

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WORK SESSION
JUNE 11, 2009**

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

Public Hearings called to order: Mayor Clarkson called the public hearings to order at 6:05 p.m.

Public Hearing: 2009 Final Millage Rate (2 of 3): Mayor Clarkson read the rules of order for the public hearing. Copies of the 5-year history with the notice of tax increase, which have been published, were available at the hearing. No members of the public chose to comment.

Public Hearing: proposed amendments to future development map and zoning map: Mayor Clarkson read the rules of order. Dan Schultz, Development Director, identified the parcels as 18-269-006-001 and 002 or 4638 and 4646 Buford Highway and explained that the City Council has initiated this action to correct an error in the existing maps which indicate these parcels as being part of federal land. Since this is a council initiated action, there was no opinion from the City Planner. The Development Director also presented the Mayor and Council with a report recommending the proposed Character Area designation as Village Commercial and the proposed zoning map designation as CC, Corridor Commercial (copy included with minutes). Mayor Clarkson then asked anyone wishing to speak in favor of the action to come to the microphone; no one chose to speak. The Mayor then asked anyone wishing to speak in opposition to come to the microphone; no one chose to speak. The council asked for clarification of the parcels. The hearings adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:16 p.m.

Work Session called to order: The work session was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Mayor Clarkson.

Approval of Minutes from May meetings: There was no discussion of this item at work session. Item will move to the regular agenda for action on 6/16/09.

Approval of contract with DeKalb County to conduct City Election and Qualifying dates for City Election: There was no discussion of this item at work session. Item will move to the regular agenda for action on 6/16/09.

Norfolk Railroad Spur: Jim Gleason, City Manager reviewed the report given to the council recommending the purchase of the spur. Item will move to the regular agenda for action on 6/16/09.

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Laurelwood Landfill: Jim Gleason, City Manager reviewed the report given to the council from the City Attorney regarding testing costs. Item will move to the regular agenda for action on 6/16/09.

Award RFP Benefits Administrator/Broker: Jim Gleason, City Manager reviewed the report given to the council of the 8 responses to the RFP. Mr. Gleason is recommending awarding the RFP to Peachtree Benefit Group. Item will move to the regular agenda for action on 6/16/09.

Proposed changes to zoning ordinance to allow shooting ranges as permitted use: Dan Schultz gave a staff report on the proposed changes and Keri Stevens with the City Planner firm Pond and Co. reviewed a report from Michelle Alexander who was absent due to a death in her family. The Council directed staff to add requirements for a Range Master, caliber limits on weapons and age limits if the City Attorney approves. The council also requested copies of the NRA guide lines referenced in the report from Pond. The potential business owner also clarified for council that state regulations exist regarding only legal weapons being allowed and environmental controls. The proposed ordinance will be changed and presented at the July work session. This item will not move to the regular agenda.

Report from City Planner on farmers markets and/or special sales events: Dan Schultz gave a staff report on the proposed ordinance and Keri Stevens with the City Planner firm Pond and Co. reviewed a report from Michelle Alexander. The planner's report had several items for the Council to consider and decide before the final ordinance can be drafted. Council will review and give input at the July work session. This item will not move to the regular agenda.

Name the new multi-use trail (tabled from May): Joel Holmes, Director of Parks and Recreation announced the results of a city-wide poll conducted via the web site and presented the agenda for the official opening of the trail which will be Saturday, June 13th. Councilmember Taylor made a motion to approve the name which received the most votes, "Chamblee's Rail Trail". Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wedge and carried unanimously. This item will not move to the regular agenda.

2009 Taste of Chamblee planning progress report: Councilmember Hogan gave a progress report on behalf of the sponsor, the Chamblee Business Association. He will give a more detailed report in July out-lining the City's participation after he receives the special event permit information from the City Manager. This item will not move to the regular agenda.

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Revisions to Sign Ordinance (tabled from May): Councilmember Hogan will recommend that the proposed changes from the City Attorney and City Planner be drafted as ordinance changes. Item will move to the regular agenda for action on 6/16/09.

Use of Civic Center by Chamblee Breakfast Club: Councilmember Hogan has received a request from the Seniors Breakfast Club to move their monthly meeting from Senior Connections. After some discussion, Councilmember Hogan announced that he will make a recommendation regarding use of either the Civic Center or Community Building in Keswick Park by the group at the regular meeting on 6/16/09.

Upgrade traffic signal Chamblee-Tucker at Peachtree Road: Councilmember Hogan has inquired as to cost to have a left turn signal and appropriate re-striping installed at this intersection. After some discussion, it was decided that the City Manager will discuss this with both the Police Chief and the City Planner and report at a later date. This item will not move to the regular agenda.

RPZ PDK/DeKalb County Property located with the City of Chamblee: Councilmember Robson is interested in the use of this property for a community garden. This property is controlled by the County/Airport under FAA guidelines. Councilmember Robson will develop a plan that can be submitted to the FAA for formal review. This item will not move to the regular agenda.

Discussion with city staff regarding a crosswalk being placed on Clairmont Road by the library: Councilmember Taylor asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. The City Manager gave a brief report of previous attempts to put a crosswalk on Clairmont Road and explained the funding issues involved. This item was moved to the Tuesday agenda for further discussions with the Chief who was not present at the work session, but Councilmember Taylor clarified at the Tuesday meeting that no further discussion was desired at this time and no action was taken.

Discussion with city staff about lowering the speed limit on Clairmont Road from 45 MPH: Since the Chief of Police was not present at the work session, this item will be discussed at the regular meeting on Tuesday, 6/16/09.

Citizen Comment: Evelyn Kennedy spoke in favor of farmer's markets.

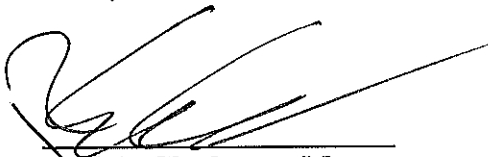
Executive Session: At the request of Mayor Clarkson, Councilmember Zanger made a motion to suspend the rules to add and Executive Session to the agenda to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was seconded Councilmember Robson and carried unanimously.

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Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 p.m. was made by Councilmember Robson, seconded by Councilmember Zanger and carried unanimously. City Clerk was not present during executive session. Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:00 p.m. was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Zanger and carried unanimously. City Clerk was instructed by City Manager and Council to add an item to discuss and or approve employees to fill position of City Clerk and Finance officer to the agenda for the regular meeting on Tuesday, 6/16/09.

Meeting adjourned: The work session was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:01 p.m.

Kathy Brannon – City Clerk



R. Eric Clarkson - Mayor