

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

April 12, 2010

5:00pm

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:00pm. The session was held in the Taylor Farms Conference Room at City Hall, located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. In attendance were Council Members L. Hausmann, I. Figueroa, B. Miller, R. Johnson, D. McCabe, K. Richardson and Mayor M. Bodker. In addition, City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley, City Clerk J. Jones and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager John Kachmar introduced the two newest members of the City staff, Robby Newton, the Interim Parks Manager, and Facilities Coordinator Caitlin Anderson. Mayor Bodker announced Kevin and Lindsey Ritter will be leaving the city and he thanked them both for job well done and wished them well in their new jobs.

Assistant City Attorney Leonard Felgin reported on the **Memorandum of Agreement regarding the "SAVE" affidavit**, informing Council state law requires the city to register with this Federal program mandating verification of the eligibility of individuals receiving certain public benefits. The program requires anyone applying to conduct businesses with the city, enter into a contract, obtaining a business license and other descriptions of public benefits to sign an affidavit verifying their lawful residence in the United States. Council had no objections to moving this item to tonight's Council agenda for consideration.

Finance Director Monte Vavra reported on the **Budget Amendment for the CDBG**, advancing the Fund \$360,411.00 to pay the contractor to begin renovations of the Newtown Park Senior Center. HUD has informed the city of the grant award to cover the work; however, to facilitate the construction work, the city will advance the funds and will be reimbursed when program funds are made available.

Finance Director Vavra also reported on a **ChatComm E911 Budget Amendment and Transfer**, as a result of the budget shortfall in the collection of E911 Fees. Future E911 revenues will repay the amount of \$350,000 over a five-year period.

Finance Director Vavra informed Council the **Audit Report** was complete and he introduced representatives from the firm of Mauldin and Jenkins, Adam Fraley, CPA and Emily Kisabeth who provided a summary of the audit process and briefly reviewed the compliance report.

Traffic Engineer Cindy Jenkins gave Council an **Update on the Greenway Project**. Ms. Jenkins reported much of the work in Segment 1 is completed, but there are still gaps that have not been funded by GDOT. Several of the gaps in the pathway are private developments that were stalled, but some projects have resumed. Ms. Jenkins added, with funding the City has received from Marta, there would be enhancements to the trail areas, including directional signs, benches and trashcans. Council recently approved HPP

funding for Work on Segment 2 of the Greenway. GDOT expects the entire Greenway project to complete by 2012.

Executive Aide to the Mayor Patty Hansen reported the city received a **GDOT Gateway Grant** in the amount of \$50,000, with no local match for landscape improvements at the intersection of Abbotts Bridge and Jones Bridge Road and a FEMA Assistance Grant for \$177,640, with a local match of \$44,409, to fund specific fire equipment to aid in firefighting, including, equipment to allow traffic signal control for unimpaired right of way, Pulse Oximeter to monitor firefighter while in the service of firefighting, mobile exhaust system and tracking device to track fire fighters during an incident. Council Member Richardson suggested it would be helpful to have a summary report of the grants cycle, to include grants council reviews, date submitted, amount requested, and if awarded. Ms. Hansen will prepare summary report for Council.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Justin Kirouac reviewed the request for a **River Corridor-Issuance of Certificate** for 9263 River Club Parkway. The property has requested to build a house expansion. Council had no objections to moving this item to the April 26th Council Meeting for a public hearing.

Mayor Bodker updated Council on legislation, including SB17, Ethics Bill being proposed by the Speaker of the house; SB308, allowing concealed weapons in public buildings which raises some concerns; HB480, to eliminate the car tax, which could reduce the local revenue; SB346, regarding the tax assessment process, proposing to improve the process for disputing property tax assessments and also an adjournment resolution, which would alter the adjournment schedule for the Assembly.

Council Member Miller requested Council consider a resolution opposing HB1196. This bill would prohibit the installation of sprinklers in single and duplex homes. It was discussed that decisions such as this should be left to the local jurisdictions. Council had no objections to adding a resolution opposing the bill to tonight's Council Meeting for consideration.

There being no further business, Mayor Bodker adjourned the Work Session.

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk