

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 17, 2011**

Mayor Eric Clarkson called the meeting to order at 7:30 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. Niles Ford, City Manager, Mr. Marc Johnson, Police Chief; Mr. Tillman Hannon, Public Works Director; Mr. Joel Holmes, Director of Parks & Recreation; and Mrs. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Mayor Clarkson introduced the new City Manager, Dr. Niles Ford and invited everyone to attend a small reception for Dr. Ford after the meeting.
2. Mr. Frank Rotunda, of the GA Chiefs of Police Association presented a plaque to Chief Johnson and Captain Williams for re-certification of the Police Department.
3. Mayor Clarkson presented certificates of recognition to the attendees of the 2011 Chamblee 101 classes.
4. Marketing and Communication Proposals – At the work session held on May 12, 2011, the following three firms presented proposals to the City Council for marketing and communication services:

Zimmerman Agency  
Gold Concepts  
Robbie R. Gring

Ms. Robson made a motion to select Robbie R. Gring. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Taylor voting in opposition.

**STAFF ITEMS:**

**City Clerk:**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2011 – Special Called City Council Meeting.** Ms. Robson made a motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting held on April 5, 2011, as submitted. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2011 – Work Session -** Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on April 14, 2011, as submitted. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2011 – Pubic Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting**

- Ms. Robson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting held on April 19, 2011, as submitted. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2011 – Special Called City Council Meeting.**

Ms. Robson made a motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting held on April 26, 2011, as submitted. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Polling Places for City Elections** – Ms. Robson made a motion to use the same polling places for Municipal Elections that DeKalb County uses for Chamblee residents for County, State and Federal elections. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Development:**

**1. Construction and Design for Gravel Driveways** – Ms. Robson made a motion to postpone this item until the June Work Session. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**1. Appointment of Albert Lloyd to the Recreation Advisory Committee** – Mr. Zanger made a motion to appoint Ms. Alberta Lloyd to the Recreation Advisory Committee, as recommended by staff. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Change to the Community Building Rental Policy** – Mr. Wedge made a motion to remove the restriction on the number of hours that the community building at Keswick Drive can be rented. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Finance**

##### **1. Set Dates for Public Hearings on the Millage Rate**

Mr. Hogan made a motion to schedule public hearings on millage rate for the following dates:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hogan made a motion to instruct staff to advertise a proposed milage rate of 7.95%. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **City Attorney**

- 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Adoption of New Zoning Map** – Mr. Fowler read the proposed ordinance to adopt the new zoning map and pointed to the map on display for the public to view. Mr. Wedge made a motion to adopt the ordinance and map as presented. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Corrections to Soil & Erosion Control Ordinance** - Mr. Fowler read the proposed amendment to the Soil and Erosion Control Ordinance. Ms. Robson made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Changes to Storm Water Maintenance Bond Ordinance** – Mr. Fowler read the proposed amendment to the Storm Water Maintenance Bond Ordinance. Mr. Zanger made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance Amendment concerning Discharging Firearms in the City.** Mr. Fowler read the proposed ordinance amendment concerning discharging firearms in the city. A second reading of the ordinance will be held in June.
- 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to Amendment City Charter to Provide for New Election Districts.** Mr. Fowler read the proposed amendment of the City Charter to provide new election districts. A second reading of the ordinance will be held in June.

### **Mayor and City Council Items.**

#### **Mayor Eric Clarkson**

- 1. Request from Perimeter Center Improvement District to Adopt the Resolution Supporting Regional Development and Transit Initiatives** – Mr. Hogan made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the City of Doraville and the Perimeter Community Improvement District's joint proposal for a transit linkage between the Doraville Marta Station and Perimeter Center. A copy of the resolutions are attached and made a part of these minutes herein. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wedge made a motion to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robson made a motion to add "Urban County Community Block Grant" to the agenda. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Urban County Community Block Grant** - Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the 2012-2014 Cooperation Agreement with DeKalb County concerning the Urban County Community Block Grant. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:**

Ms. Robbie Gring and attendees of the 2011 Chamblee 101 class presented Chief Johnson with a plaque to show their appreciation for his efforts in organizing and teaching the classes.

