

CITY OF CHAMBLEE GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, October 13, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff Action Items

City Clerk

1. Minutes – September 15, 2011 – City Council Work Session
2. Minutes – September 20, 2011 – Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes of the meetings held in September were submitted to the City Council. No changes were requested. The City Council will adopt the minutes at the regular meeting scheduled for October 18, 2011.

City Manager

1. Taste of Chamblee

Dr. Niles Ford, City Manager, presented the City Council with a cost analysis of the City's financial commitment involving the Taste of Chamblee. The total cost for labor and sanitation service was \$3,638.29. This item will not be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for October 18, 2011.

2. Proposed Ordinance – Non Beverage Alcohol License

Dr. Ford explained that a local business in Chamblee had requested an alcohol license that would allow them to manufacture ice cream using alcohol based ingredients. Dr. Ford presented an ordinance prepared by the City Attorney that would allow this type of license. At the regular meeting scheduled for October 18, 2011, the City Council will consider allowing the City Attorney to read the ordinance.

3. Confirm Employment of Development Director

Dr. Ford introduced Ms. Vicki Coleman to the Mayor and City Council and recommended they confirm her employment as the City's Development Director at a starting pay of \$75,000. Following a brief discussion with Ms. Coleman and the City Council, Mr. Hogan made a motion to confirm Ms. Coleman's employment as recommended by Dr. Ford. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director

1. Quarterly Finance Review

Mr. Travis Sims, Finance Director, provided a PowerPoint update concerning the City's Finances through the third quarter of 2011. This item will be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

Mayor and City Council Items

1. Mayor Eric Clarkson

A. Proclamation in Support of Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Clarkson presented a proposed proclamation designating October 23 through October 31, 2011 as "Red Ribbon Week" in the City of Chamblee. Pvt. Jaren Wilhite of the Metro Atlanta Young Marines will be present at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011, to accept the proclamation.

2. Councilmember Leslie Robson

A. Proclamation in Support of Food Day

Ms. Robson presented a proposed proclamation in support of designating Monday, October 24, 2011, as "Food Day" in the City of Chamblee. Council will take action on this item at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

3. Councilmember Mark Wedge

A. City Manager: Allow for greater flexibility in hiring

Mr. Wedge suggested the City Council consider allowing the City Manager to provide additional incentives to prospective employees, such as additional vacation time. This item will move to the agenda for consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

B. Equal Opportunity: Include Genetics under Chamblee's Equal Opportunity Policy

Mr. Wedge suggested the City Council consider amending the City's EEO policy to mirror federal law and prohibit discrimination based on genetic predisposition. This item will move to the agenda for consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

Citizen Comments

A Spanish speaking resident addressed the Mayor and City Council and asked them to consider hiring more bi-lingual employees. He said the Spanish-speaking population did not feel included in the Chamblee community.

Mr. Keith Schroder, High Road Craft Ice Cream, thanked the City Council for consideration of the proposed alcohol ordinance.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Mayor Eric R. Clarkson

A PROCLAMATION RED RIBBON WEEK 2011

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse in this Nation have reached epidemic stages; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and

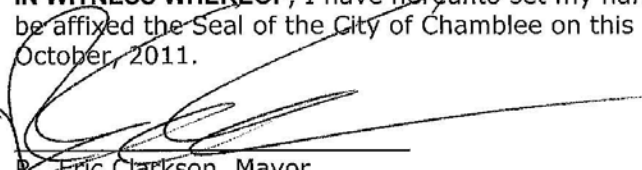
WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community in America during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31; and

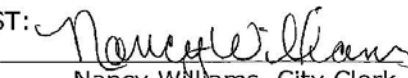
WHEREAS, business, Government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical institutions, religious institutions, schools, senior citizens, service organizations, and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chamblee, Georgia further commits its resources to ensure the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chamblee, Georgia does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2011 as **RED RIBBON WEEK**, and encourages its citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but all year long, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free City of Chamblee, Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Chamblee on this 18th day of October, 2011.


Eric Clarkson, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nancy Williams, City Clerk

FOOD DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, food is important to physical well-being and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of its citizens is of primary concern to the City of Chamblee; and

WHEREAS, the City of acknowledges that affordable, nutritious food is a universal human right and that expanding access to healthy food is crucial to aiding residents with obesity and diet-related diseases, eliminating food deserts and ending hunger; and

WHEREAS, greater access to healthy foods like fruits and vegetables through local farmers markets and community gardens enables families and individuals to make proper nutrition and lifestyle choices whether preparing food at home, school, work or when dining out; and

WHEREAS, the City of recognizes the need for strengthening local food networks, promoting local food security and preserving the region's diverse culinary and horticultural heritage to ensure that a variety of safe, nutritious, and sustainable grown food is readily available to county residents; and

WHEREAS, urban farms and farmers markets, community gardens and healthy dining venues not only support good health and food security, but also create jobs; link growers to consumers; and provide social, educational and recreational benefits for residents of all ages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City of Chamblee hereby proclaims Monday, October 24, 2011 as **FOOD DAY in Chamblee, Georgia** and urges all organizations schools, businesses, non-profit agencies and residents to participate in programs and activities that will lead to improved nutrition locally and nationwide.

R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor

Attest: _____