

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE, GA.
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarkson, Council members Wedge, Taylor, Robson, Hogan, and Zanger

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Clarkson.

2008 Employee Service Awards and Police Department Employee of the Year Awards: Mayor Clarkson presented the following employees with certificates and pins for service:

John Carel – 5 years

Bobbi Farrell – 5 years

B. H. Stone – 15 years

Paul Klerlein – 20 years

Joe Blackledge – 30 years

Marc Johnson – 35 years

Chief Johnson read a letter of recommendation and Mayor Clarkson presented an award to Jason Waasdorp for Police Officer of the Year. Chief Johnson read a letter of recommendation for Tedra Freeman as Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year; Ms. Freeman could not attend due to a conflicting event for her child.

Approval of Minutes from April meetings: Motion to approve minutes was made by Councilmember Wedge and seconded by Councilmember Robson. A friendly amendment from Councilmember Hogan to change the wording under the public hearing item from parking was “available” to parking was “permitted” was accepted. Motion carried.

Request to reset dates for Public Hearings on final millage rate: Motion to reset dates to June 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and June 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Wedge, and carried unanimously.

Request for budget amendments: Motion to approve the budget amendments as submitted by the City Clerk with a total impact of \$12,534 was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Zanger and carried unanimously. Advertising increases from \$4,400 to \$5,900; Bank Charges increases from \$4,800 to \$8,800; and \$3,100 plus \$234 for SSI match for Court Clerk’s overtime.

Request for variance – Adrenaline Fitness – 5251 Peachtree Blvd. (tabled from April): Motion to deny variance request as recommended by the City Planner was made by Councilmember Wedge, seconded by Councilmember Robson. After some discussion, motion carried with Council members Wedge, Robson, Taylor, and Zanger voting in favor; Councilmember Hogan opposed.

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Report on projects working in the public Right-of-Way: Councilmember Hogan made a motion to allow for work in the Public ROW as submitted for Deceased Pet Care and Verizon Wireless; and subject to the following conditions for Spruce Car Wash:

1. Both driveways be painted with crosswalks
2. Both driveways be marked as right turn only upon exit from site with painted arrow on driveway and 'no left turn' signs in conspicuous place.
3. Chamblee themed street furniture according to The City's streetscape plan.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wedge and carried unanimously.

Allowing Shooting Ranges as permitted use: Councilmember Taylor made a motion to direct staff to draft an ordinance amendment which will permit "shooting ranges" in the commercial zoning districts. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Zanger, and, after some discussion, carried with Council members Taylor, Zanger, Hogan and Robson voting in favor; Councilmember Wedge opposed.

Re-zoning Application completeness: The City Manager explained that this item will be advertised for public hearing in June and would require no action by the Council at tonight's meeting.

Request to create Finance Director Position and Revamp City Clerk job description: Motion to direct Staff to create a position of finance clerk/manager/director with job descriptions, pay grades, and recommended changes to the City Charter and to submit updated job descriptions and pay grades for City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and carried unanimously.

Naming of the Keswick multi-use trail: Councilmember Wedge made a motion to name the trail "Chamblee Trail; motion died for lack of second. Councilmember Hogan made a motion to name the trail "Keswick Trail". Motion was seconded by Councilmember Zanger who offered a friendly amendment to name the trail "Chamblee's Keswick Trail"; friendly amendment was accepted by Councilmember Hogan. After some discussion, Councilmember Taylor made a substitute motion to name the trail "Chamblee Rail Spur Trail". Substitute motion was seconded by Councilmember Wedge. After more discussion, Councilmember Wedge made another substitute motion to name the trail "Chamblee Groove" which died for lack of second. Mayor Clarkson called for the vote on the substitute motion made by Councilmember Taylor. Motion was defeated with Council members Taylor and Wedge voting in favor; Council members Hogan, Zanger and Robson opposed.

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Naming of the Keswick multi-use trail (continued): Mayor Clarkson then called for a vote on Councilmember Hogan's original motion with friendly amendment. Motion was defeated with Council members Hogan and Zanger voting in favor; Council members Robson, Taylor and Wedge opposed. After more discussion, Councilmember Zanger made a motion that each council member submit up to three choices of names to be posted on the City web site for public input; deadline for submission to the Parks and Recreation Director to be Friday, May 22nd with final council decision to be at June meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Wedge, and carried with Council members Wedge, Robson, Taylor, and Zanger voting in favor; Councilmember Hogan opposed.

Proposed revisions to sign ordinance (tabled from April meeting): Motion to table item to the June work session was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Robson, and, after some discussion regarding legal fees, carried unanimously.

Sell the City's Ford Explorer to pay for purchasing anti-graffiti technology: Councilmember Wedge made a motion to kill this item thereby removing it from the agenda and a need for any vote.

First Reading of Ordinances: The following ordinances were reviewed and read by the City Attorney:


1. Amend Chapter 54-3 Maximum Penalty for Contempt and add new Section 18 to provide for Technology Surcharge
 2. Amend Chapter 1-6 General Penalty
 3. Amend Chapter 34, Article II, Noise
 4. Amend Chapter 78, new Article IV Special Event Permit
 5. Amend Chapter 6, new Article XI Licensed Caterers
 6. Amend Chapter 58-2, Drinking in Public Area
 7. Amend Chapter 6-54, Temporary Permit for Nonprofit Organizations
- Second reading of ordinances for adoption will be at the June council meeting.

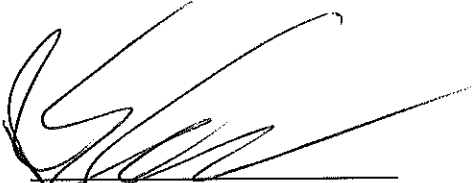
Citizen Comment: No citizens chose to comment. Councilmember Hogan announced that the Chamblee Business Association will host the Taste of Chamblee on August 29, 2009 and that they have hired an event planner. Any one interested in participating or volunteering can contact Councilmember Hogan.

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Executive Session: Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss a future real estate transaction and potential litigation was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Robson and carried unanimously. Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:30 p.m. was made by Councilmember Wedge, seconded by Councilmember Taylor and carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:31 p.m. was made by Councilmember Wedge, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, and carried unanimously.


Kathy Brannon – City Clerk


R. Eric Clarkson - Mayor