Mr. Ronnie Mayer said he owned property in the City of Chamblee and he offered to provide two golfcarts on the Fourth of July to help transport the elderly and handicapped citizens from the parking areas to the fireworks viewing area. He also offered to feed the police officers that day. Mr. Mayer said that the city declined his offer last year and he hoped the City Council would accept his offer this year.

Mr. Hogan announced the next meeting of the Chamblee Business Association will be Thursday at 7:45 a.m.

Mr. Wedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Nancy Williams, City Clerk

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

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF DEKALB**  
CITY OF CHAMBLEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF DORAVILLE AND THE PERIMETER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS' JOINT PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSIT LINKAGE BETWEEN THE DORAVILLE MARTA STATION AND PERIMETER CENTER AS OUTLINED IN THE CITY'S 2010 LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE AND THE REVIVE I-285 ENVISION 6, A LONG-RANGE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADOPTED BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION.

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Transportation Investment Act created the Metropolitan Atlanta 10-County Transportation Special Tax District to fund transportation projects of this size and scope; and,

**WHEREAS**, rail transit along I-285 from Perimeter Center to Doraville is essential to linking the two centers and spurring transit supportive growth to ease the congestion that often paralyzes mobility along the top-end I-285 corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, rail transit along I-285 from Perimeter to the Doraville MARTA Station, linking the two centers would cement the City's position as a vital gateway and transfer site; and,

**WHEREAS**, the desirability to reach the Doraville and Perimeter centers will increase through continued quality development and land use in this corridor, thereby supporting the partnership's shared mission to create accessible and innovative transportation choices for commuters, visitors, commerce, investors and residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City desires that such transit facilities be located west of the existing MARTA Station, on the former General Motors Assembly Plant site; and,

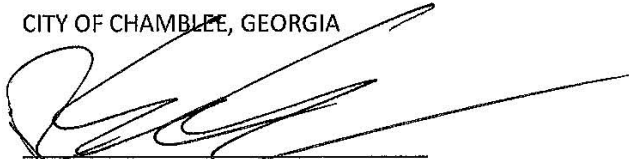
**WHEREAS**, not only will this maximize short-term opportunities to create transit-supportive development, but it will also prevent any partitioning of the site or disruptions to the fabric of the future town center area; and,

**WHEREAS**, on the former General Motors plant site, light-rail transit should be at-grade and integrated into the development within or adjacent to its new streets; however, if this cannot be accomplished and the tracks are elevated, said tracks should run along I-285 to avoid limiting development; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the planning process, strong public sentiment was expressed for the aforementioned scenario and its submission to the Atlanta Regional Commission as a potential House Bill 277 or 2010 Transportation Investment Act project.

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHAMBLEE HEREBY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSED 10-COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT PROJECT, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR 2011.

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA



R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

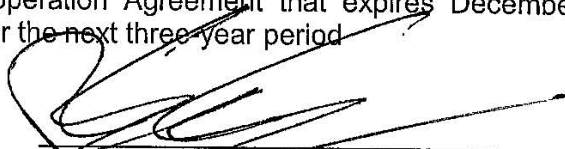
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Joe Fowler, City Attorney

**DeKalb County 2012-2014 Cooperation Agreement Notification of  
Intent for Current Participating Municipalities**

Municipality: City of Chamblee, Georgia

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES**, the incorporated area of the City of Chamblee in DeKalb County, Georgia elects to be included as part of the Urban County designation for DeKalb County for the three-year period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. My signature confirms my understanding that the existing Cooperation Agreement that expires December 31, 2011 will automatically be renewed for the next three-year period.



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R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor  
City of Chamblee

**NO**, the incorporated area of the City of Chamblee in DeKalb County, Georgia does not elect to be included as part of the Urban County designation for DeKalb County for the three-year period beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. My signature confirms my understanding that the existing Cooperation Agreement will terminate effective December 31, 2011.

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R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor  
City of Chamblee

***Please use the enclosed envelop to return this original document to DeKalb County  
Community Development Department; no later than Tuesday, May 31, 2011.***