

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA**  
**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**May 13, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Eric Clarkson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present were: Mr. Tom Hogan, Mrs. Leslie Robson, Mr. Scott Taylor, Mr. Mark Wedge, and Mr. Dan Zanger.

Staff members present were: Mr. Jim Gleason, City Manager; Mr. Tillman Hannon, Public Works Director; Mr. Joel Holmes, Recreation Director; Ms. Angela Hudson, Finance Director; Mr. Marc Johnson, Police Chief; Mr. Dan Schultz, Development Director and Ms. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Clarkson read the rules for conducting public hearings.

**1. Variance Request – 3593 London Road**

Mayor Clarkson called the public hearing to order and explained that Mr. John Moore, the applicant for Kara and Mario Gonzalez, is building a new home at 2593 London Road. He requested a variance to allow the new home's front door threshold to be 2.5 higher than the existing threshold.

Mr. Dan Schultz, Development Director, and Ms. Kari Stevens from Pond & Company presented the staff reports, and recommended approval the variance request.

Mayor Clarkson asked to hear from those who wished to speak in favor of the variance request. Mr. John Moore, Caliber Homes and Ms. Patty Bach, 3509 Cold Springs Lane, spoke in favor of the variance request.

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor asked to hear from those who wished to speak in opposition to the variance request. Hearing no opposition, the Mayor closed the public comments portion of the hearing and opened the floor for City Council questions and discussion.

After brief discussion, Mr. Wedge made a motion to end the public hearing. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Clarkson called the work session to order.

## **STAFF ITEMS:**

**City Clerk:** Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2010 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2010 – Regular Council Meeting  
Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2010 – Special Called Council Meeting

The minutes will be submitted for adoption on May 18, 2010.

### **City Manager:**

The City Manager gave the City Council a report on the upcoming annexation. He said staff would be making regular reports on this issue at future work session meetings. No action was necessary, so this item will not be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Development Director:**

#### **1) Appeal of staff's decision to deny the application of site plans for 4906 Peachtree Blvd.**

Mr. Shultz presented the staff's report. Mr. Scott Peters, attorney, represented the property owner of 4906 Peachtree Road. He gave the City Council a letter dated May 13, 2010 and said he gave original plans that had been submitted to Mr. Shultz to the City Clerk. He presented his appeal to the City Council and asked them to reverse staff's decision to deny a Site plan for property located at 4906 Peachtree Boulevard. No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **2) Variance Request – Eco-Lofts Development - 3400 Malone Drive**

- a. Request to allow residential use on the first floor of a multi-family building**
- b. Request to allow the percentage of residential to be greater than 80%.**

The public hearing for this variance request was held in April. Council postponed making a decision for this request until May. Mr. Shultz said he had received one e-mail from a citizen who opposed the variance. Mr. Hogan suggested they approve a variance for one unit, with conditions, but to deny the variance for the entire building. Mr. Chance Lewis, 4935 North Peachtree Road, was present to answer questions from the Council about his proposed business. No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **3) Chamblee Antique Dealers Association**

- a. Sign Permit Approval**
- b. Funding for Sign**
- c. Funding for Brochures**

Mr. Schultz explained that the Chamblee Antique dealers Association (CADA) had requested a grant from the City in the amount of \$7,000 from the Hotel Motel Tax Fund to produce and distribute brochures and install a new sign in the City. He said CADA would also need approval for the sign permit.

The Mayor allowed Mr. Al Endel, owner of Chamblee Antiques and Collection, and Mr. Syl Turner, President of CADA to address the Council present their request and to answer questions from the City Council members. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Gleason clarified that a portion of hotel motel funds must be used to promote tourism. Mayor Clarkson instructed staff to provide additional financial information to the City Council prior to the next meeting. No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Parks and Recreation:**

**1) Appointment to Recreation Advisory Committee** – Carolyn Galvin’s term of the Recreation Advisory Committee expired at the end of 2009. Mr. Holmes recommended that Ms. Jennifer Robbins be appointed to a two-year term the Recreation Advisory Committee to replace the vacancy left by Ms. Galvin. No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Finance Director:**

**1) Review Fiscal Year 2009 Income Statement** – Ms. Hudson presented a review of the Fiscal Year 2009 Income Statement, which showed the City had cash available in the amount of \$2,375,165.55, as of December 31, 2009. (\$752,088.50 was restricted.) No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2) Review Fiscal Year 2010 Income Statement, First Quarter** - Ms. Hudson presented a review of the 2010 First Quarter Income Statement, which showed the City had cash available in the amount of \$1,854,570.64. (\$1,086,917.66 is restricted.) No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**3) 2009 Budget Amendments** – Ms. Hudson presented a recommendation to amend the 2009 budget as follows:

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Current 2009 Budget Balance</b>	<b>Requested Budget Amended</b>	<b>Amended 2009 Budget Balance</b>
General Fund	\$8,464,062	(\$306,000.00)	\$8,158,062.00
Hotel-Motel Special Revenue Fund	0	\$50,300.00	\$50,000.00
Confiscated Asset Special Revenue Fund	0	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	0	\$596,756.83	\$596,756.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,464,062</b>	<b>\$342,856.83</b>	<b>\$8,806,918.83</b>

No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the May 18th meeting.

**City Attorney:**

- 1) **Second Reading – Personnel Policy Ordinance Amendment** - Mr. Fowler will present the second reading of an amendment to the Personnel Ordinance to prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual preferences at the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) **Second Reading – Personnel Policy Ordinance Amendment** - Mr. Fowler will present the second reading of an amendment to the Personnel Ordinance to amend the definition of breaks at the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) **First Reading – Personnel Policy Ordinance Amendment** – Mr. Fowler will present the first reading of an amendment to the Erosion Sediment Control Ordinance at the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor-Council:**

- 1) **Councilmember Tom Hogan – Resolution – Economic Development Advisory Committee** - Mr. Hogan presented a resolution to the City Council for their consideration at the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Allen Alt, Atlanta Antique Gallery, said he was glad to hear Mr. Hogan's comments about economic development. He said he felt Chamblee also needed to support the antique business

Samuel Gould, 5200 Peachtree Road, said he supported the variance request for the Eco Lofts Development.

Shirley Maddox, owner of Rust-N-Dust, said she has been in Chamblee for 36 years and she encouraged the Council to assist the Antique Association with funding.

Mr. Bob Roach, Doraville City Councilmember and several residents from the City of Doraville addressed the Council to express concern about noise coming from the Chamblee Flea Market every weekend. They said the noise seemed to be coming from a loud speaker.

Mr. Zanger made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Matter. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

No action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Wedge made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Clarkson called the meeting adjourned by consent at 9:15 p.m.

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Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Clarkson, Mayor