

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

July 12, 2010

5:00pm

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, July 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 B. Miller, R. Johnson, I. Figueroa and Mayor M. Bodker. Council Members McCabe and Richardson were absent. City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley and other Department Heads were also present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Chairman Jim Jones presented recommendations on the Parks Master Plan. Chairman Jones outlined six RPAC recommendations, including, 1) The acquisition and development of “pocket parks”, for use such as picnic or playgrounds areas and as greenways/walkways/trails along the central corridor of the city.; 2) Development and utilization of Shakerag Park; 3) Hiring additional park staff (contractual) for implementing athletic programs-(seasonal and part-time); 4) Acquiring and developing an urban park/city center for arts programs/classes and special events; 5) Review all agreements to make sure there is consistency with the agreements for all city parks and; 6) Review fee schedule for non-residence fees for use of parks/programs. Mayor Bodker thanked Chairman Jones and the committee and asked if there were concerns with any proposal outlined in the Master Plan. Mr. Jones replied no, but these recommendations focused on items for priority consideration. Council Member Miller also thanked the committee for their work and recommendations, saying the financial impact must be explored further; Council Member Figueroa also raised the issue of funding. Mayor Bodker explained Council will look at the recommendations more thoroughly and may request additional feedback from the committee on specific items.

Todd Vaught from Sky Design reviewed **Gateway Concept** designs. He briefly reviewed the process that led to the proposed concept designs and presented several options which could be adapted to accommodate locations throughout the City, based on land availability and topography. Designs included materials consistent with the current architecture in the city, stack stone, wood design elements and illumination features. The estimated cost for 11 monuments was estimated at \$254K. There was discussion about available funding and on seeking other funding sources. It was suggested that absent funding for all 11 proposed locations, consideration be given to funding gateway monuments in key areas and/or city limit/entry points. Mayor Bodker noted the Johns creek Foundation expressed interest in funding a gateway monument. Council will continue discussion on finalizing monument designs, locations and funding options at the July 26th Work Session.

Public Works Director Ken Hildebrandt provided a **verbal update on upcoming construction projects.** *ITS-* RFPs are out to install cameras along Medlock Bridge Road and a Traffic Control Center in city hall with projected completion date, February 2011; *LED* Traffic Signal Installation –Notice to Proceed has been given to replace lights at 26 locations; *Newtown Senior Center*-Work is 20% completed, with projected completion the end of 2010; *Autrey Mill Nature Preserve*-bids will go out for renovations, projected

completion, fall 2010; *ADA Park Improvements*- bids will go out next week, projected completion Fall 2010; *Resurfacing*- Old Alabama Rd from Medlock Bridge to Jones Bridge and Bell Road from McGinnis Ferry to Boles Rd and rehab of two bridges on each road; asphalt trail on Bell Road is in progress with completion scheduled for September; *Bridge Rehabs*- bids are out and due back July 16 for repair of 6 bridges , with projected completion by this fall; *Greenway Gap*; working with GDOT on plan approval for 500' trail along western shoulder of Medlock Road at Grove Point Rd, projected to begin construction late this year; *Sidewalks*-\$250K budgeted, staff is currently identifying locations to fill gaps along Jones Bridge Road and Brumbelow Road construction projected to begin this fall. Mayor Bodker thanked Director Hildebrandt for the verbal update and his work and requested a written copy of the briefing and suggested monthly updates be provided.

Director Hildebrandt also provided an **update on the Jones Bridge Road Intersection Improvements' GDOT Contract and Designation of Temporary State Route**. He reported in coordination with GDOT, the city has three intersection improvement projects along Jones Bridge Road, at Morton, Waters and Buice Road for which GDOT received about \$1M in impact fees from Fulton County. The impact fees are allotted to the City, but GDOT is the holder of those fees. The City is required to enter into two agreements with GDOT to commence the work, agreement to make the roads temporary State Routes and once work is completed, the City will regain responsibility of the road and a reimbursable right-of way-contract agreeing to fund the right-of way phase and request reimbursement upon completion of the project. Council Member Figueroa raised an issue about the completion date of the project and responsibility for the right of way maintenance during the construction. Director Hildebrandt explained the end date of the project is determined by GDOT and that City staff will work with GDOT to ensure proper maintenance of the right-of-way for the duration of the project. Council had no objections to moving this to the July 26 Council Meeting for consideration.

Land Development Manager Seth Yurman presented on an **MOA between the City of Johns Creek and the Georgia EPD for Participation in the Floodplain Remapping Project**. Manager Yurman reported the EDP is remapping the flood plains for all 159 Georgia counties. Through the MOA, the City agrees to participate in the remapping project and work with EPD to identify the mapping needs, agree to enforce any changes, and maintain a compliant floodplain Ordinance. Due to the time constraints, it was requested to move this item to tonight's Council Meeting agenda for consideration. There were no objections. Mayor Bodker congratulated Manager Yurman for receiving a high rating on the District assessment of the City's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program.

City Manager Kachmar provided an update on the proposal by NorSouth to construct age restricted **Senior Housing** in Johns Creek Walk II. This item has previously been approved by Council, however, the applicant has modified the application to increase the number of units proposed from 80 to 90 and changed the low to moderate-income demographics. City Manager Kachmar stated that because of the changes and the DCA application timeline, another approval is being sought. He stated he has been working with the applicant to incorporate the Greenway and to insure the compliance of the development agreement with the City. As DCA submission is timely, Council had no objections to moving this item to tonight's Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

Mayor Bodker informed Council, according to the City's budget timeline, the 2011 Budget discussion was anticipated for the July 26 Work Session. However, the City has not received the Fulton County Tax Digest. Additionally City Manager Kachmar indicated that budget items discussed at the Council's Strategic Planning meeting are still being discussed. It was requested Council move the budget discussion to the August 16th Work Session. There were no objections to this request.

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

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk