

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MARCH 12, 2009**

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

Call to Order: Mayor Clarkson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2009 Work Session and February 17, 2009 Regular Council meeting. There was no discussion on this item at work session.

Update on Consolidation of Community Development and Permits and Inspections Departments:

Dan Schultz, Development Director, reported that the contract with SafeBuilt has been signed and that they will start doing inspections and Pond will start doing structural engineering reviews effective 3/16/09. A Development Review committee has been established which will meet the third Thursday each month at 9:00 a.m. to review submitted preliminary plans. At the first meeting in February, the committee discussed a possible airport zoning overlay district; this is being developed with the assistance of the Airport Director and will be a future agenda item. Mr. Schultz also reported that he completed an Economic Development course at Georgia Tech and is scheduled to take his LEED accreditation exam this month. Mr. Schultz also reviewed a memo that he had sent to the elected officials regarding the streetscape design for the re-development at 5256 Peachtree Road with regard to conformance to the civic design section of the City Zoning Ordinance. Also reported under this item is a notice from Georgia Power for the increase in the street light monthly bill for the addition of the decorative lights within the 5256 Peachtree Road project; the request for increase in the budget appropriation will move to an action item on the regular meeting agenda.

Request for executive session to discuss real estate transaction (work session only): Councilmember Robson made a motion to move this item to the end of the work session agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried unanimously.

Robby Bryant/HDR update on Keswick Multi-Use Trail project: Mr. Bryant gave a power-point presentation showing the progress of the project. He also reviewed a proposed change order from the contractor to do drainage improvements. The change order request will move to an action item on the regular agenda. The Parks and Recreation Director also made a request to add a replacement to the Recreational Advisory Committee to the regular agenda for action.

Senior Connections: Request for fee waiver for special event permit: Debra Furtado, Executive Director, explained that the Center is holding a Senior Prom fundraising event and is requesting that the Council waive the \$300 alcohol permit fee. This will move to an action item on the regular agenda.

Re-Appropriation request for 2008 projects completed in 2009: The Council has a memo of the items from the City Clerk who notified the council that the first item on the list had been paid in 2008 and the current bill is a duplicate. The first item will be removed and the appropriation list will move to an action item on the regular agenda.

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Councilmember Hogan: Discussion of Sign Ordinance amendments: Mr Hogan reviewed comments from a meeting of local business owners. He will have a written recommendation for the Council to consider on Tuesday.


First reading of Ordinance: Home rule change to Charter to Combine Departments: The ordinance will be read by the City Attorney at the regular meeting on Tuesday.

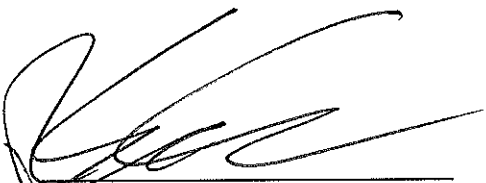
Second Reading of Ordinance for Adoption: Proposed revisions to the "LEED" Ordinance: The ordinance will be read by the City Attorney at the regular meeting on Tuesday.

Citizen Comment: Chuck Schmandt addressed the Council to voice support for the Development Review Committee process.

Executive Session: Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss a possible real estate transaction made by Councilmember Robson, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:39 p.m. made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business, the work session meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by unanimous consent.


Kathy Brannon – City Clerk


R. Eric Clarkson – Mayor

AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO OCGA § 50-14-4(b)

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF DEKALB

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, R. Eric Clarkson, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

(1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Chamblee City Council held on the 12th day of March, 2009.

(2) That is my understanding that OCGA § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

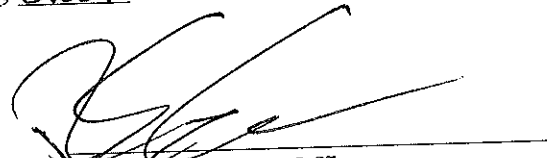
When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

(3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2009, which was closed for the purpose(s) of direction to City Manager for potential real estate acquisition.

as allowed by OCGA, Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

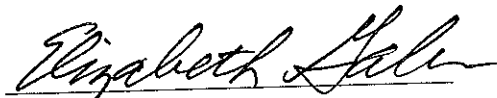
(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of OCGA § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 19th day of March, 2009.



Mayor/Presiding Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 19th day of March, 2009.



Notary Public

OCT. 9, 2011
Commission Expiration:



NOTE: Because violation of the Open Meetings Act may be grounds for recall from office, if there is the slightest doubt, or any question whatsoever, as to whether a matter can be the subject of a closed meeting, DO NOT CLOSE.

TYPES OF MEETINGS COMMON TO MUNICIPALITIES WHICH MAY BE CLOSED

1. Staff meetings held for investigative purposes, under duties or responsibilities imposed by law, may be closed. OCGA § 50-14-3(1).
2. Meetings where any agency is discussing future acquisition of real estate may be closed. However, notice that such meeting is taking place must be given and minutes taken. When the deal is either completed or abandoned, those minutes must be disclosed. OCGA § 50-14-3(4).
3. Meetings when discussing employment, periodic evaluations or disciplinary actions regarding a public officer or employee may be closed. However, the presentation of evidence or argument in disciplinary cases must be open. And the vote on any such matter must occur at an open meeting. OCGA § 50-14-3(6).

4. Consultations with an attorney regarding pending or potential legal action. However, a meeting with an attorney to discuss the legality of closing a meeting must be open. OCGA § 50-14-2(a)(1).