

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA**  
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**February 10, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Staff members present were: Mr. Marc Johnson, Acting City Manager/Police Chief; Mr. Tillman Hannon, Director of Public Works; Mr. Joel Holmes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Dan Schultz, Director of Development and Mrs. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

Mayor Clarkson announced that Chamblee Police Officer Robert Tink passed away suddenly last week. The Mayor offered his condolences to the family and said he attended Officer Tink's funeral earlier that afternoon. He thanked Chief Johnson for hiring such a great man and he thanked Captain Mike Beller for planning the memorial service for Officer Tink.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Clarkson called the Public Hearing to order and read the rules for conducting public hearings.

**1. Variance Request – 111 Ingersoll Rand Drive – request to not construct streetscape along Irvingdale Drive.**

Mr. Shultz explained that the Atlanta Gas Light Company recently purchased the property located at 111 Ingersoll Rand Drive, and as part of the re-development of the site, they are required to construct the typical streetscape along each of the three streets at this development. They have requested that the streetscape not be required to be installed along Irvingdale Road.

Ms. Michelle Alexander, City Planner, read the staff reports from Pond and Company. They recommended denial of the request because Irvingdale Road connects to a residential area from where pedestrians may want to walk to reach Peachtree Road. Ms. Alexander said the intent of the ordinance is to achieve a continuous network of sidewalks throughout the City to achieve the pedestrian-oriented character envisioned by the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Clarkson opened the floor for citizen comments. Mr. Gary Matthews, Parkside Partners, asked Council to approve the requests for a variance. Hearing no one else speak in favor of the variance request, Mayor Clarkson asked to hear from those who

wished to speak in opposition. Hearing no opposition, Mayor Clarkson opened the floor for Council discussion.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Clarkson called the work session to order.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Hannah Solar** – Representatives from Hannah Solar, LLC provided the City Council with a brief overview of services they offer. Their company designs and builds solar panels to reduce energy costs and reduce carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.

#### **STAFF ITEMS:**

##### **City Clerk:**

##### **1. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2011 – Appeal, Work Session and Regular Council Meeting.**

There were no changes requested. The minutes will be submitted for adoption at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

##### **City Manager:**

##### **2. Appointment of City Officials**

Chief Johnson said it was time for the City Council to reappoint various city officials. His recommendation was as follows:

Mayor Protem -

Personnel Committee – (Currently Tom Hogan, Dan Zanger & Mark Zanger)

Ethics Committee -

City Attorney – Joe Fowler

Senior Municipal Court Judge – Sam Werbin

Municipal Court Judges – Angela Duncan, David Gunn

City Solicitor – Gary Vey

Public Defender – Lou Jenkins

Election Superintendent – Nancy Williams

Assistant Election Superintendent – Linda McDaniel  
City Planner & Tree Consultant – Pond & Company  
Building and Trade Inspectors – SafeBuilt  
Auditor – Mauldin & Jenkins

The City Council will take action on this item at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

### **3. Approval of LARP Contract with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)**

Chief Johnson said GDOT has approved the resurfacing of 0.370 miles on Loveland Terrace and provided a contract for approval. The City Council will take action on this item at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

### **4. Approval of Accounting Technician job description and pay grade**

Chief Johnson recommended a new job description for an Accounting Technician be approved and assigned to the Finance Department, and be assigned pay grade 14, as suggested by The Archer Company. The City Council will take action on this item at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

## **Development Director:**

### **1. Approval of changes to the Building Permit Fee Schedule**

Mr. Schultz said the City's current fee structure for electrical permits was complicated and usually resulted in a fee no higher than the \$75 minimum fee. The City's Building Inspector, Safebuilt, suggested changing the fee structure to a flat fee of \$80. City Council will consider adopting the proposed Building Permit Fee Schedule at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

### **2. Discussion regarding creation of an "In Lieu of Parking Bank"**

Last month the City Council directed staff to gather information on developing an "In Lieu of Parking" ordinance. Mr. Schultz said the ordinance would allow a developer to reduce their parking requirement in exchange for putting a predetermined amount of money into a parking bank. This would give the City additional resources to alleviate parking issues in other areas. He said a typical parking space could cost from several hundred to tens of thousands of dollars, depending on the price of land. He recommended the ordinance be allowed in all zoning districts except NR-1 and NR-2,

and that it be allowed for all permitted uses. The City Council will take action on giving staff further direction at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

### **3. Economic Development Plan**

The City Council directed Mr. Schultz to prepare an Economic Development Plan centered on helping businesses grow, encouraging new businesses to start up in Chamblee, and to encourage existing businesses outside of Chamblee to relocate to Chamblee. Mr. Schultz said he developed a plan that was based on three phases:

1. Survey existing businesses in the City to find out the City's strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities (SWOT),
2. Evaluate the surveys and identify problems; and
3. Use the information gathered in a marketing campaign.

Mr. Zanger and Mr. Wedge both expressed disappointment with Mr. Shultz's plan.

#### **Chief of Police:**

##### **1. Addition of Lieutenant Position**

Chief Johnson recommended the creation of an additional lieutenant position in the Police Department to be assigned as the supervisor of the Special Operations Division, which would consist of one lieutenant, one sergeant, three officers assigned to COPs and Code Enforcement, one sergeant and three officers assigned to Traffic and the K-9 unit. The City Council will take action on this item at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

#### **Public Works:**

##### **1. Request to Use Funds from the Tree Bank for replacement of dead trees in streetscapes**

Chief Johnson said the City Tree Bank contained just over \$57,505. He said a number of trees which were planted in city streetscape and park projects have died and needed to be replaced. He recommended Council authorize staff to spend up to \$1,500 for the purchase of trees to replace those that have died and for which there is no other alternative for replacement, such as a landscape bond. The City Council will take action on this item at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

## City Attorney

### **1. Second Reading of Ordinance – Amend Alcohol Beverage Ordinance to allow for the package sale of wine only and wine tastings.**

The City Attorney will be present to read the proposed ordinance at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011. City Council will take action on this item at that time.

## Councilman Tom Hogan:

**1. Resolution in Support of Chamblee Magnet Program** – Mr. Hogan introduced a resolution in support of keeping magnet school programs for DeKalb County schools at Kittredge, Chamblee Middle and Chamblee High School. Mayor Clarkson asked that his name be removed from the resolution. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hogan asked that this item be placed on the agenda for action at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2. Resolution Recognizing February 17<sup>th</sup> as Chamblee City Worker's Day** – Mr. Hogan introduced a resolution to formally recognize February 17, 2011, as Chamblee City Worker's Day, in conjunction with the Employee Awards Function. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hogan asked that this item be placed on the agenda for action at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**3. Special Presentation – Hannah Solar** - Council heard this presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Hogan asked that this item be placed on the agenda for action at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Vacant Property Ordinance** – Mr. Hogan asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

**5. Chamblee Business Association** – Mr. Hogan recommended the City Council grant the Chamblee Business Association permission to use the Civic Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of July from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a job fair for veterans. This item will be placed on the agenda for action at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

**6. Taste of Chamblee** – Mr. Hogan asked for the City Council's vote of support for the Taste of Chamblee event to be held on September 17, 2011. Council will take action on this item at the meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011.

**Citizen Comments:**

Mr. Charles Rudd, Admiral Drive, said the city needed more than just a marketing campaign to stimulate economic development. He also thanked the City for participating in Officer Tink's funeral procession and offered his condolences to Officer Tink's family.

Mayor Clarkson declared the meeting adjourned by consent.

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Nancy Williams, City Clerk

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