council minutes and/or by-laws the composition and qualifications for the Recreational Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Hogan: Discuss Chamblee Business Association: Councilmember Hogan will draft a resolution/proclamation to be presented at the Regular Council meeting.

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City Attorney:

A. Second Reading of Ordinance for Adoption: “Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems”

First Reading of Ordinances:

B. Hotel/Motel Excise tax Amend Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article II, Section 6-51 and 6-53

C. Remove exemption from Sanitary Service Fee

There was no discussion on City Attorney items at work session.

Citizen Comment: No citizens chose to comment.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business, by unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kathy Brannon – City Clerk

R. Eric Clarkson - Mayor