

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011

Mayor Clarkson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Set Millage Rate for 2011

The Mayor stated that the Special Called Meeting was to set the millage rate for the City of Chamblee for 2011.

Council Members present were: Mr. Ton Hogan, Mr. Scott Taylor, Mr. Dan Zanger, Mrs. Leslie Robson, and Mr. Mark Wedge.

Staff members present were: Dr. Niles Ford, City Manager; Mr. Marc Johnson, Chief of Police; Mr. Travis Sims, Finance Director; Mr. Joel Holmes, Parks and Recreation Director; and Ms. Linda McDaniel, Assistant City Clerk.

Council Member Dan Zanger made a motion to adopt the millage rate for 2011 at 7.40 mils. Council Member Scott Taylor made a second to the motion. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Council Member Scott Taylor asked Dr. Ford if he considered the 7.40 mils a rate that allows for raises. Council Member Zanger asked if the rate could be set lower and still maintain the needed reserve funds. Dr. Ford stated that the digest could drop lower and his recommendation would be to leave the millage rate at 7.40. Council Member Tom Hogan stated that setting the millage rate at 7.40 would allow some latitude if there were additional changes in the digest.

The Mayor asked for a vote to set the millage rate for 2011 at 7.40 mils, Council Members Zanger, Robson, Taylor and Hogan voted in favor of setting the millage rate at 7.40 mils and Council Member Wedge voting in opposition.

2. Update HOST (Homeowners Option Sales and Use Tax):

Dr. Ford presented an update on the HOST Funds and gave the Mayor and Council Members a copy of the letters that were hand delivered on July 7, 2011, to the following agencies: Douglas J. MacGinnitie, State Revenue Commissioner, Department of Revenue; Claudia Lawson, DeKalb County Tax Commissioner; Burrell Ellis, CEO, DeKalb County and Larry Johnson, Presiding

Officer, DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. These letters reference a court ruling declaring invalid an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Chamblee, Georgia and DeKalb County that addressed disbursement of capital outlay proceeds. The City of Chamblee is now considered a "qualified municipality" as provided O.C.G.A. §48-8-104 (d) (3) and is entitled to receive a distribution directly from the Georgia Department of Revenue. The distribution of these funds are calculated as provided for in O.C.G.A. §48-8-104 (d) (3) and O.C.G.A. § 48-8-104 (e) (1) and (2). The funds due the City would be approximately \$400,000 dollars based on the City's digest and the funds could be used for capital improvements and possibly capital equipment. The Mayor stated that he wanted clarification on the formula and he would be checking further into this based on the digest for Chamblee.

Citizen Comments:

There were no citizen comments.

Council Member Wedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Council Member Zanger seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Linda M. McDaniel, Assistant City Clerk

Attest: _____
Eric R. Clarkson, Mayor

