

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION
JUNE 12, 2008
6:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Clarkson read the Rules of Order for a Public Hearing

Stream Buffer Variance – 3020 Park Lane

The applicant is requesting a variance from Article XV Section 34-1005(a)(1) and Section 34-1005(a)(2) of the City Code of Ordinance in order to allow the applicant to remove dead vegetation in the 50 foot undisturbed stream buffer, demolish the existing home and construct a new one. The proposed structure will encroach 20 feet, at its closest point, into the required 25' impervious surface buffer. The existing home encroaches into the 25' impervious surface buffer 21' feet, at its closest point, but the footprint is smaller and therefore there is less impervious surface. The existing house has 405 square feet of impervious surface in the buffer while the proposed house will have 554 square feet of impervious surface in the buffer. The subdivision was platted in 1984. The area is experiencing infill redevelopment with teardowns and larger new construction. Michelle Alexander, with Pond & Company, read the City Planner's recommendation. Acting by request, as City Planner, recommends **approval** of these requests for variances to Sections 34-1005(a)(2) and Section 34-1005(a)(1) with the following condition:

The applicant shall implement the submitted mitigation plan for the additional impervious surface and to stabilize the steep slope.

The hearing was open for public comments and no one spoke opposing the variance request. *(A copy of the City Planner's recommendation is included in the Minutes).*

Turnbury Gates Town Homes – 2403 Johnson Ferry Road – amending approved plat

The subject property is zoned CR. The property located adjacent to the subject property on the northeast side along Johnson Ferry Road is zoned NR-1. Applicant is seeking permission for the temporary construction entrance. Michelle Alexander, with Pond and Company, read the City Planner's recommendation. Ed Branch and Richard Young with Turnbury Gates Town Homes were present to address any questions. The hearing was open for public comments and several citizens spoke opposing the location of the temporary construction entrance. The Council addressed several issues with the location of the construction entrance and why a buffer has not been installed.

There being no further discussion. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Zanger and carried unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2008, Public Hearing and Work Session, May 20, 2008, Regular Council Meeting, and May 29, 2008 Called Council Meeting.

Councilmember Zanger noted an error in the May 20, 2008, Council Meeting, with reference to the Plant Nursery at Keswick Park. Councilmember Zanger noted that he did not vote in favor of the layout and location of the plant nursery.

Amend Schedule “A” of new contract (fee schedule) – Pond and Company, City Planner
Pond and Company, City Planners, presented the amended Schedule “A” of new contract (fee schedule).

Request from owners of property on Will Ross Court to rezone property from Corridor Residential to Corridor Commercial.

The proposed zoning change for Will Ross Court is Tax Parcel 18-308-02-22, 31, 33, and 34. Development Director presented a map of the propose requested changes.

After some discussion, Councilmember Zanger made a motion to set Public Hearing for July 10, 2008, Work Session for proposed rezoning of Will Ross Court from Corridor Residential to Corridor Commercial seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried with Council Members Robson, Hogan, Zanger, and Taylor voting in favor and Councilmember Wedge opposed.

Centennial update: Melissa Roberts

An update on the successful “Taste of Chamblee” and details on upcoming events.

Request for approval of starting pay rate for new police officer

Chief Johnson is requesting approval to offer a starting salary of \$45,000 to a police officer applicant. The applicant is retired from the Atlanta Police Department with the rank of Sergeant and 20 years experience. She is presently working for the DeKalb County School Police and was assigned to Chamblee High School the past school year. Councilmember Wedge made a motion to approve the requested starting salary seconded by Councilmember Taylor and carried unanimously.

Request for budget amendment and approval to lease video cameras

Chief Johnson is requesting approval to lease new video cameras for the patrol vehicles. The lease will be for sixteen WatchGuard DV-1 video cameras for a five year period. *(A copy of request for budget amendment and lease information is included in Minutes).*

Request for approval of change orders for Keswick Park Improvement Project

Heike Holmberg, with Pond and Company, reviewed the proposed changes to the project.

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Request for approval of fee reduction for Adult Softball

Parks Director is recommending lowering the registration fee for adult softball leagues from \$575 to \$475. Other leagues in the area have team fees that range from \$425 to \$460 per team.

Discuss City support for Neighborhood Watch National Night Out

Melissa Slaughter and Roy Goldenburg discussed their plans for Neighborhood Watch National Night out. They are just outside the City on Shallowford Road but invited the City to participate.

Emergency Preparedness Month for September

Councilmember Hogan is requesting making September “Emergency Preparedness Month”. This will be recognized each year in September with appropriate activities and information in the newsletter.

Allowing use of Civic Center for Chamblee Business Association monthly meetings

Councilmember Hogan is requesting the Chamblee Business Association be allowed to use the Civic Center the third Thursday morning for their monthly meeting beginning July 2008.

Called Special Council Meeting in July to discuss and analyze the City’s financial condition

Councilmember Hogan would like this tabled until August to allow the City Manager to review the current audit and estimated revenue numbers due from DeKalb (2008 taxes billed in July).

Citizen Comment

Roy Goldenburg addressed their quarterly neighborhood meetings and Brian Baker addressed included marketing the City in the 2009 budget.

There being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

R. ERIC CLARKSON – MAYOR

BECKY CRAVEN, CMC – CITY CLERK