

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 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 7:35 p.m.

Public Hearing: 2009 final millage rate (3of 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 amendment to zoning map: Dan Schultz, Development Director explained that this is a City-initiated amendment to the Official Zoning Map to change property currently zoned Village Residential to Village Commercial. The area to be considered is bordered to the south by Chamblee Tucker Rd., to the west by Watkins Dr., to the east by Burke Dr. and to the north by Burke Terrace and consists of 35 parcels. Michelle Alexander, with the City Planner firm, Pond and Company presented a report to the Mayor and Council which identified each parcel (copy included with the minutes) and the reason for the recommended change. 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. There were no questions from the Council. Motion to adjourn the hearings at 7:50 p.m. was made by Councilmember Wedge, seconded by Councilmember Taylor and carried unanimously.

Council Meeting called to order: Mayor Clarkson called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from May meetings: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Councilmember Wedge, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and carried unanimously.

Approval of contract with DeKalb County to conduct City Election and Qualifying dates for City Election: Motion to approve the contract with DeKalb County to conduct Chamblee's 2009 City Elections to be held November 3, 2009 and set qualifying period as beginning Tuesday September 1, 2009 and ending Thursday, September 3, 2009 was made by Councilmember Hogan, and seconded by Councilmember. Councilmember Wedge made a friendly amendment to set the qualifying dates/time as recommended by the City Clerk. Amendment was accepted and motion with these corrected dates carried unanimously.

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Norfolk Railroad Spur: Motion to direct the City Attorney to execute a contract for the purchase of the rail spur and appropriate \$25,000 for the capital outlay was made by Councilmember Wedge, and seconded by Councilmember Zanger. After some discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Laurelwood Landfill: Motion to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the testing and monitoring required by the EPD was made by Councilmember Hogan and seconded by Councilmember Wedge. After some discussion with the City Attorney regarding General Motors' participation, motion carried unanimously.

Award RFP Benefits Administrator/Broker: Motion to approve Peachtree Benefits Group, Inc., 3580 Pierce Dr. Suite 100, Chamblee, GA 30341, Brent Morris, agent as the City's Benefits Administrator/Broker was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and carried unanimously.

Adopt final millage rate for 2009: Motion to adopt millage rate of 6.31 was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Robson. After some discussion, Councilmember Wedge made a substitute motion to adopt millage rate of 6.5; motion died for lack of second. Original motion carried with Council members Hogan, Robson, Zanger and Taylor voting in favor; Councilmember Wedge opposed.

Discussion and/or approval of appointment of new City Clerk/Human Resources Director and new Finance Director: Motion to approve Francenia P. Diedrich, as recommended by the City Manger, for the position of City Clerk, effective July 1, 2009 and to direct staff to offer Angela D. Hudson a consulting contract in an amount not to exceed \$62,625.00 beginning June 23, 2009 and lasting until such time as the position of Finance Director can be added to the City Charter and upon being added subsequently approve Angela D. Hudson, as recommended by the City Manager, for the position of Finance Director. Motion to include offer of consulting contract to Francenia P. Diedrich for period of June 23 through June 30, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$62,625.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Zanger, and, after some discussion, carried unanimously.

Change future development map classification for 4648 & 4646 Buford Highway to Corridor Village: Motion to approve the map change was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried unanimously.

Change official zoning map classification for 4648 & 4646 Buford Highway to Corridor Commercial: Motion to approve the map change was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Zanger, and carried unanimously.

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Change official zoning map classification for all properties bordered to South by Chamblee Tucker Road, to the west by Watkins Drive, to the east by Burke Drive, and to the north by Burke Terrace to Village Commercial: Motion to approve the map change was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and carried unanimously.

Revisions to Sign Ordinance (tabled from May): Councilmember Hogan made a motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for first reading in July with the changes proposed in the memos from the City Attorney and City Planner. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Zanger. After some discussion, Councilmember Wedge made a friendly amendment to allow temporary signs for 45 days, exclude doors as allowable sign space and prohibit hand-written paper or cardboard signs. Amendment was accepted (Councilmember Wedge to provide specifics to the City Attorney) and motion carried unanimously.

Use of Civic Center or Community Building by Chamblee Breakfast Club: Motion to allow the Chamblee Breakfast Club the use of the Community Building in Keswick Park or the Chamblee Civic Center the first Thursday of each month September 2009 through June 2010 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at no charge was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried unanimously.

Discussion with city staff about lowering the speed limit on Clairmont Road from 45 MPH: Councilmember Taylor made a motion to lower the speed limit to 40 m.p.h. which was seconded by Councilmember Hogan. After some discussion with Chief Johnson regarding the use of radar, motion was withdrawn.

Second reading of Ordinances for Adoption: Motion to read headings only and to vote on the ordinances collectively was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and carried unanimously. The City Attorney read the headings of the following ordinances:

Amend Chapter 54-3 Maximum Penalty for Contempt and add new Section 18 to provide for Technology Surcharge

Amend Chapter 1-6 General Penalty

Amend Chapter 34, Article II, Noise

Amend Chapter 78, new Article IV Special Event Permit

Amend Chapter 6, new Article XI Licensed Caterers

Amend Chapter 58-2, Drinking in Public Area

Amend Chapter 6-54, Temporary Permit for Nonprofit Organizations

Motion to adopt all of the ordinances as read was made by Councilmember Wedge, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, and carried unanimously.

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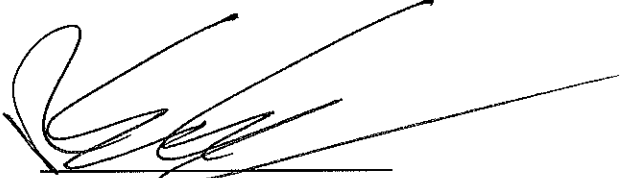
First Reading of Ordinance: The City Attorney read and ordinance to Amend Chapter 24, Cable Services and Other Telecommunications Services. Second reading for adoption will be at the July meeting.

Citizen Comment: No citizens chose to comment.

Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate Transaction: Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 p.m. was made by Councilmember Robson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor and carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:47 p.m. was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Zanger and carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and carried unanimously.

Kathy Brannon – City Clerk



R. Eric Clarkson - Mayor