

CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

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. Jim Gleason, City Manager; Mr. Tillman Hannon, Public Works Director; Ms. Angela Hudson, Finance Director; Mr. Marc Johnson, Police Chief; Mr. Dan Schultz, Development Director and Mrs. Nancy Williams, City Clerk.

STAFF ITEMS:

City Clerk:

1. **Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2010 – Special Called Meeting** – Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2010 – City Council Work Session** – Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2010 –Regular City Council Meeting** – Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Annexation Report – Direction from City Council Requested**
 - A. Occupational Tax Rates – No action was taken on this item.
 - B. Insurance License Fee Increase from \$50 to \$75 due to population increase – No action taken on this item.

City Manager:

1. SDS-Resolutions to Opt- In or Opt-Out of County Services

Mr. Hogan made a motion to adopt the following resolutions as recommended by the City Manager:

- a) Opt-In – Roads, Drainage, Transportation
- b) Opt-in – Police, Non-Basic Services
- c) Opt-out – Police, Basic Services
- d) Opt-out – Parks and Recreation

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

2. Retiree Life Insurance Status

No action was taken on this item.

Development Director:

1. Variance Requests – 1801 Hickory Road

A. Allow House to extend more than 3 feet beyond the front door threshold

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the applicant's request to allow a house to extend more than 3 feet beyond the front door threshold. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Allow front-door threshold to be moved forward 6 feet

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the applicant's request to allow the front-door threshold to be moved forward 6 feet. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Allow front-door elevation to be raised up 2 feet

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the applicant's request to allow the front-door elevation to be raised up 2 feet. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Proposed modifications to Ordinance concerning Land Disturbance Permits

Mr. Taylor made a motion to postpone this item until October so Mr. Schultz could draft different language for the ordinance revision. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Requests to Work in Right of Way

A. 4102 and 4108 Clairmont Road – French Restaurant

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve work in the right of way as requested. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition.

B. 4906 Peachtree Blvd – Zaxby’s

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve work in the right of way as requested. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. POND – RFP – for Engineering Study/Construction Plans for Streetscape along Peachtree Blvd with Lights

No action was taken on this item.

5. County Health Department Request to Development an Active Living Plan for the City of Chamblee

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the City’s participation in the development of an Active Living Plan. Ms. Robson volunteered to attend the Steering Committee meetings. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police:

1. Starting Salary for Police Officers

Mr. Wedge made a motion to increase the starting rate of up to \$42,000 for experienced officers hired due to the annexation, as recommended by the Police Chief. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Zanger suggested a friendly amendment to the motion to also authorize the salary for recently hired Police Officer, Chris Lair, to be raised to \$42,000. Mr. Wedge and Mr. Taylor accepted Mr. Zanger’s amendment to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Authorized Strength for Police Department

Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve Chief Johnson’s recommendation to approve 12 new sworn officers and 4 new communication officers for the Police Department to be effective immediately upon a successful annexation vote. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Purchase of Patrol Cars

Mr. Wedge made a motion to approve the Police Chief’s recommendation to immediately order 4 new police vehicles at a price not to exceed \$34,000 each. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation:

1. Recreation Advisory Committee Appointment

Mr. Zanger made a motion to appoint Ms. Amy Rabon to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Council Approval of Invoice for Butterfly Garden

No action was taken on this item.

3. Keep Chamblee Beautiful Brick Program

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Ms. Patty Lankford's requested to allow Keep Chamblee Beautiful to raise funds by selling commemorative bricks at the Clairmont Park. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney

1. Hotel Motel Ordinance Amendment – First Read

The City Attorney read the proposed hotel motel ordinance amendment.

2. Farmers' Market Ordinance Amendment – Second Read

The City Attorney read the proposed amendment to the Farmers' Market Ordinance. Mr. Hogan made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – First Read

The City Attorney read the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

4. Update on Door-to-Door Sales.

Mr. Fowler gave the City Council an update on his research into regulating door-to-door sales. No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Clarkson:

1. **Resolution HB 277-Transportation Tax** - No action was taken on this item.

Councilman Tom Hogan:

1. **Chamblee Economic Advisory Committee Appointments**- Mr. Hogan made a motion to appoint Ms. Evelyn Kennedy and Ms. Caroline Leslie to the Chamblee Economic Advisory Committee. The motion died from a lack of a second.

Councilmember Leslie Robson:

1. **Mike Sullivan from Edward Jones, Request to Use Civic Center** – No action was taken on this item.
2. **Festoons and Balloons** - Ms. Robson made a motion to instruct staff to prepare an amendment to the ordinance concerning the number of balloons that are allowed on a lot. Mr. Zanger seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition.

Councilman Dan Zanger:

1. **Accessory Structures (sheds, garages, out buildings)** - Accessory Structures (sheds, garages and out buildings) - Mr. Zanger made a motion to prepare an amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning accessory structures and to prepare an ordinance to regulate the use of donation boxes in the City. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Arthur Gibert addressed the Council with concerns about the city ordinance that does not allow a Landscape Architect to submit plans without an engineer's stamp.

Mr. Wedge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Robson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Wedge voting in opposition and the meeting adjourned.

Nancy Williams, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Eric Clarkson, Mayor