

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MAY 14, 2009 6:00 P.M.**

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

Work Session call to order: Mayor Clarkson called the work session for the May Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from April meetings: There was no discussion on this item at the work session. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Request to reset dates for Public Hearings on final millage rate to: June 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.: There was no discussion on this item at the work session. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Request for budget amendments: There was no discussion on this item at the work session. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Request for variance – Adrenaline Fitness – 5251 Peachtree Blvd: This item was tabled at the April Council meeting for the Council to review information provided by the staff and applicant. Dan Schultz, Development Director, and Heike Slinin, City Engineer with Pond Co., presented their review of the applicant's revised site plan and answered questions from the Council. The applicant, Jacob McLendon presented revised drawings to the Council which have not been reviewed by staff and answered questions from the Council. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Request to create Finance Director Position and Revamp City Clerk job description: Jim Gleason, City Manager, reviewed the information which he had provided to the elected officials and answered questions from the Council. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Request for approval of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
Application: Chief Johnson reviewed the history of the grant, formerly known as JAG, along with the information he had provided to the elected officials regarding proposed use of the grant funds. The floor was opened for public comment, and no one commented regarding the application. Councilmember Wedge made a motion to approve the proposed expenditures and authorize Chief Johnson to apply for the grant. Motion was made at work session due to the deadline for application. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried unanimously.

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Naming of the Keswick multi-use trail: Joel Holmes, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed the list of proposed names received from the public which he had distributed to the Mayor and Council. The elected officials will review the list and narrow the selections prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Proposed Ordinances for Technology Surcharge and Penalties for Violations: Chief Johnson reviewed the ordinances and supporting information which had been provided to the elected officials. After some discussion, the Council decided to move the ordinances to first reading by the City attorney at the regular meeting on 5/19/09.

Proposed amendment to Noise Ordinance: Chief Johnson reviewed the ordinance, which is a complete re-write of the applicable article, and supporting information which had been provided to the elected officials. After some discussion, the Council decided to move the ordinances to first reading by the City attorney at the regular meeting on 5/19/09.

Proposed ordinances for Special Event Permits: Chief Johnson reviewed the ordinances and supporting information which had been provided to the elected officials. After some discussion and wording changes, the Council decided to move the ordinances to first reading by the City attorney at the regular meeting on 5/19/09.

Report from City Planner on farmers markets and/or special events: This item was tabled at the April Council meeting. Dan Schultz, Development Director, and Michelle Alexander, City Planner with Pond Co., reviewed the report which they prepared for the Council. The Council requested further staff recommendations at the June work session. This item will not move to the regular agenda for action.

Discussion of Streetscape typical designs: This item was tabled at the April Council meeting. Heike Slinin, City Engineer with Pond Co., presented a power point report to the Council of past plans which were adopted and conflicts within the zoning ordinance. After some discussion, the Development Director and City Engineer were instructed to draft proposed changes to the ordinance and the plans and report at a later date. This item will not move to the regular agenda for action.

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Report on projects working in the public Right-of-Way: Dan Schultz, Development Director, reported on the following projects:

Deceased Pet Care – Peachtree Road

Spruce Car Wash – corner of Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. and Peachtree Blvd.

Verizon Wireless – corner of Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. and Ivey Lane

There were questions from Council regarding crosswalks at driveways, street lights and street furniture. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Designation of Character Area and Zoning on Buford Highway: Dan Schultz, Development Director, explained that this is a housekeeping item to correct the Future Development Map and Official Zoning Map which currently mistakenly identify two privately-owned parcels on Buford Highway at the south city-limits as government property. Councilmember Hogan made a motion to advertise public hearings in June to amend to the Future Development Map to designate these parcels as Corridor Village Character Area and the Official Zoning Map to designate them Corridor Commercial. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried with Council members Hogan, Taylor, Zanger and Robson in favor; Councilmember Wedge opposed. Item will not move to the regular meeting agenda.

Allowing Shooting Ranges as permitted use: Dan Schultz, Development Director, reviewed information provided to Council regarding two inquiries for this use. The information includes a report from the City Planner. There was a brief presentation by a potential developer for this use accessory to a Sporting Goods Store at 3600 American Dr. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Re-zoning Application completeness: The Development Department and City Planner have reviewed a re-zoning application for 2118 Chamblee Tucker Rd. which does not include a re-development plan and is therefore incomplete. The potential buyer for the property has no immediate plan for re-development and would like the application to move forward as a vacant parcel. The Mayor and Council would like to review this parcel in relation to other parcels in the area for a possible re-zoning. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Proposed revisions to sign ordinance: This item was tabled at the April Council meeting. Councilmember Hogan reported on discussions with the City Attorney regarding the proposed changes. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

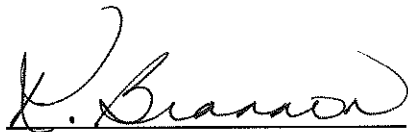
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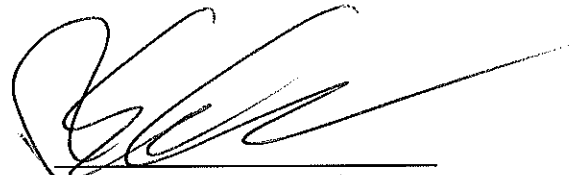
Sell the City's Ford Explorer to pay for purchasing anti-graffiti technology:

Councilmember Wedge reported to Council his reasons for proposing this action. There was some discussion. Item will move to the regular meeting agenda for action on 5/19/09.

Citizen Comment: Arthur Gibert addressed the Council regarding surveys for plan review, driveway width reduction, bonds for utility relocation and on-street parking standards. The City Manager reminded the Elected Officials that there will be a dinner for the employees receiving service awards on Tuesday.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:16 p.m.


Kathy Brannon – City Clerk


R. Eric Clarkson - Mayor